

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
Held at the Messerly Recreation Center, Charles Mill Lake Park  
May 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District was held at the Messerly Recreation Center, Charles Mill Lake Park, on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to notice duly given all Directors, and the general public in accordance with law.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Directors present were: Mr. Boyle, Mr. Horstman, Ms. Limbach, and Mr. Pryce.

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Horstman, Mr. Parham was excused.

Present from MWCD staff were Scott Barnhart, Jim Cugliari, John Hoopingarner, Stacy Karsmizki, Darrin Lautenschleger, Ted Lozier, Donna Messerly, Karen Miller, Jim Pringle, Steve Rice, Boris Slogar, and Mark Swiger.

Mr. Pryce, President of the Board of Directors, presided.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Also in attendance for all or portions of this meeting were: Doug McLarnan, Joe Gies and JoEllen Hayes (*MWCD Development Advisory Committee*); Tom Depler (*Shelby resident and former member of MWCD Board of Directors*); Clark Sprang (*Big Prairie resident*); Andrew Pack and James Dobrozi (*Woolpert*); Annette McCormick (*Lucas resident*); Tim Wert (*Richland County Commissioner*); Randy Hutchinson (*City of Ontario*); Fritz Ackerman (*Jefferson Township*); Robert Vilella (*Canton resident*); Don Wittmer (*Troy Township*); Bob Schraedly (*Charles Mill Marina*); Todd Hill (*Mansfield News Journal*); Darrell Banks and Jeff Mussman (*Village of Bellville*); Jack Butler and Dick Ohler (*Washington Township*); Phil Gerwig (*Ashland resident*); Eugene Parkison (*Village of Lexington*); John Hildreth, Theresa Sutter, and Matt Christian (*Richland SWCD*); Dorothy Martin (*Seneca area resident*); Chelsea Shar (*Ashland Times-Gazette*); Steve Schumacher (*Richland Township Association*); Bruce Dean (*Sierra Buckeye LLC*); Jim DeSanto (*President, Clear Fork Valley Board of Education*); Chad Amos (*ODNR Division of Soil and Water*); and Bryan Cotleur (*DLZ OH, Inc.*)

Steve Rice, Charles Mill Park Manager, introduced Donna Messerly. Ms. Messerly, a long-time instructor at Ashland University, has been the Activities Leader at Charles Mill Lake Park for many years. In this capacity, she develops the schedule of special events, as well as the daily and weekly activities that energize the campgrounds at Charles Mill Lake Park. She also has often spoken to visitors and park leaders about the need for an activities center that hosts a full range of events. This led to her generous support for the Messerly Recreation Center. Ms. Messerly worked with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation (MWCF) to ensure that her dream of the Messerly Recreation Center became a beautiful addition to Charles Mill Lake Park. The facility will be dedicated during a ceremony on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Jack Butler, Washington Township Trustee, addressed the Board to endorse the Clear Fork Subdistrict and thanked the MWCD staff for their support.

Elaine Bear inquired whether the creation of a Clear Fork Subdistrict would give opportunity to the MWCD for potential leasing for oil and gas production. Mr. Hoopingarner responded that although it is too early to provide a definitive answer to her question, it is doubtful that there would be any such activity as a result of the creation of Clear Fork Subdistrict. Mr. Slogar offered the example of the Chippewa Subdistrict where there is relatively little ownership of property by the MWCD and that nearly all the projects/work involved there is done

through easements. Since there would be very little, if any, ownership of property, there would be no intent for the leasing as mentioned by Ms. Bear.

Phil Gerwig, Ashland resident, submitted written comments, a copy of which is on file.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Limbach, the minutes of the April 18, 2014, meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

### **4. FINANCIAL**

Mr. Cugliari presented the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2014. The total operating revenue is \$6,891,332.00 with operating expenses of \$3,459,640.00, resulting in an excess of revenue over expenses of \$3,431,692.00

#### **Maintenance Fund – General**

- Total revenues are 32.80% of budget with the interest on the investments line item at 54.29% of budget.
- Total expenses are 28.17% of budget with most line items on target with the budget and are comparable to 2013.

