

Honey Creek Watershed Association

HCWA Board of Directors Meeting #50

January 10, 2008

2:30pm –4:00pm

Minutes

1. Roll call/Introductions

Mo Eichman, HCWA Chairman called the meeting of the Honey Creek Watershed Association (HCWA) to order at 2:30 pm. The following individuals were present: Mo Eichman, Leigh Ann Gerardi, Scott Myers, Ron Jackson, George McConkey, Dawn Coleman and Holly Weatherhead.

2. Report of Minutes –

A. *Acceptance of December Minutes* – Leigh Ann Gerardi made a correction to January's agenda to change Chin's Catering Service to Honey Creek Catering. George McConkey made a motion to accept the amended December minutes, seconded by Scott Myers. The December minutes were accepted as amended. MCU.

3. Fiscal Report- Leigh Ann Gerardi

A. *Checking Account Report* – There were two expenses this month. One was our cell phone bill for 63.38, and the other was the reimbursement of \$37.78 to Mo for renewing the HCWA's website domain name. There were two deposits this month. An additional \$119 came from the Community Day Event, and Miami SWCD reimbursed us for the \$63.38 cell phone bill.

DEPOSITS:

12/17/2007	Elder-Beerman	Community Day Event	\$119.00
12/21/2007	Miami SWCD	Reimburse Cell Phone Bill	\$63.38

TOTAL DEPOSITS:

\$182.38

WITHDRAWALS:

CHECK #	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
131	12/6/2007	Milton Eichman	\$37.78
132	12/20/2007	AT&T Mobility	\$63.38

TOTAL WITHDRAWALS:

\$101.16

ENDING CASH BALANCE: \$8,298.18

B. *Miami SWCD / HCWA 319 Grant* – Leigh Ann made a Request for Payment on January 2nd for \$19,283.03 to cover expected expenses from January- April 31st of 2008.

TOTAL WITHDRAWALS: No expenditures were made this month: **\$0**

ENDING OEPA 319 Grant CASH BALANCE:

\$86.11

4. Report of Officers and Director

A. *OEPA 319 grant Update* – Leigh Ann Gerardi attended a meeting at Dayton's OEPA District office regarding the 319 grant. She met Russ Gibson and learned what the EPA will be looking for in future grant opportunities.

5. Report of Standing Committees –

A. *Fund Raising Committee* – Leigh Ann had received an email regarding the next "Community Days" Elder-Beerman coupon sales. We have already been registered for the March 1st sales event, due to the success we had last year. The HCWA earned \$749 from the last event including individual sales and sales accrued on the day of the event at the door and cashier sales. Dawn made a motion that we participate in this next event, seconded by Holly. MCU. Holly mentioned that the Fairfield Mall was doing something similar. Leigh Ann said she will follow up on it.

6. Report of Working Groups –NONE

7. Old Business –

A. *Honey Creek Catering and MOU.* - Mo Eichman stated that Art chin is in agreement with the revised MOU. Leigh Ann reminded us that we should be advertising for him at our events like the watershed festival, and need to get a brochure from him.

B. *Participation in the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant* - Leigh Ann spoke to Bob Jurick regarding our responsibilities for this \$1 million grant. He stated we would need to come up with 1-3 targeted properties for attaining conservation easements, fee simple purchases, or areas in need of restoration. We would also need letters of participation from them. Silver Lake and surrounding properties may be candidates for this grant. Leigh Ann thought there might be some timing issues if our 319 grant and the NAWCA grant were to be administered at the same time, otherwise it sounds like it would be a good grant to participate in. She will attend their next meeting on 1-11-08 to find out more.

7. New Business

A. *Membership dues and invoices (invoice money is due to Miami SWCD by May 31st!)-*

Leigh Ann plans on presenting to Monroe and Bethel townships and would like a board member to attend. She and Linda Raterman have been updating the HCWA's power point presentation. Leigh Ann will set up meetings with Mo, Holly and these townships. Leigh Ann is also working on getting the renewal notices and invoices out to our current members as well.

Mo received notification that the City of Vandalia is joining at the \$2000 level. This amount qualifies for an ODNR match. Leigh Ann will follow up with Cathy Armocida and Cory Kinnision (who replaced John Geiger) with Huber Heights regarding their membership and participation on the board.

Holly suggested that we increase the life time supporter amount for corporations to more than \$1000, as it is not as much money for them as it would be for an individual. It was decided to put that recommendation back to the fund raising (or membership) committee for further review and recommendation

B. *Watershed Academy* - Leigh Ann stated that the current academy started over a month ago and would like to attend the academy in the fall to reduce her work load at this time.

C. *Honey Creek Watershed Festival* – Leigh Ann has set up a preliminary meeting, 1-14-08 at 10am, with the Park District staff to start working on this year's festival. She has also secured donations from the VIP's to supply all the materials and staffing for this year's children's photo shoot.

Cinda Hanbuch-Pinkerton asked Leigh Ann for any possible donations from the HCWA for this year's festival. She has additional children that the Park District will have to pay for this year's Slug Festival and may need some of the Park District's watershed festival budget to pay for these extra children. Leigh Ann agreed to approach corporations for additional donations to try to help out.

Cinda also stated that she is short staffed this year and is concerned about their participation with the festival. Leigh Ann proposed that she could coordinate the festival if enough people, including her staff, volunteered to help with the details of the tasks, as neither agency has much time.

D. *Tillage Plot Test Results* – Leigh Ann received a production percentage chart of the differences between no-till and till crop yields from the Miami SWCD. She thought it was good information for the association to use when approaching local farmers to use BMP's.

E. *Signing of the Code of Ethics Form* – The Board witnessed Leigh Ann Gerardi signing the Code of Ethics form.

9. Miscellaneous – Leigh Ann attended a meeting on the 2008 Clean Sweep with Linda Raterman and Carol Wilson. She was asked to be responsible for the Tipp City to the Taylorsville dam portion of the river. Leigh Ann is going to ask for a \$500 donation from the Miami Conservancy district for supplies.

10. Discussion – Mo asked for a motioned to adjourn, Holly made the motion and George seconded. MCU.

11. Adjournment – 4:15pm

**Next Board Meeting:
February 14, 2008
2:30pm-4:00pm at Sullivan Rd.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Ron Jackson, HCWA Secretary