

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Held at Atwood Lake Park Activity Center
July 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District was held at Atwood Lake Park Activity Center, 9500 Lakeview Road NE, Mineral City, Ohio, on Friday, July 19, 2024, 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: Ronald Dziedzicki, Karl Gebhardt, James Gresh, and Robert Moorehead. Jennifer Ponchak was absent. Mr. Dziedzicki, President of the Board of Directors, presided. Note: This was the first meeting of Mr. Gebhardt's term as a Board member.

MWCD staff in attendance were Adria Bergeron, Julie Bickis, Craig Butler, Jamie Carlisle, Hilary Celuch, Adrianna Cox, James Crandall, George Fox, Kathryn Hamman, Paige Hay, Bradley Janssen, David Lautenschleger, John Lewis, Rome Marinelli, Bailey Miller, Jonathan Mizer, Pete Novotny, Eric Stechschulte, Aaron Stump, Shawn Tharp, Matt Thomas, Sarah Ventura, Jeff Yohe.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Also, in attendance for all or portions of this meeting were: Shelia Hurley and Rick Enslin (*MWCF*); Marla Akridge (*Tuscarawas Economic Development Corporation*); Derek Conrad (*Rea & Associates*); Terry Fercana (*Environmental Design Group*); Jodi Salvo (*Candidate for Ohio State Representative, District 51*).

Ms. Hurley gave an update on the activities of MWCF. She reminded the Board and public that the 25th Annual Golf Outing of MWCF was on August 8, 2024, at Oak Shadows Golf Course. She also reported that she recently partook in a YouTube interview about the \$16,236 grant for new fire training facility in Antrim, Guernsey County, in partnership with Encino. Lastly, Rick Enslin spoke briefly about the upcoming Junior Sailors Program to take place on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Ms. Akridge addressed the Board regarding the upcoming purchase of land from the Tuscarawas Economic Development Corporation. Item 6.02e addresses the acquisition of land from the TEDC to develop the new Administrative Headquarters for MWCD. Ms. Akridge stated that TEDC is excited for this acquisition and partnership. She also expressed that the TEDC will provide full support and cooperation for the transaction.

Mr. Conrad addressed the Board in regard to Item 6.02d, Audit of District Records. He distributed to the Board the full State audit conducted by Rea & Associates. Copies of the audit are on file and available upon request. Mr. Conrad reported that MWCD was in compliance of all State standards.

Lastly, Mr. Thomas presented to the Board his Conservation staffing. He had each Coordinator introduce themselves: Paige Hay, Sustainability Coordinator; Rome Marinelli, Watershed Coordinator; and Kathryn Hamman, Water Quality Coordinator. In addition, the three Water Quality Interns introduced themselves, George Fox, Adrianna Cox, and Bailey Miller.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, the minutes of the May 24, 2024, meeting of

the Board of Directors were approved.

The following Item was presented and voted on after Item 3 | Approval of Minutes. Item 6.02d was moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate Rea & Associates representatives who presented the audit.

6.02d AUDIT OF DISTRICT RECORDS

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed 2023 audit report, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

4. FINANCIAL

Attached (copies on file) is the financial report for the six-month period ending June 30, 2024. The total operating income is \$3,301,312 compared to \$3,312,138 in 2023.

The operational revenue is \$13,338,221 compared to \$13,043,919 in 2023, or a 2% increase.

- General Administrative/Support is \$751,998 (43% of budget) and is down 18% from the prior year. The decrease is caused partially due to the timing of receipt of the grant from ODNR for fishing licenses and a decrease in interest revenue allocated to operations in the current year.
- Natural Resource and Land Management is \$2,419,448 (54% of budget), a 12% increase from the prior year. Cottage revenue is contained in this number and is \$1,255,983 or 7.5% increase from 2023. Docking revenue is \$587,792 and 98% of budget and a 5% increase over the prior year. Forestry revenue is \$365,457, 104% of budget, and a 62% increase over the prior year.
- Park Revenue is \$7,771,349 YTD (65% of budget), a 2% increase from the prior year, but slightly behind last year from budget perspective. See second quarter park and marina net income analysis for further information.
- Marina Revenue is \$2,208,171 (59% of budget), which is a decrease of 2% from the prior year. See second quarter park and marina net income analysis for further information.