#### **Conservation Fund**

- Total revenues are 34.54% of budget with Mineral Operations-Gas and Oil Royalties at 35.2% of budget.
- Total expenses are 16.59% of budget.
- Forest inventory is 37.91% of budget as efforts are continuing on updating the forest inventory records.

#### **Recreation Fund-Parks**

- Total park revenues are 59.83% of budget.
- Vacation Cabins revenue is 37.42% of budget and down nearly \$65,000.00 or 30% from 2013. This is due mainly to the new reservation system and how sales tax is being reported in 2014. This should all balance out by year end with the budget.
- Park Camping revenue is 70.65% of budget and up nearly \$190,000.00 or 6.87% from 2013.
- Total expenses are 21.99% of budget and running 7.38% above 2013 actual.

#### **Recreation Fund-Non Park**

- Total revenues are 33.92% of budget, approximately 4% ahead of 2013.
- Marina Operations, both leased and self-operated revenues, are in line with budget projections and ahead of 2013.
- Total expenses are 24.30% of budget and running approximately 12% less than 2013.

#### **Recreation Improvement Fund**

- Total expenses are 17.48% of budget and 12.53% ahead of 2013 as we continue to work on deferred maintenance items.

#### **Maintenance Assessment Fund**

- Total revenues are 57.30% of the budget.
- All of the counties have completed their first half settlements and have reported to the District with the exception of one.
- Total expenses are 55.30% of budget with Shoreline Protection incurring expenses of \$926,511.00 during the month of April 2014.

Overall operations are running in line with budget expectations. Staff continues efforts of putting funds to good use in both the operations and in taking care of much needed park and infrastructure improvements.

On motion by Mr. Horstman, seconded by Mr. Boyle, the financial report was accepted as presented.

## **5. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, a report of the payment of bills for the period ending April 30, 2014, was approved as presented.

## **6. BUSINESS**

### **6.01a LEASE TRANSACTIONS**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, the assignments, cancellations, new leases, farm leases, mortgage consent and agreement cancellations, and mortgage consent and agreements were approved and execution by the proper officers of the MWCD authorized.

### **6.01b ANTERO HALF INTEREST – SENECA**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Horstman, an oil and gas lease with Antero Resources for the deep rights on 9.94 acres at Seneca Reservoir, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

### **6.01c TAPPAN OIL AND GAS LEASE AMENDMENT**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Horstman, the proposed amendment/ratification of an existing oil and gas lease at Tappan Reservoir, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

### **6.01d ATWOOD COMPRESSOR STATION LEASE**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Horstman, a 5-year agreement with Enervest for a compressor station located at Atwood Reservoir, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

### **6.01e ADDENDUM TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT – SENECA MARINA DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Limbach, an addendum to the concession agreement for the Seneca marina Dockside Restaurant, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

### **6.01f AEP EASEMENT – ATWOOD LAKE**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, an easement with American Electric Power for an above-ground electric transmission line at Atwood Reservoir, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved. On roll call: Mr. Pryce-abstain.

### **6.01g WEC EASEMENT – SENECA LAKE**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Limbach, a revision to an easement with Washington Electric for power lines at Seneca Reservoir, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.02a AUDIT OF DISTRICT RECORDS**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, a Modification/Extension Agreement with Rea & Associates for the audit period of 2013 through 2014, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.03a HUMAN RESOURCES SUMMARY**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Horstman, human resources activities, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, were approved.

