

Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 1, 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 May 1, 2026. In attendance were David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter, Directors; Wendy Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel; Steve Wilson, Project Manager; Adam Hoff, Engineer; and David Hayson, Stantec.

President David Kuhn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Upper Blanchard – Funding

- The FEMA grant has finally been approved!!!! Ohio EMA will be given authority by FEMA to administer the grant. OEMA will hold a conference call with the City of Findlay, MWCD, and Stantec to outline the responsibilities of each party involved with the grant.

Upper Blanchard – NS Bridge

- NS has scheduled a pre-bid meeting on May 19 in Findlay at the bridge.
- Bid date has been set for July 7 by NS.
- The Columbia Gas pipeline relocation has been delayed and is scheduled to start on May 24.
- 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 responded to the initial list of review comments; FEMA has responded with a few minor questions.

Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- A bidding schedule will be developed after the conference call with Ohio EMA.

Upper Blanchard – Eagle Creek

- A bidding schedule will be developed after the conference call with Ohio EMA.
- Trying to schedule a follow-up meeting with John Larbus regarding flowage easement on his properties at the corner of CR 40 and CR 75.
- Still working with Camp Berry on a flowage easement agreement.

- A date for the next Planning Advisory Committee has not been scheduled.

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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.

Little Auglaize River Update: Wendy reported that the spray truck has been serviced and we received the chemicals for this year's spray season. A contractor worked to replace pipes along dog creek.

Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update: Wendy stated that it has been too wet to walk, but as soon as it dries up, we will be collecting trash along the fence. She also informed ODOT that they will need to contact the Federal Highway to secure access to the diversion channel because we have not been able to secure an easement through Helen Drive.

St. Joseph River Update: Wendy reported that St. Joe is flooded out of the banks with all the rain we have received.

Legal Counsel Update: Jim stated he is waiting on time to appeal the Kedar Army case. Then Scott Gordon can proceed with the foreclosure. He also has not heard anything from Mr. Stearns about the Helen Drive easement request.

General Manager Report:

- Called the conservancy court judges for final headcount - 14
- Put together Schmenk's retirement basket
- Uploaded the final 2 county first half payment files
- Worked with Emerge to organize how the electronic files will be laid out in Papervision
- Zoom meetings with USAfiling to renew the Sams.gov account for 2 years as required for the grant
- Provided info on the basin to 13abc
- Dropped off last box of files to Emerge for scanning
- Received spray chemicals for 2026 spray season
- Mowed and sprayed weeds around the office
- Stream inspections from the road and checking in with maintenance men weekly for updates
- Invested in a new Little Auglaize CDARS
- 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:

- Hauled dirt to office to grade and seed lawn
- Dump trailer getting new tires
- Spoke with a guy about a land maintenance easement who is interested in purchasing a lot along Dog Creek
- Serviced the spray rig in preparation for the 2026 spray season and restructured front pivot boom

- Continuing to mow town yards in Van Wert
- Removed a large tree from Town Creek
- Moved dirt on Hoaglin Creek new crossing to access 15' easement
- Will start mowing easement flats along Dog Creek
- Inspected Grassy Creek and St. Joe

Meeting dates 2026: June 23 (Hancock Co. Commissioners Office), July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

Adjournment: John moved for adjournment at 9:05 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.

**Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Audit Committee Meeting
May 1, 2026**

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on May 1, 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 9:07 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.

John moved to adjourn the Audit Committee meeting at 9:25 a.m.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.