Operational expenses are \$10,037,009, an increase of 3% over the prior year. Personnel expenses are \$5,559,990 of this amount, and are up 9% over the prior year, which is attributable to the implementation of the wage study and additional positions in the 2024 budget. Utility expenses are down 11% from the prior year, the full year of the SOPEC agreement is having a favorable impact on the 2024 expenses. All areas are within budgeted expectations and the staff has done a good job of managing expenses through the first half of the year.

Capital improvement and park master plan expenses are elevated compared to the prior year as some of the large on-going projects near completion. This increase was planned and expenses within budgeted expectation.

Maintenance Assessment Fund

Maintenance Assessment revenue is \$1,512,356 (64% of budget) through June, which down 59% and a result of the reduction of the maintenance assessment for 2024. Expenditures are \$1,350,101, a 44% decrease from the prior year. Timing of PWM requests and a reduction in scope of shoreline projects are driving the decrease.

The Conservancy District is in a good financial position through the first half of the year but will continue to monitor our operational areas in relation to the budget.

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Moorehead, the financial report was accepted as presented.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion by Mr. Moorehead, seconded by Mr. Gresh, the report of the payment of bills for the periods ending May 31, 2024, and June 30, 2024, were approved as presented. *(Copies on file)*

6. BUSINESS

6.01a LEASE TRANSACTIONS

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, 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 SHORT TERM WATER SUPPLY | TAPPAN

On motion by Mr. Moorehead, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed agreement, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.01c ATWOOD COMPRESSOR SITE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Moorehead, proposed agreement, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.02a INVOICES PRIOR TO PURCHASE ORDERS

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, a “then and now” certificate for invoices received prior to processing of a purchase order, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was authorized.

6.02b USE OF CREDIT CARDS QUARTERLY REVIEW

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed credit card quarterly review, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.02c BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Gebhardt, proposed budget adjustments, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, were approved.

6.02d AUDIT OF DISTRICT RECORDS

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed 2023 audit report, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved. ***This Item was presented and voted on after Item 3 | Approval of Minutes. The Item was moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate Rea & Associates

representatives who presented the audit.***

6.02e ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Moorehead, proposed property acquisition, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.03a HUMAN RESOURCES SUMMARY

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

6.03b NEW POSITION--ENGINEERING

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Gebhardt, proposed position and revised organizational charts, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, were approved.

6.03c PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEWS

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Moorehead, proposed revisions to personnel policies, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, were approved.

6.04a ATWOOD LAKE PARK TRAILS PAVING PROJECT

No Board action required.

6.04b TAPPAN LAKE PARK BICYCLE PUMP TRACK | REQUEST TO BID AND AWARD

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed request to bid and award, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.04c ATWOOD LAKE PARK—BEACH ROAD PAVING | REQUEST TO BID AND AWARD

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Moorehead, proposed request of bid and award, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.04d REGIONALIZED WATER AND SANITARY SEWER AGREEMENT WITH ODNR AND PERRYVILLE, OHIO

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed agreement, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.04e DISTRICT-WIDE TRAILS MASTER PLAN | REQUEST APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, proposed contract, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.04f 2024 H2OHIO WETLAND GRANT APPLICATION

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Gebhardt, proposed grant application, as recommended and set forth in the above memorandum, was approved.

6.05 MASTER PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT

Oral report. *Copy of slideshow available upon request.*

6.06 OTHER BUSINESS

- 1.) Mr. Butler reported that the State Legislature issued a Proclamation for the Atwood Lake Ribbon Cutting of Activity Center.
- 2.) Mr. Butler updated the Board on the progress of the Endowment creation. He stated that there has been success in gaining support from the Ohio legislature. He also stated that Attorney General Yost won't oppose or promote the bill. Lastly, he suggested that 2025 would be the focal year for the Endowment creation.
- 3.) Mr. Butler updated the Board on the developments of the former Camp Firebird which is now occupied by Firefly Woods. He stated that a call for design (of Master Plans) would be forthcoming. He also stated that building upgrades had been made along with HVAC upgrades.
- 4.) Mr. Butler reported that the Flood Mitigation and Conservation listening sessions were concluded. He reported that he was working with staff to compile findings and present to the Board those findings and forthcoming action plans.
- 5.) Mr. Janssen and Mr. Butler addressed the Board about a pressing matter with Infinity Energy. After the Board packet and agenda were created and distributed, Mr. Janssen explained that conversations with Infinity about entering a lease agreement for 2000 acres near Seneca Lake occurred. Given the fast pace of oil and gas negotiations, Mr. Janssen requested that the Board pass the following Resolution: "Based on the initial review and discussion of proposals submitted, it is recommended the Board authorize staff to move forward to finalize negotiations with the highest and best proposal, and enter into a Letter of Intent with the highest and best proposal, contingent on final review and approval by the Executive Director, staff, and Chief Legal Counsel." On motion by Mr. Moorehead, and seconded by Mr. Gresh, the proposed resolution, as recommended and set forth, was approved.

