

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Middlebourne, WV  
May 21, 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

Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager via phone  
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA Conservation Specialist  
David Shipman, UOCD/NPCD  
Cindy Shreves, via phone

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

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS – Shipman reviewed the attached report.

WVCA – Kim Fisher reviewed the attached report.

Forestry – None

WVU Extension – None

SWA – Still going strong. Are paying 1/2 the cost of the rain barrels for the workshop.

Meeting Minutes

**McKeever made the motion to approve the April Board Meeting Minutes. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Financial Report

**Cunningham made a motion to file the financial report for audit. McKeever 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

**Supervisors Rush and Morgan recused themselves to discuss the request for funding from the Wetzel Co. Farmers Market.**

**Cunningham made a motion to donate \$100 to the WCFM. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Rush and Morgan rejoined the meeting.**

**McKeever made a motion to give \$200 to the WV Grazing Lands Steering Committee State Wide Field Day. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Supervisor Reports

**McKeever** – Conservation District Farm, David Clough for Tyler county. Call Tammi Burgstrem, Project WET, Sept. 12. 300 students, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>. She will do training Sept. 11 @ 1:00 pm, Mollohan. Holly & Wayne volunteer. Attended the quarterly meeting, still working on by laws. Policy manual possibly in October. Facebook page for Association by Kelly and Holly. July 15-16 is the next Quarterly meeting. October Quarterly meeting will be a three-day meeting. Having a meeting on the Future of Conservation, and NACD would like as many Supervisors as possible to attend. Working on Supervisor training. Brian plan will = \$ for supervisors through grant writing. Awards council meeting. Supervisors need to provide photo for ID cards. State Fair meeting. Clyde is working hard on this. Attended the High Tunnel Field Day. Envirothon update. Power Point replace the posters and also include middle schools. Working with the Moorefield team with further instruction. Attended the LWG meeting and the Land Judging Contest.

**Gellner** – Attended the AgEP meeting. UOCD Allocation is \$26000. Rule 655 is out for comment. Attended the CAT Meeting at Zoetis for Animal Health, new animal health medicine is mainly for companion animals.

**Cunningham** – BQA training, total of 54 attended. At least 15 from our District. Had very positive feedback, so look for more workshops. Attended the LWG Meeting. Had some really good program ideas. Sat in the Emergency Revegetation conference call and the Grazing Steering committee meeting. Need to look ahead 2-3 years for farm tour candidates. Districts need to be more involved with the process. State wide field day, August 3. Trailer back from the coaters and have licensing sheet is yet to be signed. Attended WIA in NPCD.

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**Morgan** – Sat in on the communications call. Stem for Master Gardner classes. Stem one day and Jr. Master Gardner the next. Boosted the Facebook page one time. Helped with land judging preparations and the Land Judging Contest.

**Thomas** – Picked up CD rates from Union Bank. Tried to get some interest in the Revegetation AgEP with no success. Attended the BQA in Richie County and promoted when possible to get more interested. Attended the High Tunnel Workshop. Felt the tour was very educational. Good selection for the CSA and speakers were very knowledgeable. Attended the LWG meeting. Very productive meeting. Feel the winter feeding and stockpiling are very good ideas. Had Jon Wilson to the farm to plan the Forestry Workshop. Jon will take care of all equipment and cutting. Placed several flyers about the event. Handed out the Area Scholarship Award at the Sr. Awards Ceremony yesterday. Had a photo taken for the Facebook page and the newsletter. Went to the Court House for oath of office. Took the Supervisor training and printed the PEIA for payment.

**Rush** – Attended the District Land Judging Contest. Picked up the new lime spreader and delivered to the shop. Need to take photos of the items for the Scholarship Auction at the Quarterly Meeting. Changed scholarship from \$500 to \$1000.

AgEP

**Gellner made a motion to approve payments as follows:**

Smith, Edith	Pasture Division Fence	\$1500.00	PD1716
McDiffitt, Anthony	Pasture Division Fence	\$1500.00	PD1714
Meckley, Gerald	Pasture Division Fence	\$1325.00 payment pending receipts	PD1665
Tuttle, Alfred	Urban Ag	\$750.00	UA165
<b>Total approved</b>		<b>\$5075.00</b>	

**McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Rush recused himself for discussion on practice cancelations.**

**McKeever made a motion to cancel the following practices:**

Strickleand, J. Paul	Lime	\$750.00	Lime5980
Jones, Robert	Lime	\$375.00	Lime5979
Fayad, Michael	PD Fence	\$1500.00	PD1713
Shinn, Clay	Watering System	\$1380.00	WS2907
Grimes, Keith	Watering System	\$1200.00	WS2905
Anderson, Steven	Watering System	\$1450.00	WS2904
Rush, Allen	Watering System	\$1200.00	WS2851
<b>Total canceled</b>		<b>\$7855.00</b>	

**Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Rush rejoined the meeting.**

**Gellner made a motion to extend the completion deadline to 4:00 pm, June 14.**

**Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Certificate of Deposit

Morgan made a motion to table to next meeting. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Facebook

Covered in Supervisor reports.

Trailer for Bed Layer

Covered in Supervisor reports.

Lime Spreader

Covered in Supervisor reports.

Lease

No new activity.

District Farm Selection

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McKeever made a motion to select David Clough as the District Farm Winner. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

New Building  
Tabled.

Audit  
**Gellner made a motion to accept audit as submitted. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Legislative Committee Representative  
**Gellner made a motion for whoever is the WVACD District representative sit on this committee, and in that person's absence, the alternate would then sit in their place. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Conservation Agreements

Expression of Interest Template  
Tabled.

Correspondence  
None

Adjournment  
**Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**  
**The next regular meeting will be June 24 at 6:00 pm, located at the UOCD office in Middlebourne.**

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, District Manager

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Signature of Chairman

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Signature of Secretary

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Date

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