**6.03b NEW POSITION – HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Pryce, a proposed new position of human resources generalist, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.03c MOBILE AUDIO VIDEO POLICY**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Limbach, a new law enforcement policy entitled “Mobile Audio Video Policy,” as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.04a TAPPAN PARK CAMP AREA 2 CULVERT REPLACEMENT  
FINAL CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, a final change order in the amount of \$6,925.00 for the Tappan Park Camp Area 2 culvert replacement project, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.04b PLEASANT HILL LAKE PARK DUMP STATION**

Bids were received on April 29, 2014, for the main dump station project at Pleasant Hill Lake Park. At the February 28, 2014, meeting, the Board authorized award of a contract to the lowest and most responsive bidder at a cost not to exceed the engineer’s estimate of \$270,000.00. The following is a summary of the bid results:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Price Bid</b>
Simonson Construction, Inc.	Ashland, OH	\$244,369.00
Terra Valley Excavating	Bellville, OH	\$254,000.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	State College, PA	\$262,400.00
Stanley Miller Construction Company	East Sparta, OH	\$276,300.00

After reviewing the bid and checking references, the project was awarded to Simonson Construction, Inc. at a price of \$244,369.00. Construction is expected to begin in late May and completed in July.

This is provided for informational purposes only and no action is required.

**6.04c TAPPAN WEST SHORE COTTAGE AREA PAVING**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Horstman, a request to solicit for bids on a paving project for Tappan West Shore Cottage Area, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.04d UTILITY SURVEYING SERVICES**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Horstman, agreements for surveying service at various MWCD locations (*see chart below*), as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

Area	Contractor	Cost
Atwood Park and Atwood Marina West	David Bodo and Associates, Inc.	\$63,589.67
Charles Mill Park and Marina	Accurate Technologies, Inc.	\$39,000.00
Pleasant Hill Park	David Bodo and Associates, Inc.	\$44,205.69
Seneca Park and Marina areas	CT Consultants, Inc.	\$63,960.00

**6.04e PIEDMONT MARINA SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CONTRACT MODIFICATION**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, a modification of the existing contract with GPD Group for design services for the Piedmont Marina site improvements project, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**6.04f GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL**

At the April 18, 2014, meeting, the Board authorized the Chief Financial Officer to renew the general liability insurance policy effective May 1, 2014, and report to the Board the renewal premium.

The renewal premium for the policy year May 1, 2014 through May 1, 2015 is \$205,634.00. The overall rate increase is 16% for the policy as quoted. Of that, 3.7% is for coverages as if there were no changes to our exposures. The remaining 12.3% overall increase is due to the addition of numerous new buildings (i.e. Atwood water treatment plant, Seneca welcome center, Seneca Marina) and additions to the fleet.

This is provided for information only and requires no action.

**6.05 COOPERATIVE WORK AGREEMENT – ODNR/DSWR 2014 WORK PLAN**

Chad Amos, Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Soil and Water, provided a brief synopsis of the 2013 Cooperative Work Agreement program. Farmers in 16 Ohio counties participated in the cover crop program on 21,709 acres. Approximately half of the acres have been planted through aerial seeding, which allowed for the seed to be planted without affecting crops still on the field. The remainder of the cover crops are being planted using conventional methods.

Cover crops are nationally recognized as a soil and water quality best management practice because they control erosion and maintain nutrients in the soil. ODNR program administrators estimate the cover crop planting could result in up to 30,000 tons of soil saved as well as 30,000 pounds of phosphorus and 60,000 pounds of nitrogen kept out of Ohio waters.

ODNR provided oversight for the program, including rule development and payment administration. Local SWCDs in the 16 counties worked directly with farmers to sign up, evaluate and eventually verify fields had been planted. MWCD provided \$320,871 in funding to assist farmers in planting cover crops on soils within the conservancy district, with priority given to fields that offered the highest potential for erosion into district waters.

