

# Upper Ohio Conservation District Minutes August 18, 2020

## Members Present via teleconference

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

## 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  
D.J. Allen, RC&D

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

## Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA –Fitzsimmons reviewed current NRCS programs activities. Beaver noted there are three active applications in the District; two were signed today and one is scheduled for signing tomorrow.

WVCA – Fisher reviewed the written WVCA report.

Forestry – None.

SWA – None.

WVU Extension – None.

## Meeting Minutes

Thomas wanted clarification in the July 18 meeting minutes. Her Supervisor report should read that she spoke to a couple interested in attending the Women Owing Woodlands (WOW) workshop, not that she had attended the workshop.

**McKeever made the motion to approve the July 18 and July 22 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. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

## Funding Request

*None*

## Supervisor Reports

**Gellner** –Nothing to report.

**Cunningham** – Participated in a Zoom Workshop on pasture grazing. The workshop was a three-evening event held by Virginia Co-op Extension.

**McKeever** – Sat in on the communications call, attended the quarterly meeting, had the Envirothon Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>, at Holly Gray Park with around 20 in attendance. Trying to make plans for the 2021 contest to cover whichever style allowable at that time. There will be a Legislative Committee planning meeting August 27 at 10:00 trying to get things going, probably some things coming up will want to address. Sending out information on grant training put on by WVU tuning into WV agriculture. It's a 30–40-hour free class. All the Districts need to learn about grant writing. Holly and Wayne are working on the grant for American Chestnut trees. Want to place some in each county. Probably 5-6 trees at each site. Hopefully planting in November, if it is too dry will have to wait to the spring. Quarterly meeting July 20 discussed by-law changes, poster and photo contest winners, Century Farmer awards will be sent with Supervisors at Quarterly Meeting in October.

Appalachian Grazing and State Fair are canceled. Were talking about Conservation Day at the Capitol at the Legislative meeting. The Breakfast is not an option and will have to go for a different angle.

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**Thomas** – Sent Holly and Lori photos of the Scholarship being awarded. Talked to the Science teachers about placing some of the trees from the American Chestnut grant at the school. They are enthusiastic and would like to have students monitor tree growth. Sat in on the AgEP Meeting. Spoke with J.L. Tennant on CFAP grant money. Discussed the bed layer with a couple of landowners. Signed checks and read correspondence. Spoke with Terry Collins letting him know photos were going to be taken of his best conservation practices. Let teachers know the WOW workshop had been canceled.

**Morgan** Facebook had 2379 hits with 6 new likes. Sat in on Communications call. Spoke to Daniel Stillwagoner about control of Hemp Dogbane. Sat in on a Grant workshop, and plan to participate in the Grant workshop that Terry Hudson has scheduled.

**Rush** – Attended the quarterly meeting, Wayne already covered anything he had to say.

### Cooperator Agreement

**McKeever made a motion to approve the agreement of Robert VanCamp. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**AgEP meeting will be held August 25 @ 4:00 pm.**

**Cunningham made a motion to approve the cancelation of Watering System of Billie Dennis for \$1954.16. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Gellner made a motion to approve the adjustment to Grace Grover's UA application approval from \$1000 to \$96, due to her lime application approval of \$2404 putting her over the allowable \$2500 per year. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### CDO Budget Expenditure Report

**Gellner made a motion to approve the Expenditure Report as presented. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### WVACD By Law Review

Note any corrections in minutes and send to WVACD.

### Certificate of Deposit Maturity

Allow to go into savings at maturity. Rush will review for best rate options at September meeting.

### Soil Sample Mailings

Question the other Districts to see if and how they handle soil sampling and mailings.

### Awards

**Morgan made a motion to nominate McKeever for the Carroll Greene Award. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.**

McKeever informed he had entered a name for the Rookie Supervisor Award.

### AgEP List of Approvals 7/22/20

**Cunningham made a motion to attach the list of AgEP application approvals to the minutes July 22, 2020 minutes as well as this meetings minutes. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Correspondence

None.

### Adjournment

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

**The next regular meeting will be on September 15, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting style is yet to be determined.**

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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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