

Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes November 16, 2021

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman
Bill Gellner, Vice Chairman

Wayne McKeever, Supervisor
Audra Cunningham, Supervisor

Others Present

Nick Beaver, NRCS
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD Administrative Specialist
*Jennifer Kile, WVCA
* Kim Fisher, WVCA
*Cindy Shreve
*Katie Fitzsimmons
*Logan Marino
*Julia Bolin

*Attended via teleconference

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA - Beaver reported
WVCA – Fisher provided a written report.
Forestry – None
WVU Extension –
WVACD –

Previous Meeting Minutes

McKeever made the motion to approve the October 20, 2021 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. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Supervisor Reports

Morgan – None

Cunningham – Sat in on the Grazing Conference call and received a scholarship to attend the National Grazing Conference in December. Was on the Exigency AgEP call, the Communications call and sat in on the WIA Conference calls for the evenings of November 8-10. Have been asked about the Spotted Lantern Fly; wanting to know if we should speak with our representatives about getting funds to help curb the SLF movement into the area. Also noted there are some of the Army Worms in the area. Continue to report the weather.

McKeever – Attended the Appalachian Grazing Conference. Went to the NE NACD Conference in New Hampshire, emphasis seems to be on the climate change and looking at new direction and new practices to go along with that. Have been working on Quarterly Meetings with the Association. Venue prices are going up and are harder to find. Venue for January Meeting will be Stonewall which is much better for video systems. Working on training to be held at that meeting. April QM will probably be at Cacapon. Legislative Meeting on November 30; it is important to be there. It will probably be at 1:00 in Flatwoods. If the committee passes the proposed code, will have to have a special meeting at least 15 days after committee approval. Objections were made to the requirement to be a farmer to run for Supervisor.

Gellner – RC & D meeting on October 29.

Thomas – None

Rush – Normal daily conversations with landowners, ordering supplies for spring developments, etc.

Funding Request

WVACD

Gellner made a motion to give a \$500 grant to WVACD. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

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Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements

None

AgEP –

Gellner and McKeever met with Jennifer Kile, Cindy Shreve and NPCD Supervisors earlier to discuss the AgEP application, ranking and approval process within the two Districts. Discussion was it would be helpful if in the future all UOCD Supervisors, NRCS staff located in the District Office, and the shared NRCS employee were approved to verify practices starting in the new fiscal year. Earlier and shorter application period is also an option, with actual application approval being in July. Prioritizing practices may be an option as well. Approval process will be discussed more at a later meeting.

Exigency AgEP

Ideas were for seeding, water tanks and alternative feed assistance during droughts and Ag. Commissioner's declaration.

AgEP Payments

McKeever made a motion to approve payments for:

Kara Garrett	WS4190	\$2200.00
Howard Flesher	Lime8155	\$ 612.50
Total		\$2812.50

Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Grant Needs

Nothing new.

Spring Development Supply Update

Covered in Supervisor reports.

Equipment Rental Update

Lime spreader rented twice and sod seeder once; seeder had a problem with a low tire, the landowner put a tube in the tire to fix this and one of the discs has a bad bearing. Have the guys look into ordering bearings and repairing it.

Pressure washer

Rush to order one.

Man Door at Shop

Door has been purchased but not yet installed.

Education Programs

- Barrel order update – Not able to get in contact with supplier.
- Other ideas – Several farms were proposed for the video. Class for Invasive Species weed control in mid-February. Practice Envirothon in March. Try to have a Land Judging Contest in May.
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Soil Tunnel for Schools update

Trailer is reserved for the District the first two weeks of May. The first week is booked and now have two days in the second week. Trailer is currently scheduled to be at Boreman Elementary, Sistersville Elementary, and New Martinsville Schools. Have not heard from Pleasants County Schools.

Software

Nothing new

Big Tire Disposal

Allen spoke with DEP and they will take care of all of the cost if we can have a way to load them.

UOCD Promotional Video

Farms suggested for location are Jack Smith, Edith Smith, Eugene Friend, John Furlong, just to mention a few. Need to get with Holly and Davin to see exactly what is needed.

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New Business

Closing of UOCD Receiving Account (996600-77)

Gellner made a motion to close the UOCD Receiving Account. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Chestnut Tree Grant

Received \$500 from RC&D for the Tree Grant. Contact County Commissioner Mike Smith. He was discussing placing trees at the County Farm and may be interested in adding some of ours.

Correspondence

Nothing new. Only what has been shared via emails.

Adjournment

Cunningham made a motion to adjourn. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

Date