The MWCD funding covered about one-third of the cost for each farmer to plant the cover crops. Local SWCDs worked to buy the seed in bulk and scheduled planes to seed from the air. Cover crops being planted are oats, rye, wheat and mixtures that included clover.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Horstman, the 2014 Work Plan as part of the Cost-Share Cooperative Work Agreement between the MWCD and the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

## **6.06 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **CONSERVANCY COURT – 2014**

It was noted that the Conservancy Court of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District will hold its annual session on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tuscarawas County Court House, New Philadelphia, Ohio. The Honorable Edward E. O'Farrell is the presiding judge.

### **OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Hoopingarner reported that he, Mr. Cugliari, and Mr. Lozier met recently with officials of the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) in Columbus. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of establishment of a revolving loan fund. OWDA provides financial assistance for environmental infrastructure for qualified projects in Ohio. There are two groups from OWDA that work within the MWCD area – Community Assistance Program and the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group.

The OWDA, which was created in 1968 to protect Ohio's most natural resource, water, possesses a great reputation throughout the State of Ohio and a partnership with them in establishing a loan fund would allow MWCD to rely on their expertise to determine use of funds. MWCD's limitation on the funds would be that they would be used to address water quality and flood reduction issues within the Muskingum Watershed.

Meetings will continue between MWCD and OWDA and staff will keep the Board informed of progress.

### **SENECA LAKE MARINA BOAT REPAIR BUILDING – CONTRACT AWARD**

On motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Horstman, award of the contract for construction of the Seneca Lake Marina boat repair building to CCI Commercial Construction in the amount of \$251,970.00, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was authorized.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.01 MARINA REPORTS**

Members of the Board received a Summary of Marina Operations report through April 30, 2014. Due to high water conditions at Pleasant Hill, there was no report from that facility. No action was requested.

- All marinas have been in the process of re-installing docks, removing shrink wrap and de-winterizing stored boats, and getting ready to have boats move back on docks. High water levels in some cases, have delayed some of this work.

- The first two docks purchased through the new bid process requiring the submittal and approval of engineer-stamped drawings and certified calculations, were delivered on time to Piedmont Marina and Seneca Lake Park. Staff and customers have been very pleased with both.
- Bids for the construction of the service building at Seneca will be opened May 8.
- The launch ramp, parking, restroom, and waterfront improvements project at Piedmont Lake Marina continues. The launch ramp was completed in time to allow launching of all houseboats. The seawall has been completed, and stamped concrete walkways are nearing completion as well. Major improvements to utilities are underway.
- The Dockside Restaurant at Seneca held an extremely successful Easter buffet, serving approximately 275 customers. Similar numbers are expected for Mother's Day.
- Our contracted interior decorator completed work at the Seneca Marina restaurant, giving the area a much more completed look.
- A new water well was drilled at Leesville Petersburg Marina. A new structure is currently being constructed to house related equipment.
- In anticipation of flooding, and to avoid a fuel spill of the type experienced last year, Bob Schraedly, owner/operator of Pleasant Hill Marina, had his fuel storage tank pumped dry before the recent flooding occurred. As concerns for flooding eventually reached Charles Mill, Mr. Schraedly had the fuel storage tank pumped at Charles Mill Marina, as well.
- *Trade Only*, a national marine industry publication, reported that boat sales for the first quarter of 2014 had reached the highest levels in 4 years.

## **7.02 UPDATE ON 2014 GOALS**

Mr. Hoopingarner provided an update on the progress of the 2014 goals:

### **① OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT**

The MWCD will negotiate and enter into an oil and gas lease for Piedmont Reservoir in the first quarter of 2014, and for Tappan Reservoir in the third quarter of 2014. These leases will produce revenue to fund park, recreation, public access and conservation improvements. The leases will contain significant provisions focusing on the protective development of these natural resources. *Negotiations for Tappan Reservoir most likely will not occur until the fourth quarter of 2014 or first quarter of 2015.*

