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TO: Joint Board of Fulton and Lucas County Commissioners
Attn: Judy Balogh, Clerk

FROM: Mike Pniewski, P.E., P.S., Lucas County Engineer

SUBJECT: **2024 ANNUAL JOINT DITCH CONDITION REPORT AND ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Honorable Commissioners,

In accordance with Section 6137.06 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the annual report is hereby submitted on ditches which were improved under Sections 6131.01 to 6131.64 of the ORC. Our recommendations for maintenance and required assessments are given below.

Schmitz Ditch #424 – (Recommend assessment of \$50,000 to be collected in 2025) During Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD) annual inspection, the lower mile of ditch is noted with erosion issues. The issues present are bank instability due to flow against the toe of ditch, bank erosion on outside bends, concentrated surface water flow into ditch, and improper outlet extensions. Spraying methods to maintain vegetation regrowth is also recommended.

Ballard Petition #888 – (Recommend assessment of \$40,000 to be collected in 2025) During LSWCD annual inspection, they recommend bottom-dipping of the entire length of the petitioned ditch. Due to the high cost of the proposed work, collection should occur over a two-year period. Vegetation management through spraying is also recommended.

Beecher Ditch #1866 - (Recommend no assessment in 2025) During LSWCD annual inspection, it was noted that vegetation management through spraying is recommended.

Bench-Haggerman Ditch #1917 – (Recommend assessment of \$30,000 for 2025) During LSWCD annual inspection, the upper section of ditch is noted with erosion issues. The issues present are bank instability due to flow against the toe of ditch, bank erosion on outside bends, concentrated surface flow into ditch, and improper outlet extensions. Vegetation management through spraying is also recommended.

Total recommended assessments for 2025 is \$120,000.

Very respectfully,

Approval of Annual Joint Ditch Report by the Lucas County Engineer

June 25, 2024

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