

Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
December 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

Jon Wilson, Forestry
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager
Katie Fitzsimmons, Via phone
Jennifer Kile, WVCA 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 – Supervisors reviewed the Agency report provided by Fisher.

SWA – Supervisor Rush reported on Wetzel County SWA and discussed Tyler County SWA appointments.

Meeting Minutes

Cunningham made the motion to approve the November Board Meeting Minutes with corrections to McKeever's report. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

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. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Funding Request

None

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – Reported on the AgEP meeting. Bill would like to thank all those who helped with the Christmas Dinner.

Cunningham – Went to the bank to get the title to the trailer from the lock box. Worked with the caterer on the dinner. Attended the dinner. Took the training to report the weather as monitored.

Morgan – Worked on the power point for the dinner. Visited the Dumas farm. Sat in on the communications meeting. Tried to get interest in the Century Farm program. Facebook. Will be mailing articles to the paper.

McKeever – Went to the Envirothon meeting. It was the largest attendance in a while. 30+ people were there. New information is on the web page. Sat in on the communications meeting. Attended the RC&D meeting, income was a little higher due to a new trailer of merchandise coming in. Sign up is available for mini grants.

Thomas – Signed checks and paperwork. Sent photos to Holly. Attended and worked at the dinner. Talked to Ms. Franks about the Envirothon Club. Passed on some information concerning the program. Studied the grant writing material Wayne had passed on from his training.

Rush – Attended and worked at the dinner. Contacted individuals about the Century Farm program. Had some suggestions for the next auction.

AgEP

Gellner made a motion to have another sign-up period beginning on December 30 and ending January 24, 2020. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion to approve the Conservation Agreement of Chris and Amanda White. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion to approve the following payments:

Bradley Ash	Exigency	\$155.13		Terry Collins	Lime	\$1367.25
Total						\$1522.38

Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Facebook

Contacts were down to about 300. Holly plans to post a poll as to determine what workshops would be well received in the District.

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Office lights

Nothing new.

Weather Monitor

Cunningham has taken the training is awaiting approval to report.

Staff T-Shirts

Inform Lori of Selection.

Equipment

Cunningham made a motion to purchase appropriate lighting so equipment can be maintained at the shop. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Envirothon Practice Session

Try for March 27 with April 3 as backup if the location is not available. Geared mainly for participation from the District, but all are welcome to attend.

Century Farm Nominations

Applications are due to the district by February 3.

Scholarship Forms

Applications can go out starting in January.

Samara Contest

Will try to modify the flyer from the website to fit UOCD program.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be January 30 16, 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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