7. REPORTS

7.01 UTICA ROYALTY REVENUE REPORT

Utica royalty revenue is currently generated by **125** producing wells at Tappan, Clendening, Seneca, Dover, Piedmont, Atwood, and Leesville Reservoirs.

Utica royalties for **May** totaled **\$10.39M** (\$10,387,378.33) which was an approximate **575% increase** in month-over-month revenue from April (\$1.54M).

Utica royalties for **June** totaled **\$3.76M** (\$3,761,627.03) which was an approximate **64% decrease** in month-over-month revenue from May (\$10.39M).

Item of note: 5 new wells came online at Tappan (Burdette) which attributed to the significant increase in May.

Royalty Report Exhibit *copy is on file.*

7.02 NATURAL RESOURCES AND LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Staff continues to make progress with Davey Resource Group regarding the Pilot Tree Management Program in the Atwood Pines Cottage Area at Atwood Lake. Initial communication was distributed to lessees. Data was collected and subsequently analyzed and discussed. A work plan is being drafted for review followed by additional communication with lessees prior to implementation.
- The ODNR fishing tournament online system now including tournament scheduling on MWCD lakes went live for MWCD lakes in June. Staff communicated with tournament directors prior to going live. The program has been well received and 35 tournaments on MWCD lakes have already been scheduled through July of 2025.
- A field meeting was given to a group of 15 landowners that focused on historical development and present-day management of coniferous forests on MWCD lands at Leesville Lake. The talk focused on multiple silviculture strategies used by MWCD to regenerate these forests into hardwoods. The harvest types we reviewed were shelterwoods, clearcuts and row thinning's using supplemental afforestation techniques. Discussions regarding markets for pine, invasive species control using an integrated pest management strategy, and post-harvest forest development were highlighted. The event included talks from NRCS, Carroll SWCD and MWCD.
- In cooperation with Knox County Park District, Clayton Rico, Forest Operations Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Muskingum River Woodland Interest Group. Talks included tree plantings, bat management and utilizing mid story removals coupled with the shelterwood process to regenerate oak on harvested sites.
- Forestry staff attended trainings including the Ohio Society of American Foresters winter meeting and the Ohio Forest Health Conference. These yearly meetings provide updates to on-going research and strategies to improve the management and health of Ohio's forests. Some of the highlights include topics on spotted lanternfly, laurel wilt and developments in Ohio logging BMP strategies. Networking is an integral part of the meetings to understand developments and on-going projects within the state.
- Forestry worked through mapping and collecting inventory data on newly acquired lands at both Leesville Lake as well as in the Wills Creek region. New technologies including ArcGIS PRO integrated with Cruise Control and Fieldmaps software were put to the test to gather data across over 650 acres. The data collected will be utilized to determine future needs of the forests as it relates to MWCD goals.
- Timber sales have been ongoing. A 20-acre clearcut at Wills Creek is nearing the finishing stages. The sale aimed to regenerate oak and hickory species, create much needed early successional wildlife habitat in the region, and remove trees within the stand that were of lower commercial value. A recent pine sale was finished up that focused on removal of Norway Spruce and Eastern White pine at a forest in the Leesville Lake region. The area had been harvested about 10 years prior using a strip clearcut approach. The current harvest removed those residual strips of pine allowing for surrounding regeneration to respond.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENT (ONGOING)

Projects in Design

- **Charles Mill Beach Area Campground and Amenities Development**
- **Clendening Marina Building and Site Improvements**
- **Clendening Cabins**
- **Leesville South Fork Launch Ramp Parking Improvements**
- **Seneca Lake Marina Boat Ramp and Parking Improvements**
- **Tappan Lake Park Area 1 Walking Bridge Replacement**
- **Tappan Lake Activity Center Amenities**
- **Tappan Lake Area 4 Campground Redevelopment**
- **Tappan Lake Park Pump Track**

