

# Upper Ohio Conservation District Minutes July 13, 2020

Middlebourne, WV  
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## Members Present via teleconference

Allen Rush, Chairman  
Patricia Thomas, Members  
Bill Gellner, Vice-Chairman  
Audra Cunningham, Member  
Holly Morgan, Member  
Wayne McKeever, Secretary/Treasurer

## Others Present via teleconference

David Shipman, NRCS  
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager  
Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA  
Nick Beaver, NRCS  
Katie Fitzsimmons, NRCS

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

## Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA –Fitzsimmons reviewed current NRCS programs activities as attached. Katie is now the official DC for UOCD.

WVCA – Fisher reviewed the written WVCA report attached. There are no budget cuts yet; Brian hopes to keep it that way.

Forestry – None.

SWA – None.

WVU Extension – None.

## Meeting Minutes

**Morgan made the motion to approve the June Board Meeting Minutes. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

## Financial Report

**Gellner made a motion to file the financial report for audit. Cunningham 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** –Lights and materials are at the office if someone would like to continue with the installation. Bill will not be able to continue with the work for some time due to health issues.

**Cunningham** – Contractor for roof require 30% down prior to doing the job, roof color is a brown close to the color currently on the building. Some maintenance should be looked at...trim, removal of carpet on porch, finishing touches. Ohio River Sweep in this area has about 130 taking part of the clean-up. Spoke to 2 farmers about spreader rental and soil samples. Two are interested in Urban Ag program. National Ag in Classroom webinar. Will get with Allen and Lori about office space.

**McKeever** – Sat in on the communications call, pressure washed and painted the office. Association meeting. Annual Business meeting will be on Monday. Meeting will be one day, not the regular two-day meeting.

**Thomas** – Women Owning Woodlands workshop, spoke to two people interested in attending. Another co-operator agreement turned in. Followed up with those from last month. Presented Area Conservation Scholarship letter to Creed Ammons and Hali Westcott. Will send photos to Lori for newspaper. Reported on scholarship to the school counselor. Responded to the blackberry questionnaire. Signed checks and paperwork for District. Sent photos of garden after using bed layer to Holly for Facebook page. Sold 2 more rain barrel kits. Helped pick the roof color. Discussed the weed wiper with a co-operator.

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**Morgan** – Talked to co-operators about AgEP sign-ups. Sat in on the Communications Call. Continue with Facebook postings, this month reached about 500 and had 8 new likes.

**Rush** – Bought locks for the equipment, LKRC&D meeting, SW is still only taking cardboard. Presented Olivia Yeater with her Area Conservation Scholarship letter.

### Cooperator Agreement

**Morgan made a motion to approve the agreement of Tammy Bassett. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Office lights

Covered in Supervisor Gellner's report.

### Facebook

Covered in Supervisor Morgan's report.

### Office Roof

Covered in Supervisor Cunningham's report.

### Conservation Farmer

Shane Goddard has agreed.

### Office Space

Committee needs to meet.

### Office Door

**Gellner made a motion for Allen's Garage Doors be awarded the job. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Officer Election

**McKeever made a motion for Morgan to be Secretary/Treasurer. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Cunningham made a motion for Rush to remain as Chairman and Gellner remain as Vice Chairman. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Delegates for Association

**Morgan made a motion for Rush and McKeever remain as the delegates. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Big Tree Contest

No action. More research and discuss at another meeting.

### Chestnut Trees

Think about.

### Sign-knotweed

No action needed. Already been mowed down.

### Building

No action.

Awards Carroll Greene, WVACD Honorary Member at Large and WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member.

Send applications to Supervisors.

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## Tree/Pollinator Sale

Consider having a bi-annual plant sale on the years NPCD does not have their sale.

## October Meeting Date

6p.m. on the 13 of October

## Correspondence

None.

## Adjournment

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

**The next regular meeting will be on August 18, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting style is yet to be determined.**

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, District Manager

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Signature of Chairman

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Signature of Secretary

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