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Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District is now the Licking Regional Water District

District Adds Two Additional Trustees

LICKING COUNTY – The Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District is now the Licking Regional Water District, following today’s approval by the Licking County Court of Common Pleas. Along with the name change, the court approved an expansion of the district’s Board of Trustees, adding a representative from Jersey Township and an at-large member, both of whom will begin their terms in January.

The district will initiate rebranding efforts immediately, aiming to complete the transition to its new name by early 2025. This change reflects the district’s commitment to supporting regional growth and ensuring inclusive representation across its expanding service area.

“The court’s approval affirms our board’s vision of strategic service expansion that meets the needs of our customers and aligns with the rapid development in Licking County,” said Jim Roberts, executive director of the Licking Regional Water District. “The updated board structure, coupled with our new name, reinforces our mission to provide excellent service and grow in tandem with the communities we serve. We are focused on a smooth transition and are excited to embark on this new chapter.”

The governance update incorporates additional structural changes to strengthen accountability and representation:

- Jersey Township will join Etna and Harrison townships and the City of Pataskala as appointing authorities.
- The district’s service area will expand to include Jersey Township.
- Future trustees must reside within the district and be eligible for district services, with eligibility restrictions on holding elected office or employment with appointing authorities.
- Etna, Harrison, Jersey and Pataskala appointees will serve four-year terms, while the at-large member will serve a two-year term.

These enhancements are part of the district's strategic efforts to align its name, governance, and services with the growth and needs of Licking County.

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