

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
February 19, 2019**

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
Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager
Lori Cochran, UOCD/WVCA District Manager
David Shipman, UOCD/NPCD
Jennifer Kile, WVCA

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

Meeting Minutes

Cunningham made the motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes with a correction, PRT is now MOVTI. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

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

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

Funding Request

McKeever made a motion to donate \$50.00, program covers and door prizes to the Tyler Co Farm Bureau. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Gellner made a motion to pay sponsorship dues to LK RC&D. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Gellner made a motion to support the WVU Soils Team with \$100. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Supervisor Reports

McKeever – Envirothon meeting, Quarterly meeting and Ag Day at the Capitol. Speakers at the Quarterly meeting were well received. Mike Rechlen spoke on Maple Syrup production and is now tapping sycamore trees as well. Ronnie Helmondollar from WVU, more specific soil test. Feels districts need a soil tester. Commissioner spoke. NACD meeting in San Antonio. WVACD is working on quarterly meeting auction, bylaws, policy manual. July 15-16 at the Fairfield Inn at the Highlands. Have discontinued the webpage.

Gellner – Appraisal of property back.

Cunningham – Attended short course in Wood Co. on managing parasites in livestock. A class coming up on soil samples and understanding sample results with Tom Basden. Has been working with MOVTI on trailer design.

Morgan – Attended the quarterly meeting and Ag Day at the Capitol, sat in on the communications meeting, wrote an article for the newspaper on Ag Day.

Thomas – Gave forms for Area Scholarship to school counselors, FFA Advisors and was announced on school system. Met with Wayne and Jon for Envirothon Training. Working to get an Envirothon Team from Tyler County. Signed signature cards at LRFCU. Beef handling workshop with Steve Boyles, continuing education every two years BQA certification. Talked with Antero

Rush – Working to set up barrel purchase, viewed the trailer from MOVTI, getting bids on the lime spreader and spoke with Mark from Antero.

NRCS

Katie reviewed NRCS recent events along with the attached report.

WVCA Report

Kim Fisher reviewed the attached written report.

AgEP

Cunningham made a motion to approve payment for:

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Name	Practice	Amount	Practice ID
Maranda Huffman	PD Fence	\$1500.00	PD1667

Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Certificate of Deposit

Tabled to next meeting.

High Tunnel Field Day

McKeever made a motion to approve a budget up to \$500 for the UOCD/NRCS High Tunnel Field Day scheduled in April. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Barrels

Barrels will be delivered last week of March.

Envirothon Practice/Location

UOCD will hold the Envirothon Practice April 5 at the Tyler Rod & Gun Club at Shiloh.

Policy & Procedure Review

Cunningham made a motion to have meetings at 6:00 pm year-round. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion for election of officers to be held at the July Board of Supervisors meeting bi-annually with nominations accepted from the floor. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion for the following changes:

Directors will be appointed to the WVACD at the June meeting.

A County Conservation Farm winner will be selected from each county, with one being selected as the District winner that will be entered in the state competition upon the landowner's approval. Remove Summer Teachers Workshop. Remove \$100 awarded to the high scoring individual in the land judging, homesite and forestry competitions. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion to make changes to the verbiage for crew manager and Administrative Officer. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Facebook

Holly has added and shared several items.

Gellner made a motion to spend up to \$100 per year for boost on Facebook. McKeever seconded the motion.

Trailer for Bed Layer

McKeever made a motion to pay an addition \$200 to MOVTI upon completion of trailer. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Property Appraisal

Appraisal was received and reviewed by board.

Lime Spreader

Tabled

Lease

Tabled.

Snow Removal

Gellner made a motion to pay Danny Cochran for snow removal earlier in the month. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

New Building

Tabled

Audit

Tabled

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Stem Class

Checking for a classroom to hold it.

Conservation Agreement

Cunningham made a motion to approve agreement with Richard Brightwell from Tyler Co and Terrell Cozart from Wetzel County. Gellner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

District Personnel Plan

Cunningham made a motion to approve the District Personnel Plan. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Patricia Thomas will assume the responsibility of PEIA Coordinator.

Correspondence

Rush reviewed minor correspondence.

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be March 18 at 6:00 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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