

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District

Board of Directors Meeting

May 6, 2022

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 6, 2022. In attendance were George Ropp and Mark Moats, Directors; Clark Lynn Army, General Manager; Wendy Yunker, Sec/Treas; Jim Weaner and John Hoopingarner, Legal Counsel; Steve Wilson, Project Manager; Derek Dalton, Stantec; Adam Hoff, Hoff Consulting; Dave Kuhn, Engineer; Randy Westrick, MWCD Appraiser; Christina Muryn, Mayor of Findlay, Pat Sadowski, Dave Blatnik and Tim Mayle, BRWS.

President George Ropp 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 and seconded by George. Yeas 2.

Approval of Financial Reports: The financial reports for April along with the CD tracking were approved as mailed. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by George. Yeas 2.

Conservancy Court Assignments and Director Request: Lynn informed the Directors that a resignation letter was received from Director Dick Ricker, Vice President of the Board, therefore George Ropp moved that Mark Moats serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors, Yeas 2.

After discussion of the need a third Board member, Director Moats moved to suggest David Kuhn serve as a Board Member. George seconded, Yeas 2. The final decision will be made by the Conservancy Court.

Summer Help: Directors reviewed the resumes of James Davis and Makenna Turner, the summer help candidates that Lynn and Wendy interviewed. Mark moved to hire them both at \$15/hr, seconded by George. Yeas 2.

Medical Mutual Renewal: Wendy informed the Directors that the renewal rates for Medical Mutual Health insurance was increased by 10%. With this increase, there is still a \$900/month savings with Lynn no longer on MWCD healthcare.

Maddox Creek – Industrial Drive Drainage Modification: Lynn informed the Directors that the City of Van Wert is developing the area near John Brown Road, Maddox Creek. There have been some cut throughs made in our easement areas. Lynn and Todd met with Jay Fleming and explained to him what needed to be done to stay in compliance with our easement

requirements. Todd Krugh is going to keep a close eye on the progress to ensure it is up to the terms of the easement.

Lower Blanchard and H2Ohio Update: Steve reported that updated flood mapping is finalized and will be available for review from April 18 to May 15. There is a 90-day public comment period. Maps will become official 30 to 60 days after the public comment period. Meadville Land Services has returned to complete Spring plantings on the wetland restoration. The contractor is about 80% complete with their work.

Upper Blanchard River Update and Proposed Additional Hydraulics Improvement for the City of Findlay: Steve Wilson reported on the following Upper Blanchard activities:

NS Bridge -

- Monthly conference calls are being held with Federal Rail Administration (FRA) to satisfy NEPA documentation.
- NS has completed their review of the 60% plans and Stantec has addressed their comments. 90% plans have been submitted.
- No additional calls have been held with NS regarding potential financial participation. A decision by NS will not be made until the 100% plans are approved and negotiations begin on a construction agreement.
- NS has requested an increase in the estimated cost for their Preliminary Engineering services. Request the Board agree to the increase subject to Hancock County agreeing to fund the increase.

Adoption of Resolution: After discussion, a motion was made by Mark to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2283
To Approve Supplemental Agreement for
Preliminary Engineering Service**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to approve the Supplemental Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Service to be paid for by the Hancock County Commissioner's and authorize Clark Lynn Army to sign the agreement.

Motion was seconded by George Ropp, Yeas 2.

Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1 -

- A mediation session was held on April 22 with the owner of the remaining parcel to be purchased. Additional information is being collected as a result of the session to address new concerns expressed by the property owner.

Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- Eminent domain proceedings continue on 2 of the outstanding parcels. A tentative settlement has been reached on 2 other parcels.
- Stantec submitted 100% plans on April 8.
- Bidding of this project will be dependent on the successful conclusion of property acquisition.
- Department of Development has approved the application for brownfield grant to clean up former chromium plating works. Waiting to receive formal grant agreement.

Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin Planning Update and Property Acquisition:

- Appraisals have been authorized for the 2 remaining residential properties. Three (3) residential owners have signed purchase agreements and three (3) farmland parcels have agreed verbally. Waiting on ODNR approval of the residential appraisals. If the appraisals are approved this month, request the Board hold a meeting on June 14 to formally approve the acquisition of the 3 residential properties.
- 404 and 401 permit applications have been formally submitted.
- Proposals have been submitted for the management of the 600+ acres of land now owned by MWCD.
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Adoption of Resolution: A motion was made by Mark to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2284
To Accept 3 Proposals for Vegetation Control
Of MWCD Properties Pending ODNR Approval to Pay

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to adopt 3 separate proposals intended for turf management of MWCD property until construction starts, pending approval and payment disbursed from ODNR, The proposals include spraying and killing the existing rye in the amount of \$20,895 to WMCAS LLC; new seed mixture in the amount of \$47,124 to Fowler Seed Marketing; seeding and handling the 612 acres in the amount of \$14,597 to WMCAS LLC. The Boards approval is subject to ODNR's commitment to cover the costs.

