

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
July 23, 2019**

Members Present

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

Others Present

Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager
Jennifer Kile, WVCA Conservation Specialist
David Shipman, UOCD/NPCD
Katie Fitzsimmons, NRCS Acting DC
Brent Lyons, Forestry
Terri Tyler, Wetzel Co. SWA
Ed Martin, WVCA Watershed via phone

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

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS –Fitzsimmons reviewed the attached report.

WVCA – Kim Fisher reviewed the attached report. Fisher also reported applications for Allen Rush Ex. Fence for \$1800.00 and Eric Cunningham, Lime for \$1738.50 had been approved by the WVCA.

Forestry Brent Lyons, filling in for Shaun Kuhn in Wetzel County. Closing out some logging jobs, 1 EQIP, timber recon. Helped with land judging contest. Sorry he couldn't help out with the field day. Fire control is light through the counties. Smokey attended the Drug Awareness Day. There was about 200 people there for that. The Tri - District Forestry Contest will be August 28 at Mountwood Park.

WVU Extension – None

SWA – Terri Tyler brought information for the Tyler SWA. Need to get a representative for Tyler County so funds can be put to good use.

Meeting Minutes

Gellner made the motion to approve the June Board Meeting Minutes with a correction. McKeever was not at the meeting to make any motions. Need to review and correct the Legislative Committee motion. Morgan 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. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Funding Request

Morgan made a motion to place a ½ page add in the Pleasants Co. Youth Fair Book. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – Attended the Rain Barrel Workshop. There was good attendance and felt it went well. Attended the RC&D meeting. They are renting greenhouse and garden spots to help raise money.

Cunningham – State police signed of on all paperwork necessary to get the title for the trailer, but the DMV says they need one more, so will need to go back to the same officer to get more forms signed.

Morgan – Canceled the STEM class at the college, rescheduled for September 14. Attended the quarterly meeting. Discussed invoice from Litman for porta john that was not delivered to the correct address and reduced to \$75. Created a new logo for the District, placed the need for snow removal on Facebook page. Sat in on communications call and conference with Laurie Andress for Food Dessert.

McKeever- July 8, communications meeting, July 9 SCC meeting, July 15 Quarterly meeting and net week will be in North Carolina with Envirothon. The Quarterly meeting on the 15 – 16 was good. Had a couple of tours that were good. Need to get bids for the first and second quarter meetings. Meeting dates will be Jan 21 – 22 at Flatwoods, April 20 – 21, July 20 – 21, and October 19 – 20 at Flatwoods. Still working on the By Laws. Kelly and Holly working on Facebook page. State Fair planning meeting, still spaces for Supervisors to man the display. Education committee EPCD Photos did well, and NPCD and EPCD posters did well. Water Resource – still working on dams, need long term commitment for dams.

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Farkas suggested developing committee for flooding issues, work with legislature on that. Five hundred million was spent on flooding in this state. Ag Day at the Capitol will be on Friday, January 31 with a breakfast. AgEP funding for reseeding spent \$72000 and reseeded 1200 acres.

Thomas Signed Checks, printed PEIA coupons & coordinated with Kenny to work on spreader, **Rush** – Resource committee 319 work in EPCD includes cleaning out septic. State wide field day is canceled. Had 12 Centennial Farm awards, 4 Sesquicentennial Far, awards and 1 Bicentennial Farm award. Senate bill 655 approved in SCC. Attended the Rain Barrel Workshop.

AgEP

Rush recused himself.

McKeever made a motion to approve the following applications:

John Furlong	IS	\$300.00		Stevie Young	IS	\$300.00
Doretta Rush	PD Fence	\$1800.00		James Slider	Ex. Fence	\$1500.00
Terrell Cozart	WS	\$1490.00		Richard Thomas	PD Fence	\$1800.00
Kevin VanCamp	UA	\$750.00		Wayne P Goddard	Lime	\$739.10
Kurt Grimes	Lime	\$1800.00		Terrell Cozart	IS	\$300.00
Greg Musgrave	IS	\$300.00		Kenneth Mercer	PD Fence	\$1800.00
Lori Cochran	Ex. Fence	\$660.00		James E Riggs	Lime	\$1483.50
Lori Cochran	PD Fence	\$600.00		Charles Musgrave	IS	\$300.00
Steven Anderson	WS	\$1450.00		Delbert Rush	PD Fence	\$1800.00
Terry Collins	Lime	\$1367.25		Kevin VanCamp	IS	\$291.56

Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed. Approval Total \$24,369.91 with Cunningham and Rush applications included.

Rush returned to the meeting.

Focused Conservation Approach

McKeever made a motion to approve the Focused Conservation Approach submitted by Katie Fitzsimmons. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Certificate of Deposit

Tabled.

Facebook

Covered in Supervisor reports.

Lease

Talked to Chris Blaire. Lease options with Antero are 14% True royalty or 18% market. \$5000 per acre, only for Marcellus.

Snow Removal

Tabled.

New Building

Tabled.

Roof for office

Work out a spec sheet to give when asking for bids.

Tyler SWA Representative

LOR SPRRP

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McKeever made a motion to submit a LOR SPRRP funds up to \$2500 and for the chairman to sign the agreement provided. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

State Field Day Refund

Cunningham made a motion to request return of funds. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Agreements

Cunningham made a motion to approve agreements for Paula Keplinger and James Slider.

Soil Health Field Day

Have a series of meetings some in wintertime and some outside.

Grant Writing Training

Morgan made a motion for Wayne to attend the training to be held for Grant Writing. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Farmer for 2020

McKeever made a motion for the District Farm Winner be entered in the State Competition in 2020. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

County Fairs/Exhibit

Need to see who can work when at the display.

Ag Day Change

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be August 20 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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