

Upper Ohio Conservation District Minutes January 16, 2020

Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
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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
Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager
Jennifer Kile, WVCA

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

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS –

WVCA – Fisher reviewed the Agency report.

Forestry – Jon reviewed the attached report.

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

WVU Extension – None.

Chairman Rush joined the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Thomas made the motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

Gellner 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

WV Watershed Network – Gellner made a motion to support with \$100. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – none.

Cunningham – Sat in on the Grazing Lands call. Have been reporting the weather daily. Been in contact with Lisa Cochran concerning the Ohio River Sweep. Spoke to a couple farmers interested in AgEP. Winter Blues Farmers Market in Charleston, Feb. 22. Was contacted about a buzzard problem.

Morgan – Has had some interest in the Century Farm Program. Pole on Facebook resulted with interest in tree pruning and ID and frost seeding. Soil trailer is scheduled for March 29 at the New Martinsville School.

McKeever Wayne McKeever reported that he attended the WV Envirothon meeting on January 9. Things are coming together for the Envirothon which will be held on April 16, 17 at Canaan Valley. Power point will be used this year for presentation instead of posters. The committee is also looking for a new location for the 2021-22 Envirothon.

He participated in a State Communication call on January 2. It was very informative and concerned what other Districts are doing in the state. McKeever also participated in the Grasslands Steering Committee meeting on January 10.

On January 14, McKeever attended the State Conservation Committee Meeting.

January 20-22, Wayne attended the WVACD Quarterly Meeting, He reviewed information contained in the WVACD minutes with the other supervisors.

Thomas – Signed checks and paperwork. Received permission to have the Envirothon practice at the Rod and Gun Club. Spoke with landowners about UOCD and NRCS programs. Touched base with Lori Franks about Envirothon. Went to the county clerk’s office and filed to run for office. PEIA & RHBTF coupons are printed and ready for payment. Purchased a portable work light for shop use.

Rush – Contacted individuals about the Century Farm program. Spoke to landowners and had some interest in AgEP lime.

AgEP

Cunningham made a motion to approve the following application:

Amanda White	Pasture Division	\$1800.00				
Total						\$1800.00

Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

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Gellner made a motion to accept the following cancelations:

Practice	Name	Amount	Cost Share
Exclusion Fence	Lori	Cochran	\$660
Pasture Division Fence	Lori	Cochran	\$600
Total Cancelations			\$1260.00

Facebook

Office lights

Nothing new.

Weather Monitor

Cunningham is reporting.

Century Farm Nominations

Send out applications.

Samara Contest Update

Nothing new.

Envirothon Practice Session

Set for March 27.

Staff T-Shirts

Nothing new.

Equipment

Nothing new.

Grants

Specialty Crop Grant

Wetzel Chronicle/Tyler Star News

Holly will be doing a weekly column.

Poster Board

Gellner made a motion to order \$250 of 1/2 sheet poster board for distribution for the contest. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Deadline for Poster Contest

New deadline for posters to be in the office is April 24.

Quarterly meeting proxy

Cunningham made a motion for Gellner to be the proxy for Rush at the January Quarterly Meeting. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Audit RFQ

Thomas made a motion to accept the quote from Lowe and Associates to perform the audit. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Annual Plan-of-Work

Gellner made a motion to approve the Annual Plan-of-Work for a three-year period. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Gellner 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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