

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of:) Case No. CI-169195
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RENO BEACH/HOWARD FARMS CONSERVANCY DISTRICT) JUDGE DEAN MANDROS
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) <u>ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTORS</u>
) <u>FOR THE YEAR 2021</u>
Petitioner.)
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Petitioner, Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District, pursuant to R.C. 6101.66, hereby submits the Annual Report of Directors for the year 2021.

The Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District encompasses approximately 2,100 acres of land located on the south shore of Lake Erie, approximately fifteen miles east of Toledo, Ohio. The boundaries of the District extend between the mouth of Cooley Creek on the west and Wards canal on the east with a lake frontage of approximately 15,400 feet. Much of the area was

originally subject to overflow but the original developers/owners rendered it buildable by constructing protective works along the boundary streams and the lakefront and providing for internal drainage via ditches and pumping facilities. As a result, a large number of residences have, over the years, been constructed within and upon the boundaries of the District and its protective works.

The original flood control works were constructed by local interest beginning in 1902 and extending to 1943. Governmental assistance was provided in 1973 when the Corps of Engineers launched a large-scale effort to provide protection against flooding along the shore of Lake Erie. This program, which was termed "Operation Foresight," was initiated by the Corps to protect against flooding which had occurred and was likely to reoccur as a result of the then historically high level of Lake Erie. At that time, temporary dikes were constructed by the Corps of Engineers at an approximate cost of \$3.5 million dollars in the separate Conservancy Districts which had been established pursuant to Orders of this Court as the Lake Erie Conservancy District No. 1 and the Howard Farms Conservancy District. These temporary improvements were funded solely with federal dollars. For several years, those Conservancy Districts separately funded the ongoing maintenance which the temporary dikes required within their boundaries. In spite of their efforts, the high and often windswept waters of Lake Erie nonetheless remained a constant threat.

A permanent dike was completed during the calendar year 1993. Although designed to be permanent, the dike requires continued inspection and maintenance. Pursuant to Order of this Court, the two Conservancy Districts were united in 1993. Thereafter, the constituent Conservancy District exercises sole responsibility for the inspection and maintenance of the dike and other flood control devices.

Pursuant to notice duly made in the Suburban Press, the Board of Directors held six (6) regular meetings for the District during the year 2021. The meetings of January 11, 2021, March 8, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 12, 2021, September 13, 2021 and November 8, 2021 were held at Jerusalem Township Hall.¹

The Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District maintains one fund pursuant to Revised Code Section 6101.44(D) and that fund is the maintenance fund. Appropriations from the Maintenance Fund for the year 2021 were as follows:

1A1	Director Fees		\$1,500.00
1A2	Secretary/Treasurer		\$6,000.00
1A3	Employees Withholding		\$3,000.00
	a. Ohio Public Employees		
	Retirement System	\$2,000.00	
	b. IRS 941-Medicare	\$1,000.00	
1A4	Utilities		\$16,000.00
	a. Electric	\$15,000.00	
	b. Phone/Internet	\$1,000.00	
1A5	Maintenance		\$84,500.00
	a. Lot Maintenance	\$3,000.00	
	b. Pumping Fees	\$1,500.00	
	c. Emergency	\$50,000.00	
	d. Pump Repair	\$20,000.00	
	e. Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	
	f. Ditch Project.....	\$3,000.00	
	g. Ditch Maintenance	\$5,000.00	
1A6	Insurance		\$1,500.00
	a. Bond	\$500.00	
	b. General Liability	\$1,000.00	
1A7	Workers Compensation		\$1,000.00
1A8	Other Expenses		\$14,050.00
	a. News Media	\$1,000.00	
	b. Assessment Expenses	\$2,000.00	
	c. Assessment Tax	\$1,000.00	
	d. Audit	\$5,000.00	
	e. OSCODA Dues	\$50.00	
	f. Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	
1A9	Legal Counsel		\$20,000.00
1A10	Contracts		\$0.00
1A11	Supplies		\$1,000.00

¹ Minutes of all regular meetings are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit A.

1A12	Dike Expenses		\$53,000.00
	a. Maintenance	\$50,000.00	
	b. Repair	\$1,000.00	
	c. Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	
1A13	Pump Project		<u>\$74,000.00</u>
	Total Appropriations		<u>\$201,550.00</u>

FISCAL REPORT:

I. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

RECEIPTS:

Income	\$74,338.96	
Interest and Dividend Income	\$482.18	
Donation Income	<u>\$249.99</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$75,071.13</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Uncategorized		0.00
1A1 Directors' Fees	\$1,499.94	
1A2 Secretary/Treasurer Wages	\$5,313.00	
1A3 Employees Withholding:		
a. Ohio Public Employees		
Retirement	\$1,453.51	
b. IRS 941 Medicare	\$345.01	
1A4 Utilities:		
a. Electric for pumps	\$17,545.47	
b. Phone (Spectrum)	\$833.76	
1A5 Maintenance:		
a. Lot Maintenance	\$1,170.00	
b. Pumping Fees	\$484.34	
c. Emergency	0.00	
d. Pump Repair	\$1,298.00	
e. Miscellaneous	\$1,072.00	
f. Ditch Project	\$0.00	
g. Ditch Maintenance	\$49.00	
1A6 Insurance:		
a. Bond	\$126.00	
b. Directors Liability	\$374.00	
1A7 Workers Compensation	\$263.00	

1A8	Other Expenses:	
	a. News Media	\$47.88
	b. Assessment Expenses	\$0.00
	c. Assessment Tax	\$138.86
	e. OSCODA Dues	0.00
	f. Miscellaneous	\$743.76
	g. Credit Cards	0.00
	h. Petty Cash	\$16.22
1A9	Legal Counsel	\$3,711.25
1A10	Contracts	\$0.00
1A11	Office Supplies	\$421.82
1A12	Dike Expenses:	
	a. Maintenance	\$61,500.00
	b. Repair	\$0.00
	c. Miscellaneous	\$0.00
1A13	Pump Project	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total Disbursements ²	<u>\$98,406.82</u>

II. RECONCILIATION WITH DEPOSITORY

Receipts	\$ 75,071.13
Disbursements	<u>98,406.82</u>
Total Revenue Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(\$23,335.69)
Fund Cash Balance January 1, 2021	<u>165,404.33</u>
Ending Cash Balance December 31, 2021	<u>\$142,068.64</u>

All Funds were deposited with year-end balances, as follows:

Croghan Colonial Bank (checking account)	\$ 25,456.09
Star Ohio Bank	116,545.32
Petty Cash	<u>67.23</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$142,068.64</u>

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District

By: 
Elvis Shepherd, Chairman

² Itemized Categories Report attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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