

Turkey Creek Dike and Dam Conservancy District Board of Directors Meeting

2nd Quarter Friday April 24th at 3:00 pm, WACF Education Center

Chairman Pipp welcomed members of the public, Deb Patterson and John Heckman

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm

Chairman Pipp introduced Brad Quinn to fulfill the remainder of Carolyn Anderson's term for district 5. A motion was made by Jim Silcox to appoint Brad to the vacant board seat for district 5 for the balance of the term. The motion was seconded by Todd Mikel and unanimously approved. Brad was then sworn in by attorney, David Hollenbeck.

The board then unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Minutes from the 1st quarter meeting were presented and reviewed. Todd Mikel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and that was seconded by Jim Silcox. There were no further discussions and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial consultant, Ross Hagan, Baker Tilly Confirmed receipt of all financial statement's approval signatures YTD 3/31/26. Our year-to-date fund balance is \$474,829. We have very, very little year-to-date operating receipts, our year-to-date operating disbursements is \$13,275. We also have another tax check coming in June, which will be about \$160,000.

A discussion on moving most of the funds (300,000) balance to a CD type investment to accelerate growth ensued for several minutes. Ross offered to research and recommend the best options between private and or state sponsored investment instruments. By the end of May. A motion was made by Judy Roberts to approve Ross Hagan's research to identify and recommend the best financial investment option for our funds. Ross recommended holding back at least \$100,000 in case the funds are needed. The motion was seconded by Jim Silcox and unanimously approved.

Attorney, David Hollenbeck discussed a DNR request for our complete set of historical records since theirs are incomplete. A motion was made by Jim Silcox and seconded by Judy Roberts to allow the board members to collaborate and assemble and submit

copied of all records to Bella Foster at the DNR. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. David Hollenbeck will take the lead in gathering the documents.

Chairman Pipp updated the board on the engineering aspects of the flood control structure. All repairs and maintenance have been completed by Advance Diving and approved. Due to high water levels last fall, there is still a small area that needs the final coat of sealer applied. This will be attempted again this fall when the water levels allow. Standard cleaning and maintenance are scheduled for the fall of 2026.

Guest, John Heckman of Sudlow's Pier Shop and member of the county Drainage Board, lead a discussion on proposed dredging of Turkey Creek north of the spillway. Some facts: there is a 75-foot setback from creeks & ditches to allow for county dredging and clearing. The county collects 10cents per acre and can collect up to \$62,500 annually capped at \$250,000. The fund is currently \$290,000. The county is proposing dredging and cleaning Turkey Creek from the Syracuse spillway all the way to Milford. John is working with all government partners to gain approval. If this project proceeds, we can expect better flow rates north of the spillway. Ultimately John would prefer that the TOS erect a new bridge on Henry Street which is currently a choke point for accelerated drainage.

Under Old Business, Jim Silcox reported that all water level, flow rate and rain gauges are operating and feeding data to the latest conditions report on the TCDDCD website. Jim is working with Alan Tehan from Technical Services to install cameras at the spillway to enable live streaming on the website. Two cameras were purchased and a third 360-degree camera is being researched for testing above the spillway to offer better views. Alan's team here-to-fore has completed several much-needed projects all free of charge. The camera project involves significant time and so we are looking at some related expenses around \$6000 to cover materials, labor and wiring. Jim also shared a drawing showing positioning of the cameras and an official State Staff gauge to mark current water level against the mandated DNR high and low limits. The board agreed to cover these expenses.

Jim reported that BCS is delivering against their scope of work. They wrote and posted several blogs and articles in the month of March. Traffic on the website is up including New users at 774 up 8.7%, Sessions at 1061 up 23.8% and views at 1207 up 12.1%. While is mostly good news, the data still includes bot activities which we cannot get rid of.

Under old business, Bill Pipp reported: It looks like all of our insurance is going to be approved. And it doesn't look like we're going to get any increases, for our officers' insurance or dam liability insurance. We got ahead of it this year, and we're no longer in the wholesale market where we have a broker and a company. The cameras and live streaming might also allow for a reduction in premiums.

There was also a brief discussion on whether or not we should finish the dike project by installing glacial rock as originally proposed. Bill Pipp will check with Bella Foster for her recommendation.

The board agreed to schedule the 3rd quarter meeting Friday August 7, 2026, at WACF Education Center.

A motion was made by Judy Roberts seconded by Todd Mikel to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.