

Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District met in regular session at the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District office in Defiance, Ohio, on March 10, 2026. In attendance were David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter, Directors; Wendy Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Kurt Warnimont, Maintenance Manager; and Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel.

President David Kuhn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were approved as mailed. Motion was made by John to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mark, Yeas 3.

Approval of Financial Reports: The financial report for February along with the CD tracking were approved as mailed. Motion was made by Mark to accept the financials. Seconded by John, Yeas 3.

National Watershed Coalition Membership: David moved to renew the membership in the amount of \$50 for the National Watershed Coalition. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

Re-Appropriation of Accounts: Wendy informed the Directors that a couple of accounts need re-appropriated for 2026.

Adoption of Resolution: Motion was made by David to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2411
To Amend 2026 Receipts/Appropriations

<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Add'l Approp</u>	<u>Total Approp</u>
10-04-01	Engineering (Expenses)	6,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00
10-04-01	Engineering (Receipts)	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00

Mark seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

Hancock County Forest Lake Ditch Petition Improvements: Proposed improvements consist of cleaning and re-shaping approximately 0.94 stream miles of existing channels along their main stems, as well as minor storm sewer improvements within the Forest Lakes Subdivision. The proposed project also incorporates about 890 total feet of three smaller storm tile replacement efforts outside of the main channel. It is Adam Hoff's opinion that the capacity of the existing ditch segments will be enhanced, should improve localized overland flooding conditions upstream and should have negligible impact on the Blanchard River floodplain downstream. He recommends approval by the Board.

Adoption of Resolution: Motion was made by John to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2412
To Approve Bridge/Ditch Plans

Be It Resolved, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District accept the information submitted as having no variance with any plans of the District, on bridge and ditch improvements by counties, as follows:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BRIDGE/DITCH</u>	<u>DATE FILED</u>
Hancock	Forest Lake Ditch Petition	2/24/26

Mark seconded the motion. Yeas 3.

2025 Annual Report Submission: Directors reviewed and discussed the annual report for 2025. David moved to submit the report to the Judges for approval at the May court hearing. John seconded. Yeas 3.

Retirement Gift for Judge Joseph Schmenk: The board discussed a gift to recognize Judge Joseph Schmenk on his upcoming retirement. He has served on the Conservancy Court as the presiding judge since 1991.

Adoption of Resolution: Motion was made by John to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2413
To Purchase a Retirement Gift
For Judge Joseph Schmenk Not to Exceed \$350.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to approve the purchase of a retirement gift, suggesting golf related items, for Judge Joseph Schmenk to be presented at the Conservancy Court Hearing. The gift should not exceed \$350.00.

Mark Seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

Court Presentation Assignments: David Kuhn will report on 2025 maintenance, Mark Keber will be going over the financials and John Motter will present the year in review at the annual court hearing.

Upper Blanchard River Update: Wendy reported for Steve Wilson on the following items:

Upper Blanchard – Funding

- The FEMA grant has been approved but official announcement has been delayed due to the partial government shutdown.

Upper Blanchard – NS Bridge

- Work Agreement with NS is ready for formal final approval. Wendy has returned signature page to NS. Agreement will be official when NS signs and returns.
- Do not have an estimated bid date; will learn more after Agreement is fully executed.
- The Columbia Gas pipeline relocation has been delayed and may not commence until June.

- Now that the NS bridge Work Agreement is complete, we will begin to finalize the separate Work Agreement for the benching beneath the new bridge.

Upper Blanchard – Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1

- The Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) has been formally submitted to FEMA. Stantec has responded to the initial list of review comments.

Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- Waiting for approval of the FEMA grant to begin the bidding process.

Upper Blanchard – Eagle Creek

- Closing on the Manders and Schroeder flowage easements will be held on March 10.
- Continuing to work with BRWS to secure remaining flowage easements.
- A date for the next Planning Advisory Committee has not been scheduled.
- Waiting for approval of the FEMA grant to begin the bidding process.

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- The field work requested by ODOT has been completed. Bockrath is adjusting the survey plat and will re-submit to ODOT this week.

Little Auglaize River Update: Wendy stated road to road stream inspections are being done. Logjams and trees are being removed. No contractors have been assigned work yet.

Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update: Wendy stated there had been some brush along grassy creek that was cleaned up. She discussed the e-mail we received from Mr. Stearns about the Helen Drive Easement request. Mr. Stearns reported his client is requesting \$5,000.00 a year for easement use. The board thought that was too much and wants Jim Weaner to contact them to work on a solution. Wendy was also notified about some development that could be happening along our easement on Schaller Ditch. The board discussed putting up temporary fence posts and no trespassing signs.

St. Joseph River Update: Wendy stated that the contractor has been working and has removed 94 logjams to date and has spent \$51,400.00 out of \$65,000.00

Legal Counsel Update: Jim stated he has been reviewing the flowage easements and assignment agreements. There have been no updates on the Kedar Army case. He will be contacting Mr. Stearns to discuss the Helen Drive easement.

General Manager Report:

- Received the 2025 Annual Reports
- Recorded Van Wert miscellaneous assessments and have been documenting the payments received – received all but 1 so far
- Updated the inventory sheets for 2026
- Attended a couple meetings with Emerge regarding the electronic files – reserved boxes from them to rent for transportation
- Hosted Scenic Rivers Advisory Council meeting at the office

- Signed formal work agreement with Norfolk Southern
- Continuing to work with Scott Gordon for court case against Army's
- Turned over the info for Padmnbah legal counsel to Jim regarding request for an easement on Helen Dr. stone road
- Submitted Ditch petition to Adam for review
- Uploaded pictures to thumb drive for Dave for court hearing
- Completed wire transfer for flowage easements
- Reinvested two CDARS that matured in February
- All invoices are paid up to date with supporting vouchers filed
- Check our bank accounts daily to verify their balance matches our balance

Maintenance Report:

- Went to St. Joesph River to view Logjam removal from waterway by Contractor
- Inspected Grassy Creek, and Schaller Ditch in Perrysburg
- Cut and removed 3 Trees from 15' easement area along Dog Creek, and 1 Tree from Middle Creek
- Removed Logjams from (1)Hoaglin Creek, (2)Dog Creek
- Working on Road-to-road Stream inspections, noting any problem areas
- Working on District Spray-rig, few minor weld repairs on Radiarc boom mount
- Equipment maintenance on District equipment (Chainsaws, Vehicles, Tractor, Mowers, etc.)

Meeting dates 2026: April 7, May 1 (Court), June 9, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

Adjournment: Mark moved for adjournment at 9:35 a.m. David seconded. Yeas 3.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.

**Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Audit Committee Meeting
March 10, 2026**

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on March 10, 2026. In attendance

David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter Directors; Wendy J. Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel.

David called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Emilee explained the financial procedures, while the committee reviewed the vouchers, bank reconciliation and financial statements to be in accordance with, and to satisfy the State Auditors' checks and balances of an accounting system.

Mark moved to adjourn the Audit Committee meeting at 9:55 a.m.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.