

Reno Beach / Howard Farms Conservancy District

Regular Meeting

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 6, 2025

At 7:00, Mr. Hoff called the meeting to order.

Members present: Holly Szuch, Adam Hoff, Elvis Shepherd

Also present: James Boothby, Mark Sattler

Video: John Hoopingarner

Election of officers

Mrs. Szuch motioned to nominate Mr. Shepherd as chairman, Mrs. Szuch as vice-chairman and Mr. Hoff as alternate.

Mr. Hoff seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

Motion and Resolution

Mr. Hoff motioned to levy the annual maintenance assessment for the year 2025, for the total sum of \$75,000.00.

Mrs. Szuch seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

Minutes

The minutes from the November 11, 2024 meeting were e-mailed to each director for review.

Mr. Shepherd asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the November 11, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hoff stated that he emailed additions and corrections to the secretary and those items are included in the final copy.

Mrs. Szuch motioned to approve the minutes as submitted.

Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

Treasurer Report

Mr. Shepherd asked for the reading of the treasurer's report. Report was read.

Mr. Hoff motioned to approve the report as read.

Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

Warrants

Mr. Shepherd asked if there were any bills to be paid.

Yes, there are bills that require payment.

Mr. Hoff motioned to approve the warrants.

Mrs. Szuch seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

List of warrants to follow.

Secretary Report

The secretary explained that she put the final 2024 expenditure sheet and the new 2025 expenditure sheet under the secretary report tab.

The treasurer mentioned that she wanted to add additional subcategories to the permanent appropriations for 2025. Category 1A1 Director Fees will now have subcategories of 1A1A Director Fee and 1A1B Appraisers. Category 1A4 Utilities will also have subcategory 1A4C Website. Category 1A9 will have subcategories 1A9A General Legal Counsel and 1A9B Official Planning Legal Counsel. Mr. Hoff suggested that the board place an appropriation of \$1,800.00 in category 1A1B for payment to the board of appraisers.

Mr. Hoff motioned to accept the permanent appropriations with the modifications to add \$1,800.00 to 1A1B for the board of appraisers, which changes the total appropriation for 2025 to \$186,970.00.

Mrs. Szuch seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Hoopingarner stated that we will need to ask the current Board of Appraisers if they would like to continue on the board, or they would like to be removed. Once we get confirmation, Mr. Hoopingarner will submit a motion to the court to remove the existing members and make a recommendation to add the new members. Mr. Shepherd suggested that if the current board of appraiser members wish to continue on the board of appraisers, that we get a current bio on the member. Mr. Hoopingarner said he can submit the board of appraisers along with the annual report if the conservancy board gets their recommendations ready as soon as possible. Mr. Hoff stated that he would like to reach out to the current members as soon as possible instead of waiting for the next board meeting. Mrs. Szuch said she could reach out to Mr. Gray and the secretary can reach out to Mr. Dolt and report back to the board of directors.

Mrs. Szuch made a motion that the board of directors vote to make a recommendation to the court for Mark Sattler to be on the board of appraisers for the open seat.

Mr. Hoff seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

JTWP Emergency Director Report

Mr. Parasiliti was not present at the meeting to give his report.

Dike Maintenance Report

Mrs. Szuch said she will keep an eye on the Cooley station.

Mr. Shepherd asked if Mrs. Szuch has received a quote from Bomyea for 2025. Mrs. Szuch has not but will be in contact with Roy. Mr. Shepherd said to find out soon in case the board needs to get other quotes.

Mrs. Szuch asked about the float being replaced and Mr. Hoff said that it has been replaced, and everything is in working order again. Mr. Hoff stated that he will contact TAS because the pump was not running and the lights were not on.

Mr. Hoff asked Mr. Shepherd to record the ODNR report. Mr. Shepherd said that he would get it done.

Committee Reports / Old Business

Website update – Mr. Hoff said he is waiting to hear of any additional information that the board would like to add or change. Mr. Hoff does have the website up to date other than that.

Mr. Hoff said that he has not heard formally from the Lake Erie Commission Funding application. Mr. Hoff said that he is applying for \$145,500.00 through the Lake Erie Commission for cleaning and repairing of levees. Mr. Hoff stated that The Water Resource Development Act from December 2024 was approved, and we were awarded \$3.2M with the funds filtered through the Army Corp of Engineers to enhance the levee sites.

Lucas County Engineers came out and cleared out the wet well at the Toulon pumping station and we should be receiving a bill on that.

Mr. Shepherd clarified that there is one grant being worked on. Mr. Hoff said yes, but it is in different segments. Mr. Shepherd asked about the \$3.2 M being awarded. Mr. Hoff said it is waiting for President Biden to sign the approval.

New Business

Mr. Shepherd said that he received information about the Building Resilient Infrastructures in Communities (BRIC) through FEMA. Mr. Hoff said that we would need to reach out to our representative and let them know that we are interested in. Mr. Hoff thinks looking at the Ward's canal project makes the most sense. Mr. Hoff asked the secretary to reach out to the auditor's office to get property values. There are 1200 to 1400 properties affected in the township. The pre-application is due January 31, 2025. Mr. Hoff said this may be more than one person can handle and that we may have to reach out for help. Mr. Hoff stated he has never done one of these but is willing to get more information.

Mr. Hoff made a motion to as a board pursue the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant through the Ohio EMA and for the Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities Grant and as part of that, communication be diligent through email for either the construction funding or the project scoping funding.

Mrs. Szuch seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Mr. Shepherd, yes Mr. Hoff, yes Mrs. Szuch, yes

Motion carried

Correspondence

The secretary stated that she received a letter from the Toledo Edison about the ready for the Cooley pump station.

Mr. Sheperd opened the meeting for general discussion.

There were no questions.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Hoff moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Mrs. Szuch seconded the motion. There were no objections, the motion carried at 8:32 pm.

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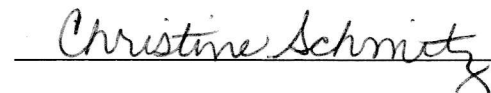
Elvis Shepherd, Chairman



Holly Szuch, Vice-Chairman



Adam Hoff, Alternate



Christine Schmitz, Secretary/Treasurer