

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
September 17, 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 via phone
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager
Lauren Hobbs, NRCS

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

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS –Hobbs reviewed the attached report.

WVCA – Kim Fisher reviewed the attached report.

Forestry – As attached.

WVU Extension – None

SWA – Supervisor Rush reported on Wetzel County SWA.

Meeting Minutes

McKeever made the motion to approve the July Board Meeting Minutes. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

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

Morgan 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 pay \$50 in WVCEC Dues. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – Attended the RC&D Meeting. Really nothing new. Dept. of Ag is trying to work on the building to upgrade it. It currently has water in the basement. Hal Powell trough is repaired. And received an email from the attorney about the lease.

Cunningham – Canceled the Rain Barrel Workshop in Ritchie County. Visited the farm of Bill and Sara Hyre upon request. They are pasturing hogs. Seems to be working out well.

Morgan – trained with DEP and worked the Water Festival Project WET that was held for all 5th graders in Wetzel County. Worked with Aimee Figgatt on the STEM Class.

McKeever- Trained and worked the Project WET activity for Wetzel County 5th graders. Interesting rotating stations lasting about 1/2 hour. Envirothon Meeting will be October 2. Teachers training September 30 at 10:00. Will be using power point in place of posters in the future. Making changes to the test to update and match the requirements of the national level. Holding a training meeting at the WVCA meeting in October and also in January. Need more supervisors to attend. Training on computers is on its way. Have been working on the quarterly meeting. Did get a WVU speaker to do drone demo. Looking for a day in February to hold Ag Day at the Capitol.

Thomas Had the rain barrel picked up by the winner at the Tyler County Fair. Got the brochure out to the teachers and actively promoted Envirothon. Same with STEM workshop and the AgEP applications to area farmers. The spreader and weed wiper are fixed. Tried to contact Charlie Leek again for snow removal. Contacted Billie Starkey to notify him he was the winner of the rain barrel in Wetzel County. Spoke with Carrie Gorrell about the 4-H Club. They have 15 members ages ranging from 12-16; none have an Agricultural background. Printed the PELIA and RHBTF Coupons for payment.

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Rush – Had a complaint about the cost of renting the lime spreader. Attended the Tri-District Forestry Contest. Six teams attended and Gilmer County won. Spoke with Bob Buchanan about hosting Envirothon Competition again and maybe hosting the quarterly meeting. Small scale sawmill that works; might be available to take out for demonstration if someone is interested in doing so. Littleton stream blockage has been removed.

AgEP

Patricia Thomas recused herself.

McKeever made a motion to approve the following applications:

David Clough	IS	\$300		Kenneth Thomas	Lime	\$1800
Jon DuMars	Urban Ag	\$750		Brian Weigle	Exclusion Fence	\$1800
Total applications						\$4650.00

Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Legislative Dinner Meeting

Will hold between October 28 and November 4, try to get the Sistersville Shriner’s Lodge.

Facebook

Posted the sign-up sheet. Reached roughly 600 people. Several things to be posted.

Lease

Is done. Received the check.

Snow Removal

Contacted Sam’s Lawn Service. No answer. Left a message.

Tyler SWA Representative

Cunningham made a motion to appoint Amy Yeater. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Agreements

Cunningham made a motion to approve agreement of Rodney Adams. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Logo

McKeever made a motion to approve the new logo Morgan presented. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be October 15, 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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