Motion seconded by George, Yeas 2.

- The contract for the demolition of three (3) residential structures and outbuildings on property now owned by the District will need to be executed. Contractor plans to begin demolition the week of May 9, 2022.

Adoption of Resolution: A motion was made by Mark to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2285
To Execute Demolition Contract
With All Excavating and Demolition**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to execute the Demolition Contract with All Excavating in the amount of \$86,000.

Motion was seconded by Dick Ricker, Yeas 3.

- Lynn informed the Directors that we received a letter from Hancock County Auditors office stating that the CAUV application that was submitted for 4 parcels in Eagle Township has been denied
- Dave Blatnik informed the Directors that he had met with the governor and senator and has asked for the full \$30 million to be in the next capital budget.

Little Auglaize River Update: Lynn and Todd met with Jay Fleming as previously discussed. Staff is doing stream inspections.

Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update: Contractor is prepared to begin work once the field conditions improve.

St. Joseph River logjam Update: Kurt has been doing stream inspections and will be meeting with the Village of Edgerton to address some questions.

Legal Counsel Update: Jim met with Judge Schmenk, Lynn and Wendy for court meeting preps. Jim amended his Judgement Entries to reflect Dick Rickers resignation. Jim has also been in contact with an Eagle Township resident to discuss the purchase agreement with BRWS.

General Manager Report: Lynn developed court meeting final agenda; met with Judge Schmenk, Jim and Wendy for court meeting preps; reviewed resumes and interviewed summer help candidates with Wendy; met with Jay Fleming on Maddox Creek and explained easement terms; invited officials to the court hearing; guided Kurt on Village of Edgerton logjam request; met with Wendy and staff about exit plan; CDAR investing with Wendy; contacted Dick Ricker concerning retirement and official resignation letter; contacted Dave Kuhn regarding Director

position. Lynn requested the Directors approve pay out for a third of his accumulated sick leave, as stated in the policy and procedures manual.

Adoption of Resolution: A motion was made by Mark to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2286
To Approve Payment for One Third of
Clark Lynn Army's acquired sick leave hours

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to approve payment for one third of Clark Lynn Army's accumulated sick leave hours as stated in the MWCD Policy and Procedures Manual.

Motion seconded by George, Yeas 2.

Lynn stated it has been a pleasure working for the Directors and there has been a lot of good done for the community and he expects a lot more good things to happen in the future. Lynn thanked the Mayor and the Findlay crew, stating he has enjoyed working with them and appreciates their hard work and the relationships they have built with ODNR. Tim Mayle congratulated Lynn on his upcoming retirement and stated on behalf of BRWS that he has enjoyed working with him and that Lynn has done a great job seeing these projects through. John Hoopingarner stated that Lynn's retirement is bittersweet and one thing that he would encourage to the Board is to continue is to attend the Ohio Conservancy District Conference.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Typed the Board meeting minutes and distributed them to Lynn, Jim Weaner and the Directors for approval
- Uploaded the approved March minutes onto the MWCD website and updated next meeting date
- Completed the April financial reports and paid end of month taxes
- Mailed back security bonds from Contractor bid packets
- Attended meeting with Judge Schmenk
- Called Conservancy Court Judges to get a headcount for annual hearing
- Coordinated specifics with Alyson for the court hearing
- Interviewed Summer Help applicants with Lynn
- All invoices are paid up to date with supporting vouchers filed
- Restocked office and cleaning supplies – clean office, conference room and bathrooms weekly

- Check our bank accounts daily to verify balance and activity
- CDAR investing with Lynn
- Mowed lawn and sprayed weeds

Meeting dates 2022: June 14, July 12, August 16, September 13 (Tour), October 11, November 8, December 13

Adjournment: George moved for adjournment at 9:40 a.m. Dick seconded. Yeas 3.

George Ropp, President

Wendy J Yunker, Sec/Treas.

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 25, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District met in a special meeting session at the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District office in Defiance, Ohio, on May 25, 2022 at 10am. In attendance were George Ropp, Mark Moats and David Kuhn, Directors; Clark Lynn Army, General Manager; Wendy Yunker, Sec/Treas. George called the special meeting to act on replacing the retiring General Manager, Clark Lynn Army. Mark Moats moved to appoint Wendy Yunker as interim General Manager. Wendy will assume the general manager's duties and responsibilities effective June 1, 2022. David Kuhn seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

Adjournment: George moved for adjournment at 10:04 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.