Projects Under Construction

- **District Wide Solar:** Construction of 15 solar projects in 6 locations has begun.
- **Atwood Activity Center Renovation:** The contractor is staining the concrete floor and performing the final cleanup. Completion is scheduled for July 2024.
- **Clendening WWTP and Sewer Improvements:** Contractor is working on punch list items.
- **Clendening Lake Marina Cabin Area Improvements:** Site work will commence on July 15th.
- **Leesville North Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Collection system within the marina campground is complete. Footers for the new WWTP operations building have been poured. Completion is scheduled for November 2024.
- **Leesville North Fork Marina Lift Station Generator:** Delivery of the generator is scheduled for mid-July, and therefore all work is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Substantial completion is scheduled for December 2024.
- **Pleasant Hill Lake Park Area A Lift Station Generator:** The generator is expected to be delivered and installed in July. Substantial Completion is scheduled for September 2024.
- **Pleasant Hill Covert Road Culvert Replacement:** Project is complete.
- **Seneca Beach Amenity and Activity Areas:** The contractor is installing underground piping and foundations for the splash pad structures. Completion is scheduled for Summer 2024.
- **Tappan Marina Building Backup Generator:** Wood Electric has installed new panels in the marina basement and has poured the pad for the new generator. Generator delivery has been delayed again by the manufacturer to March 2024.
- **Tappan Lake Welcome Center:** The contractor finished the roofing, windows and exterior finishes. Work continues on all interior work including flooring, painting, cabinets, lighting and electrical.
- **Tappan Cabin Hill Water Booster Pump Improvements:** Project is complete.
- **Tappan Lake Park Dump Station Backflow Preventers:** Installation of water system backflow preventers at all three Park dump stations has been completed by Kinsey Excavating.
- **Tappan Beach Solar:** Construction of the 24 solar panel array is tentatively scheduled to start mid-April.

DREDGING AND SHORELINE (ongoing)

Dredging Program

- **Pleasant Hill Boat Club Dredging:** Final restoration is currently in progress.

Shoreline Program

- **Atwood Lake – Arcadia Drive:** Shoreline work is complete. Final seeding and restoration will be complete once site conditions allow.
- **Charles Mill Lake – South Peninsula:** The project has reached substantial completion prior to the July 31, 2024 deadline. A final walk-through will be scheduled and punchlist developed as necessary.

Projects in Design

- **Atwood Lake – Area 4 Campground Shoreline Erosion and Slip Repair**
- **Atwood Lake – Area A Campground Slip Repair**
- **Seneca Lake – Park Trail Shoreline Erosion and Slip Repair**
- **Seneca Lake – SR 147 Shoreline Erosion**

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS/PROGRAMS (ongoing)

Zoar Levee

- Project Complete. Post Implementation Evaluation is underway in addition to the Dam Safety Action Class (DSAC) review.

Magnolia Levee

- Project cost estimate is \$14.6M with MWCD’s non-federal cost share anticipated to be \$500k. Waiting for approval for supplement to dam safety modification report. Senior oversight approved funding for FY24. The Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) has been signed and returned to USACE

7.04 CONSERVATION REPORT

Environmental Stewardship Partnership with Foundation for Appalachian Ohio: Update



MWCD Representatives (Adria Bergeron, Craig Butler, Matt Thomas, and Ethan Zucal) with Board Members of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge & Conference Center.

MWCD’s transformational \$5 Million investment and gifts from other generous donors (Nicolozakes Trucking & Construction Inc., Ohio CAT and American Electric Power) have established a strong Environmental Stewardship Pillar of Prosperity that will fund opportunities to advance conservation, environmental stewardship and the greater well-being of Appalachian Ohio.

This year a total of \$125,000 in assistance is available in five programmatic areas that support community projects, provide scholarships and fellowships opportunities, advance research, and foster innovation in support of conservation and environmental stewardship. In total, 39 Ohio Counties are now eligible for FAO funding thanks in large part to MWCD.

Programmatic Areas of Support:

- Community grants supporting locally driven projects that preserve and enhance our natural environment.
- Scholarships supporting individuals seeking degrees in ecology, forestry, or related fields. Also supporting the skilled trades, vocational, and technical training in fields that integrate green energy technology, and sustainable agriculture.
- Fellowships providing two years of support for individuals who pioneer positive change through projects that address environmental challenges and promote the conservation of biodiversity.
- Innovation grants investing in new and creative approaches that result in environmental good while encouraging environmental stewardship.
- Research grants supporting studies that address critical gaps in our understanding of our diverse species and ecosystems.

