

Upper Ohio Conservation District Minutes November 19, 2019
Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
November 19, 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
 Cindy Shreve, WVCA
 Jennifer Kile, WVCA
 David Shipman, shared employee

Vice-Chairman Gellner called the meeting to order with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS – Shipman reviewed the attached report and talked about the training he recently attended.

WVCA – Kim Fisher reviewed the attached report.

SWA – Supervisor Rush reported on Wetzel County SWA.

Meeting Minutes

McKeever made the motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes with the Dominion donation correction from \$50000 to \$15000. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

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

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

Funding Request

McKeever made a motion to donate \$100 to Valley High School Sportsman’s Club. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Rush arrived and took over the Chair position for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Reports

Gellner –

Cunningham – Missed the grasslands meeting in the Elk CD on the 18th. Attended the Dairy Marketing meeting. It was the first meeting held in the state. Lots of WV dairy farms are going out of business. Listened to Mountainview Solar in the southern part of the state about solar systems for ag farmers. Tax incentives are available.

Morgan – Attended the quarterly meeting. Was able to reach 2843 contacts on Facebook.

McKeever – Envirothon meeting Canaan for sites. May add middle schools to the contest. Sat in on the communication call and updated on District news. Went to the dedication of the walking trail. Attended education meeting, still need more people. Attended the annual meeting. Auction for scholarship funds brought around \$7400. Around 17 bicentennial and sesquicentennial farms were recognized throughout the state. Come up with a calendar of educational competition due dates. David has agreed to help get information around to schools. Aimee could help with flyers and dates. Camp dates are June 15-19 for Cedar Lakes and June 15-20 for Camp Caesar. Supervisor training will be in January. Conservation Day in 2021 will be separate from Ag. Day.

Thomas – Printed the PEIA coupons for payment, signed checks and documents as needed. Attended woodland management class at Frontier. It was a good training to educate the public on programs, promote timber and wildlife management. Jordan Thompson with National Wild Turkey Federation and Jack Hasley from the logging industry were speakers.

Rush – Attended the Annual Meeting. Had the chance to speak with the owner of the 2nd place farm. He is a very nice person. Spoke to several farmers encouraging AgEP sign up. SWA is still wanting a compost workshop and may be interested in living garden with pallets and they are staying very busy.

AgEP

Cunningham made a motion to approve the following application:

Bradley Ash	Exigency	155.13			
Total					155.13

McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

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Cunningham made a motion to approve the following application:

Anthony McDiffitt	Fence	\$1800.00			
Total applications					\$1800.00

Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Thomas recused herself for the following AgEP business item.

Cunningham made a motion to approve the following AgEP payment:

Name	Practice	Amount
Kenneth Thomas	Lime	\$1800.00

Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Thomas rejoined the meeting.

Legislative Dinner Meeting

Cunningham made a motion to cancel the legislative dinner. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Facebook

As discussed in Morgan report of Supervisors.

Snow Removal

Nothing new.

Recognition Christmas Dinner

To be held December 9 at the St. Marys Marina. Catering by Sunny Hollow Farm Catering.

Equipment

Cunningham made a motion to purchase the equipment trailer from D&L Trailer Sales purchase price \$1995.00. Morgan seconded the motion; motion failed.

McKeever made a motion to purchase the equipment trailer from Mountaineer Trailer Sales purchase price \$1643.50. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Sealed bids were opened for the sale of the old trailer. Morgan made a motion to accept the highest bid, submitted by John Jennings. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Agreements

None

Water Resource Committee

Cunningham made a motion to appoint Gellner to the Water Resource Committee. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Office Lights

Gellner made a motion to purchase lights to replace the lights in the entry office area. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Soil Tunnel Trailer

Cunningham made a motion to reserve the trailer for the Ag Youth Fair in Pleasants Co., for the Middle Island Harvest Festival and for the Wetzel County Fair. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Conservation Education

Thomas made a motion to change the applications for conservation education to \$1000 and award three. Morgan seconded the motion; motion carried.

Weather Monitor

Cunningham was appointed as weather monitor.

Grant Money Urban Ag Program

Place on next agenda

Supervisor Shirts

Lori to send the website for style selection.

Correspondence

None

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Adjournment

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

**A Grant meeting will be held December 17 at 5:00 pm, located at the UOCD office in Middlebourne.
The next regular meeting will be December 17, 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

Date