### **② MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The MWCD will develop a schedule, budget, design and implementation plan for park capital improvement projects at each of the five lake parks and marinas it operates. Changes to the organizational structure of the MWCD will be implemented to accommodate the multi-year implementation of these projects. Capital improvement projects will begin in 2014. *Park managers have been meeting regularly to develop a schedule for implementation of park capital improvement projects.*

### **③ DREDGE PROGRAM**

The MWCD will launch a comprehensive dredging plan that will prioritize and identify reservoir dredging needs, secure necessary permits, and begin dredge operations in 2014. The dredge program will be a multi-year program. *The disposal of dredge material at Tappan Reservoir will most likely be on MWCD property.*

**④ FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

The MWCD will continue the development of plans for the use of revenue generated from the development of oil and gas reserves and consider the amount of revenue needed to meet its obligations to fulfill the Official Plan and the Amendment to the Official Plan adopted in 2005. In the first half of 2014, the MWCD will address the issue of whether or not the current maintenance assessment should be adjusted. *This goal has been accomplished.*

**7.03 STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

No report at this time.

**7.04 USACE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Slogar reported that the Dover project is roughly 82% complete, with a final completion date projected for January 2015. At Bolivar, the access road will be closed sometime in June.

Mr. Lozier attended partnership meetings for both the Dover and Bolivar projects on Thursday, May 15. He reported that the contractor on the Dover project has used some very innovative measures to preserve historic elements at that structure.

Mr. Hoopingarner informed the Board that a Corps partnering meeting, held at least two times per year, will be hosted by MWCD on June 6 at the Seneca Park Welcome Center. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and an invitation was extended to any Board member who may wish to attend.

**7.05 ATWOOD REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE**

Due to the absence of Mr. Parham, there is no report at this time.

**7.06 IMMINENT OR PENDING LITIGATION**

This matter was discussed in executive session.

**8. SUBDISTRICTS**

**8.01 CHIPPEWA SUBDISTRICT – REPLACEMENT OF 14 HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES ALONG CHIPPEWA CREEK**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, a request to bid and award the replacement of 14 hydraulic structures along the Chippewa Creek at Chippewa Subdistrict at a cost not to exceed \$68,00.00, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

**8.02 2013-2014 CHIPPEWA SUBDISTRICT PROJECTS**

The following is a summary of bid results for projects previously approved by the Board and is provided for information purposes and no action is required:

**Chippewa Creek Reach 14 Structure Replacement**

Bids were received on November 15, 2013, for this project. The engineer's estimate for project was \$35,200.00.

COMPANY	TOTAL BID PRICE
Mark Haynes Construction, Inc	\$27,880.00
DC Berger Excavating, LLC	\$34,950.00
Keiper Excavating, Inc	\$37,685.35



The contract was awarded to Mark Haynes Construction, Inc. Project costs were included in the 2013 maintenance project budget.

**River Styx Reaches 01 and 02 Clearing**

Bids were received on April 17, 2014 for this project. The engineer’s estimate was \$130,000.00.

COMPANY	TOTAL BID PRICE
DC Berger Excavating, LLC	\$118,030.00
Ours Excavating, LTD	\$121,500.00

The contract was awarded to DC Berger Excavating, LLC. Project costs are included in the 2014 maintenance project budget.

**Chippewa Creek Reach 5 Structure Replacement**

Bids were received on April 21, 2014 for this project. The engineer’s estimate for project was \$43,000.00.

COMPANY	TOTAL BID PRICE
Nieman Excavating Co., LLC	\$34,480.00
DC Berger Excavating, LLC	\$39,000.00
Palmer & Son Excavating, LTD	\$39,586.00
Keiper Excavating, Inc	\$42,047.94
JW Zollinger & Sons	\$42,449.18
Mark Haynes Construction, Inc.	\$44,323.00
Lockhart Concrete Company	\$46,881.50

The contract was awarded to Nieman Excavating Co., LLC. Project costs are included in the 2014 maintenance project budget.