7.05 RECREATION REPORT

Oral.

7.06 MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

ONGOING/UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Updates to website/social media
- Marketing/advertising for 2024
- Conservation videos
- Anti-litter campaign collaborative with ODNR

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH PROJECTS

- Development Advisory Committee – 3 new members (25 total)
 - 4 full DAC quarterly meetings (upcoming meeting: August 2, 2024)
 - 3 subcommittees (Conservation, Trails, Revenue and Development)
 - 12 planned subcommittee meetings (minimum – 4 per subcommittee)
- One-Time Strategic Community Investments Fund
 - Tappan Lake Regional Safety Center – Awarded \$650,000
 - Charles Mill Marina Upgrades – Awarded \$910,000
- Camp Firebird – Outfitter Contract and Transition
- 90th Anniversary – Museum display will be extended through 2025
- Flood Mitigation Outreach Events – 4 sessions held, over 80 attendees
- Conservancy District Coordination and Communication Efforts
- Ohio River Basin Alliance
 - Governance Meeting: Cincinnati – January 2024
 - Ohio River Basin Hill Day: Washington D.C. – May 2024
 - Ohio River Basin Initiative Tour – May 2024
 - Mississippi River Event – June 2024
 - Ohio River Way Summit – September 2024
 - Ohio River Basin Alliance Summit – November 2024
- Dam Safety Day Tours – 7 locations, over 200 attendees (June 1)

- Earth Day Sponsored Events. Partners included: Encino Energy, MWCF, MPLX, Gulfport, Kraton Chemical of Dover, Williams, Infinity Natural Resources, and the Ohio Oil and Gas Association
- Guernsey County BroadbandOhio Community Accelerator Program
- AM-250 Ohio Celebration
- New Board Member Orientation – June 27/28
- MWCD Legislation:
 - Competitive Bidding Threshold Increase
 - Endowment Creation

PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

- We have developed several sponsorship packages and advertising opportunities in conjunction with weekly programs and special events.
- Event Recap

| JUNE | # of Programs | # of Participants |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Atwood | 30 | 1434 |
| Charles Mill | 42 | 958 |
| Piedmont | 4 | 81 |
| Pleasant Hill | 34 | 1420 |
| Seneca | 44 | 955 |
| Tappan | 43 | 910 |

- Upcoming Events:
 - Country Waves Concert at Atwood Lake
 - Second Saturdays at Tappan Lake
 - Pleasant Hill Lake Park Christmas in July
 - Fireworks

PRESS RELEASES IN JUNE

- June 3: Capture the Canvas
- June 13: Gebhardt Appointed to Board of Directors
- June 21: Funding available for Projects Advancing Conservation Environmental Stewardship

INTERVIEWS IN JUNE

- June 1: Canton Repository – National Dam Safety Day
- June 24: Fireworks schedule – Times Reporter

E-BLASTS IN MARCH/ APRIL

- June 4: Joe Nichols and Travis Denning Concert at Atwood Lake
- June 5: Second Saturdays (Farm to Table)
- June 12: Summer 2024 Lakeviews
- June 14: Poker Paddles 2024
- June 24: Boom! Celebrate Independence Day with us!

SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS IN JUNE

- Capture the Canvas
- Country Waves Concert
- Second Saturdays at Tappan

- Day Camps
- Poker Paddle

Social Media Analytics

| June. 2024 | Facebook (followers) | Instagram |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|
| MWCD | 7512 | 685 |
| Atwood | 16,239 | 1440 |
| Charles Mill | 5,460 | 1013 |
| Clendening | 2,125 | 138 |
| Piedmont | 5,905 | 242 |
| Pleasant Hill | 18,300 | 1,613 |
| Seneca Marina | 1,507 | 746 |
| Seneca Park | 16,903 | 746 |
| Tappan | 14,684 | 1,082 |

