

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
December 18, 2018**

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman
Wayne McKeever, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Gellner, Vice-Chairman
Audra Cunningham, Member
Holly Morgan, Member
Patricia Thomas, Members

Others Present

Katie Fitzsimmons, NRCS
Jon Wilson, Forestry
Lori Cochran, UOCD/WVCA District Manager
Mark Peoscek, Antero
Shanti Amos, DEP
David Shipman, UOCD/NPCD
Terri Tyler, Wetzel Co. SWA
Nedia Cyran, DEP

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lease

Mark Peoscek discussed a proposed lease for royalties on shop property. No action taken at this time.

DEP

Shanti Amos presented DEP programs and information as attached.

Meeting Minutes

Gellner made the motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

Gellner made a motion to file the financial report for audit. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Gellner made a motion that UOCD bills be paid as funds permit and coordinated by office staff. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Funding Request

Supervisor Reports

McKeever – Attended the RC&D meeting. Attended the Envirothon meeting. More educational resources are out to the schools and 4-H clubs and creating interest for new teams. Attended the UOCD recognition dinner and had multiple conversations with people on the phone concerning UOCD business.

Gellner – Attended RC&D meeting. They are looking hard at their financial situation and trying to improve it. Attended the UOCD recognition dinner.

Cunningham – Attended the UOCD recognition dinner and gave the information for the trailer to PRT.

Morgan- Attended the UOCD recognition dinner and helped create the power point for that. Made updates to the Facebook page.

Thomas- Touched based with Lori Franks, a teacher at school, about the Envirothon competition. They are still interested in getting a team together. Talked to Tyler Rod and Gun about using the Buffalo Run Site for our Envirothon practice. April 5th is a good day for that. She attended the UOCD recognition dinner.

Rush – Attended a Tree ID meeting, has the check for Rails to Trails from RC&D, received the debit card, attended the UOCD Recognition/Christmas dinner.

NRCS

Katie reviewed NRCS recent events along with the attached report. Introduced David Shipman as the new employee.

WVCA Report

Kim Fisher provided the attached written report.

Forestry

Jon Wilson provided the report on Forestry events as attached.

Solid Waste Authority

Terri Tyler covered the attached report. Wetzel SWA is averaging 6000 pounds of recyclables per week.

AgEP

McKeever made a motion to approve payment of \$1500 for S. Meckley EF practice. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

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Certificate of Deposit

Tabled to next meeting.

Barrels

Allen to check on price of delivery and confirm barrel price. We will split load with NPCD. Approved to order truck load if barrels plus shipping totals not more than \$15 each by a motion by Cunningham and seconded by Morgan.

Envirothon Practice/Location

UOCD will hold the Envirothon Practice on at Buffalo Run site on Sellers road.

Policy & Procedure Review

McKeever made a motion to approve the sexual Harassment “No Tolerance” and Safety/Loss Control policies as attached. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Facebook

Dinner photos was posted to page.

Trailer for Bed Layer

Gellner made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for PRT to construct a trailer with a metal bed to be used for transporting the raised bed layer. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Property Appraisal

Cunningham made a motion to have Dean Swartz appraise property located on 209 Wick Road. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Lime Spreader

Tabled

Employee Payroll

Officer Election

Cunningham made a motion for all officers to remain as is, with Rush as Chair, Gellner as Vice Chair and McKeever as Secretary/Treasurer. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Agreement

McKeever made a motion to approve agreement with Jim Fayad from Wetzel County. Gellner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Snow Removal

Supervisors will try to get interested parties to submit quotes.

Correspondence

Rush reviewed minor correspondence.

Adjournment

Cunningham made a motion to adjourn. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

All Supervisors completed Safe Driving training.

The next regular meeting will be January 15 at 5:30 pm, located at the UOCD office in Middlebourne.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, District Manager

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

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