**8.01 CLEAR FORK SUBDISTRICT – PETITION TO FORM SUBDISTRICT**

Flooding has been a recurring theme along the Clear Fork of the Mohican River in Richland County. Though attempts have been made in the past to solve these flooding issues, a solution has never materialized. On July 31, 2013, State Representative Mark Romanchuk hosted a meeting in Mansfield to discuss flooding issues and invited numerous Richland County officials and stakeholders. MWCD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were invited to that meeting as well and both entities provided presentations relating to each organization’s flood mitigation programs and associated legal authorities.

Following the July 31 meeting, MWCD was contacted by local officials to learn more about conservancy district law and how it might assist with their flooding problems. To that end, several meetings were held in Bellville between MWCD officials and representatives from the villages of Bellville, Butler, and Lexington, the cities of Mansfield and Ontario, and also township officials and representatives from Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Officials from the City of Shelby also attended these meetings on behalf of the Black Fork Subdistrict of MWCD.

On February 19, 2014, the Village of Bellville passed an ordinance requesting the creation of a Clear Fork Subdistrict of MWCD. A petition for creation of this Subdistrict is included with the memorandum. The following stakeholders in the Clear Fork region submitted support for creation of a Clear Fork Subdistrict in the following manner (copies on file):

- Village of Bellville..... Ordinance
- Richland County Commissioners..... Resolution
- Village of Butler..... Resolution

Village of Lexington .....	Resolution
City of Ontario .....	Resolution
Monroe Township .....	Resolution
Troy Township .....	Resolution
Richland County Township Association .....	Resolution
Richland Chamber of Commerce .....	Resolution
Richland SWCD .....	Resolution
Salvation Army Clear Fork Unit .....	Letter of Support
Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center .....	Letter of Support

It is recommended that the Board authorize management to present this petition along with supporting documentation to the Conservancy Court for consideration in creating the Clear Fork Subdistrict of MWCD. If the court approves creation of the Subdistrict, management will return to the Board in the future with further details regarding creation of an official plan along with a corresponding budget.

Darrell Banks, Mayor of the Village of Bellville, addressed the Board and recalled past flood events and how they have affected the Bellville area. He added that over the years the flood waters have become a little more frequent and come a little quicker each time. Mayor Banks cited that, with more and more development, there is increased runoff. He urged the Board to approval the proposed petition for creation of the Clear Fork Subdistrict.

Eugene Parkison, Mayor of the Village of Lexington, expressed concerns for flooding events in the Lexington area. He reported that there is great local support for creation of the Clear Fork Subdistrict and hopes that the petition is approved by both the Board of Directors and the Conservancy Court. He said, “We need to start somewhere.”

Tim Wert, Richland County Commissioner, told the Board that as officials met and discussed the flooding issues/problems that exist in the area they came to the conclusion that the issue was much greater than could be addressed on a local level. That’s when they decided to seek assistance from MWCD.

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Boyle, authorization to present the petition along with supporting documentation to the Conservancy Court for consideration in creating the Clear Fork Subdistrict, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

Ms. Limbach stated that “You (the local residents/officials) have identified a problem and you are now asking us to identify possible solution(s) and costs. That’s what we are voting on today.”

Mr. Hoopingarner expressed appreciation to the residents and officials of the Clear Fork area for all of the work that has been done on the local level. Mr. Slogar provided the assurance that the involvement of local residents/officials will be necessary throughout the process of determining solutions – their work will continue into the future.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Ms. Limbach, seconded by Mr. Horstman, the Board of Directors entered into executive session at 11:02 a.m. to discuss matters related to ORC §121.22 (G) (1) [employment], (2), and (3). On roll call: Mr. Boyle-yes; Mr. Horstman-yes; Ms. Limbach-yes; and Mr. Pryce-yes. The executive session ended at 11:45 a.m.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Horstman, seconded by Mr. Boyle, the meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Friday, July 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

*05.16.2014, km*

*Approved 07.18.2014*