2024 EVENTS AND OUTREACH

- January 10-14: Cleveland, OH: Ohio RV Show (Mixed Staff)
- January 23: Zanesville, OH – Mid-East Career and Technology Centers: Natural Resources Conservation & Criminal Justice (Brockmeier, Mahaffey, & Zucal)
- January 24: New Philadelphia, OH: Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet (Butler, Bergeron, & Zucal)
- March 7: Ashland, OH: Ashland Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Business Expo (Bergeron, Miller, & Rice)
- March 7-9: Cambridge, OH: Cambridge Home and Garden Show and Business Expo (Mixed Staff)
- March 19: New Philadelphia, OH: Tuscarawas County YMCA Outreach and Job Fair (Mahaffey)
- March 23-24: Canton, OH: Akron/Canton Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Show (Mixed Staff)
- March 27: Marietta, OH – SE Flood Mitigation Focus Group: MWCD Flood Mitigation and Conservation Efforts (Butler, Bergeron, Crandall, Lautenschleger, Novotny, Thomas, & Zucal)
- March 28: Coshocton, OH: Walhonding River Water Trail Exploratory Meeting (Dickey & Musser)
- March 29: Dennison, OH – MWCD-Judge Wells Meeting: MWCD History (Butler & Zucal)
- April 6: New Philadelphia, OH: MWCD Docking Clubs and Associations Annual Meeting (Mixed Staff)
- April 6: Millersburg, OH – Holmes County Grants Fair: MWCD Flood Mitigation and Conservation Efforts (Thomas & Zucal)
- April 10: Dennison, OH – Twin City Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner (Schupbach)
- April 13: New Philadelphia, OH: MWCD Annual Cottage Site Lessee Meeting (Mixed Staff)
- April 19: New Philadelphia, OH: Buckeye Career Center Job Fair (Mahaffey & Stump)
- April 20: Pleasant Hill Welcome Center: MWCD Annual Cottage Site Lessee Meeting (Mixed Staff)
- April 25: New Philadelphia, OH: NE Flood Mitigation & Conservation Focus Group (Butler, Bergeron, Crandall, Lautenschleger, Novotny, Thomas, & Zucal)
- April 30: Bucyrus, OH: Bucyrus City Schools Scavenger Hunt and Vernal Pool Discovery (Program Staff)
- May 10: Dennison, OH: 90th Anniversary Museum Exhibit Homeschool Day (Zucal)
- May 29: Charles Mill Lake – NW Flood Mitigation Focus Group: MWCD Flood Mitigation and Conservation Efforts (Butler, Bergeron, Crandall, Lautenschleger, Novotny, Thomas, & Zucal)
- June 4: Leesville Lake: FFA Camp Muskingum Bluegill Rock Amphitheater Ribbon Cutting (Butler, Bergeron, & Zucal)

- June 6: Tappan Lake: Ohio University Voinovich School Visit (Mixed Staff)
- June 7: Byesville, OH: Balderson Energy Roundtable (Butler & Zucal)
- June 12: Tappan Lake: Director Lydia Mihalik, Ohio Department of Development Visit (Mixed Staff)
- June 18: Dawes Arboretum, Licking County – SW Flood Mitigation Focus Group: MWCD Flood Mitigation and Conservation Efforts (Butler, Bergeron, Crandall, Lautenschleger, Novotny, Thomas, & Zucal)
- June 18: Dawes Arboretum, Licking County: MWCD Leadership and Conservation Partnership Meeting (Mixed Staff)
- June 21: Hocking Hills State Park Lodge: Foundation for Appalachian Ohio Board of Directors Meeting (Butler, Bergeron, Thomas, & Zucal)
- June 25: Park and Marina Advisory Committee Meeting (Novotny and staff)

2024 PRESENTATIONS

- January 10: New Philadelphia, OH – Tuscarawas Co. Board of Development Disabilities: Conservation Overview (Zucal, Thomas, Hay, Marinelli, Suggs)
 - Two Separate Presentations were given to two separate groups – total 96 participants
- February 1: New Philadelphia, OH – MWCD Solar Partners: MWCD Overview (Butler & Zucal)
- February 17: Stow, OH – Ohio Muskie Club Annual Banquet: MWCD Fishing Overview (Butler & Zucal)
- March 12: Wooster, OH – Tuscarawas River Watershed SWCD Working Group: Watershed Management (Marinelli)
- March 14: Virtual – Encino Energy Employee Lunch & Learn: MWCD Overview (Butler)
- March 18: Uhrichsville, OH – Claymont HS FFA Class: Conservation Overview (Marinelli & Suggs)
- April 13: Lore City, OH – Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO) Annual Conference: Keynote speaker (Thomas)
- April 23: New Philadelphia, OH – McInturf Realty Realtors Meeting: MWCD Overview & Leasing Program (Derr)
- April 30: Midvale, OH – Indian Valley Elementary School: MWCD What Is a Watershed and the Animals in the Watershed (Dickey)
- May 7: Deersville, OH – Tappan Lake Marina – Encino Energy Board of Directors Meeting: MWCD Overview (Butler & Zucal)
- May 8: Cambridge, OH – Cambridge Rotary: MWCD Overview & Seneca/Piedmont Updates (Thomas & Zucal)
- May 17: Jeromesville, OH – Hillsdale Local Schools: Watershed Education (Pleasant Hill Dam – Program Staff)
- May 24: Beverly, OH – Fort Frye High School Biology Class: MWCD Overview, Trails, Conservation & Natural Resources (Sayre)
- July 19: Senecaville, OH – Eastern Ohio Development Alliance: MWCD Tourism and Regional Impact (Zucal)

