

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
June 24, 2019**

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman
Patricia Thomas, Members
Bill Gellner, Vice-Chairman
Audra Cunningham, Member
Holly Morgan, Member

Others Present

Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager
Jennifer Kile, WVCA Conservation Specialist
David Shipman, UOCD/NPCD
Jon Wilson, Forestry

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

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS – Shipman reviewed the attached report. **Morgan made a motion to write up a request for Shipman to attend Conservation Boot Camp training September 10 – 26. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

WVCA – Kim Fisher reviewed the attached report.

Forestry – Had the Forestry Field Day at Patricia Thomas' farm. It was a good day for it. Allowed a couple of the attendees get a little experience cutting. It was good training for them as well. This allows one of the DNR employees be considered a sawyer when they are fighting fires out west. Completed grape vine removal for Kirk Hadley and brush management on the Thomas farm. Prices are all over the place in the timber industry right now. We should investigate the Progressive Farm Safety Day.

WVU Extension – None

SWA – Staying busy. They are going to have tire collection in Wetzel County. Up to 8 tires allowed to anyone that holds a WV drivers license. We still need to look for a Representative for Tyler County SWA.

Meeting Minutes

Cunningham made the motion to approve the May Board Meeting Minutes with a correction. The licensing form has yet to be signed. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

Cunningham made a motion to offer Everett Harris an opportunity to pay a reduced bill of \$754.70 by the 24th of July. If he does not pay by that date, it will go back to the original amount. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

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

None.

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – Wayne & Bill attended the open meeting on Conservation Grants. Nothing was proposed that really changed the administrative process that he could see. There will be a teleconference July 2 for committee to look at comments. There will be a RC&D meeting June 27.

Cunningham – Had the Ohio River Sweep June 15. About 42 showed up to help. Attended the Forestry Workshop. Made contacts for the roof.

Morgan – Worked with the college to add the second day of the Stem training. Going to push it on Facebook and place in the paper again. Talked to Jim Fayad about his AgEP. District page reached 1169 and had 9 likes. State page is going well. Helped with the regional land judging.

Thomas – Provided a photo for ID along with the photo release, picked up copies of the AgEP applications and handed out; posted Forestry flyers at various locations. Printed the PEIA coupon, Spoke with a landowner about the Weed Wiper problem. Made a phone call about a roof bid. Worked with Lauren on the Forestry site and brought items for the auction basket.

Rush – Old spreader is still not down. Bought more tools for the office. Rain barrel workshop is tomorrow night.

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AgEP

Morgan made a motion to approve for payment:

Jon DuMars	UA156	\$627.65
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Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Rush Recused himself.

Morgan made a motion to approve the following for payment:

Mark Bailey	Lime5796	\$317.00	James Riggs	WS2906	\$1,350.00
Kenneth Mercer	Lime6060	\$493.00	Lori Cochran	PD1668	\$605.00
William Baker	PS524	\$300.00	Richard Thomas	Lime5798	\$1,250.00
			Keith Grimes	IS2086	\$159.98
Chase Bartrug	Lime5797	\$1,077.75	Charles Musgrave	IS2059	\$300.00
Robert Forrester	Lime5977	\$487.50	Adam Forrester	Lime5978	\$1,500.00
Terrell Cozart	IS2085	\$99.99	Allen Rush	IS2062	\$299.94
Dorretta Rush	PD1669	\$990.00	Diann Wykert	IS2055	\$279.96
Dorretta Rush	IS2061	\$299.94	Stevie Young	IS2054	\$181.34
Brenda Napier	PD1715	\$493.75	Robert S. Goddard	WS2847	\$1,500.00

Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Rush returned to the meeting and Cunningham recused herself.

Morgan made a motion to approve the following for payment:

Cunningham	Lime5976	\$1500.00
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Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed. Total payment approvals = \$14,112.80

Cunningham rejoined the meeting.

Gellner made a motion to accept the following cancelations:

Delbert Rush	WS2849	\$600.00	Lisa Sidenstricker	UA164	\$750.00
Joseph Smith	IS2084	\$300.00	Joseph Smith	EF1421	\$1,200.00
David Price	WS2848	\$740.00	John Furlong	IS2056	\$300.00
Larry Casto	Lime6063	\$642.50	Richard Brightwell	WS2850	\$1,500.00
Terry Collins	Lime6061	\$1,500.00	Amanda Spencer	Lime5794	\$1,500.00
Greg Westbrook	IS2058	\$300.00	Kenneth Matheny	Lime5795	\$1,313.50
Kenneth Thomas	Lime5982	\$578.25	Kenneth Thomas	Lime5981	\$921.75
Terrell Cozart	Lime6062	\$256.50	Rebecca Stillwagoner	PS525	\$456.80

Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed. Total cancelations = \$12,859.30

Certificate of Deposit
Tabled.

Facebook

Covered in Supervisor reports.

Lease

Morgan mad a motion for the chairman to sign the Agreement to Join the Central West Virginia Land Group with Bill Gellner to remain as the contact person. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

New Building

Tabled.

Roof for office

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

LOR FY18 Audit \$1850.00

Cunningham made a motion to submit a LOR for \$1850 to pay for the Audit invoice. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

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LOR FY20 Support

Gellner made a motion to submit LOR's as follows:

Quarter	LOR Total
1	\$33082.00
2	\$16692.00
3	\$16691.00
4	\$12668.00

Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

LOR FY20 AgEP

Morgan made a motion to submit a LOR for AgEP funds in the amount of \$26000.

Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Policy Manual for EWP

State Fair Rack Cards

Morgan made a motion to purchase 1000 rack cards. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Agreements

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

Equipment Maintenance

Cunningham made a motion to pay \$22.50 per hour for equipment maintenance. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Snow Removal

Still searching for snow removal for the office.

Lime Spreader

Cunningham made a motion to pay for the parts and waive the usage fee for R. Forrester for the work they performed on the spreader during rental. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

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. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Weed Wiper

Still not working.

Soil Health Field Day

Tabled.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be July 23 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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