

**Conservancy District**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 2, 2025

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 2, 2025. In attendance were David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter, Directors; Wendy Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Kurt Warnimont, Maintenance Manager; Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel; Steve Wilson, Project Manager; Adam Hoff, Engineer; Randy Westrick and Doug Dariano; MWCD Appraisers.

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 John and seconded by Mark. Yeas 3.

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

**Wild Grains Solar LLC Agreement:** Wendy stated that Sheena Christian, with Avangrid contacted MWCD about reviewing an Easement Crossing and Encroachment agreement for Wild Grains Solar that will be in Van Wert County. The Directors discussed and asked to hold this until our next meeting. Jim is recommending a termination/restoration clause in the agreement and that we be part of a bond issued every year.

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

Upper Blanchard – Funding

- FEMA is still reviewing the documentation needed to provide formal approval of the grant application.
- Assuming the FEMA grant will be awarded, a Memorandum of Agreement has been drafted between MWCD and the City describing the transfer of FEMA grant funds to MWCD to pay contractors during construction of the Eagle Creek Basin, the Additional Benching and the Norfolk Southern Benching.

**Adoptions of Resolution:** After discussion, a motion was made by David to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2387**  
**To Accept the Memorandum of Agreement with**  
**City of Findlay for Transfer of FEMA Grant Funds**

**Be it Resolved,** that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Findlay describing the transfer of FEMA grant funds to MWCD to pay contractors during the construction of the Eagle Creek Basin, the additional benching, and the Norfolk Southern Benching, assuming the FEMA grant will be awarded, and subject to it being approved by the Findlay City Council.

Mark seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

#### Upper Blanchard – NS Bridge

- 100% plans and specs have been reviewed and approved by NS. NS review of bidding documents is nearing completion.
- FRA has received the last document they needed from MWCD & NS to complete the agreement. Still waiting to receive the grant agreement for signatures.
- A request has been submitted to NS for a copy of their latest version of the construction agreement so it can be reviewed locally.

#### Upper Blanchard – Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1

- Work has begun on the survey documentation of the final grading elevations.

#### Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- The Brownfield grant agreement for removal of lead contaminated soil has been executed. We are evaluating the grant requirements to determine if the soil remediation needs to be bid as soon as possible or if the bid can wait to be combined with the Benching.
- Stantec has adjusted the final grading plans to match the proposed grading submitted by the City.

#### Upper Blanchard – Eagle Creek

- Continuing to work with BRWS to secure flowage easements.
- Waiting on approval of FEMA grant to begin bidding process.
- Discussions of contractor open house the first week of June before bidding takes place. Director Motter suggested having an open house presentation for the public update as well since it has been a few years.

#### US 68/15

- Final boundary survey and legal description are being prepared by Bockrath.

**Little Auglaize River Update:** Wendy informed the directors about a bridge on Hoaglin creek that our maintenance staff is requesting to be removed. There have always been issues with logs jamming under the small bridge and it continues to get worse. We were provided with a rough quote from Wittler excavating to remove the bridge and install a 50' farm crossing, which is what the landowner has requested for his equipment to be able to cross. Director Kuhn has asked that we find out the cost difference between what we need vs what the farmer wants for a bigger crossing and provide two separate contractor estimates for review at our meeting in July.

**Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update:** Wendy states that the fence is working great for keeping the trash out of the diversion channel. We did receive a complaint from an individual in the area about the trash that is sticking onto the fence from local businesses.

**St. Joseph River Update:** Stream inspections are ongoing. Wendy and Kurt went out on the kayak and canoe starting at the north end and opened up about 5 smaller jams while marking class D jam sites for the contractors to clean out.

**Legal Counsel Update:** Jim stated that he has been reviewing the MOA between MWCD and the City of Findlay for Upper Blanchard, the Wild Grains Solar Agreement, and preparing the Judgement Entry for the annual meeting.

**General Manager Report:** Wendy stated she spoke with Sandy Bihn, Lake Erie Waterkeeper, regarding her complaint about ongoing Schmucker piling of manure on fields in Williams County. Sandy is concerned about the quality of water, algae blooms and the amount of phosphorus in the water. Wendy had a couple discussions with her stating that MWCD focus is on flood reduction and improved drainage and that we do not perform water or soil testing. Sandy would like to come to our July meeting to provide more insight into her concerns with the Directors.

**Maintenance Report:**

- Received chemicals for 2025 spray season
- Used District Tractor to remove and haul away debris from found in Town and Dog Creeks
- Logjam removed from underneath farm bridge on Hoaglin Creek, Meeting with Landowner to discuss removal of unsafe bridge and construct Equipment Crossing
- Mowing District yards in City of Vanwert
- Beginning to Mow with District Tractor “Flat Areas” along District Streams
- Going through District Spray Truck, making sure everything is working
- Cut and Removed 4 fallen Trees found on 15’ Easement along Prairie Creek
- District Manager and Maintenance Manager inspecting for Logjams in St. Joe River

**Meeting dates 2025:** June 10 (Tour), July 8, August 12, September 9, November 11, December 9

**Adjournment:** Dave moved for adjournment at 9:45 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

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David Kuhn, President

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Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District  
Audit Committee Meeting  
May 2, 2025

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on May 2, 2025. 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 9:05 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 9:15 a.m.

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David Kuhn, President

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