7.07 IMMEDIATE OR PENDING LITIGATION

None.

8. SUBDISTRICTS

8.01 PAYMENT OF BILLS – CHIPPEWA SUBDISTRICT

Attached is the Payment of Bills report for the Chippewa Subdistrict for the period May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, and June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The May report is for check numbers 3075 through 3086 totaling \$19,238.13.

The June report is for check numbers 3087 through 3093 totaling \$14,591.79.

All payments have been reviewed and found to be in order. It is recommended that the Board approve the May and June 2024 payment of bills for the Chippewa Subdistrict.

| Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District | | | |
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| Chippewa Subdistrict | | | |
| Payment of Bills | | | |
| May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024 | | | |
| CHECK NUMBER | PAYMENT DATE | PAY TO NAME | PAYMENT AMOUNT |
| 0000003075 | 5/9/2024 | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS | 510.00 |
| 0000003076 | 5/9/2024 | Graham C Lowe | 1,374.00 |
| 0000003077 | 5/9/2024 | Hasenstab Architects | 8,620.00 |
| 0000003078 | 5/9/2024 | MAST-LEPLEY SILO | 10.45 |
| 0000003079 | 5/17/2024 | HOME DEPOT | 82.92 |
| 0000003080 | 5/17/2024 | MAST-LEPLEY SILO | 369.75 |
| 0000003081 | 5/23/2024 | COMDOC | 44.26 |
| 0000003082 | 5/23/2024 | ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT | 560.59 |
| 0000003083 | 5/23/2024 | MAST-LEPLEY SILO | 19.26 |
| 0000003084 | 5/23/2024 | UNITED FENCING | 19.95 |
| 0000003085 | 5/29/2024 | WEX BANK | 505.11 |
| 0000003086 | 5/29/2024 | WINNSUPPLY CLEVELAND OH CO | 7,121.84 |
| | | | \$19,238.13 |

| Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District | | | |
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| Chippewa Subdistrict | | | |
| Payment of Bills | | | |
| June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 | | | |
| CHECK NUMBER | PAYMENT DATE | PAY TO NAME | PAYMENT AMOUNT |
| 0000003087 | 6/18/2024 | | - |
| 0000003088 | 6/12/2024 | Hasenstab Architects | 8,620.00 |
| 0000003089 | 6/12/2024 | USDA-APHIS, GENERAL | 253.15 |
| 0000003090 | 6/21/2024 | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS | 510.00 |
| 0000003091 | 6/21/2024 | TREASURER OF OHIO, FUND 615 | 4,255.36 |
| 0000003092 | 6/26/2024 | ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT | 560.59 |
| 0000003093 | 6/26/2024 | WEX BANK | 392.69 |
| | | | \$14,591.79 |

On motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Gresh, the report of the payment of bills for the

periods ending May 31, 2024, and June 30, 2024, for the Chippewa Subdistrict, were approved as presented.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Gresh, seconded by Mr. Gebhardt, the Board of Directors entered into executive session at 11:52 am to discuss matters related to ORC §121.22 (G) (1) matters of employment, and (3) matters regarding pending or imminent court action. On roll call: Mr. Dziedzicki-yes; Mr. Gebhardt; Mr. Gresh-yes; and, Mr. Moorehead-yes. Ms. Ponchak was absent. The executive session ended at 12:41 pm.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Gebhardt, seconded by Mr. Moorehead, the meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Friday, August 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at Tappan Lake Welcome Center.


Jennifer L. Ponchak, Vice President

ATTEST:


James L. Crandall, III, Treasurer

8.14.2024, jlc
Approved 8.23.2024