

Upper Ohio CD Draft Meeting Minutes August 22, 2023

Members Present

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

Others Present

*Kim Fisher, WVCA
Jennifer Kile, Conservation Specialist
Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

*Attended via teleconference

Vice-Chairman Gellner called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA – Nick Beaver reviewed the written report.

WVCA– Fisher provided a written report.

WVU Extension – None

Forestry – None

SWA – None

Rush joined the meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Gellner made a motion to approve the July 25 meeting minutes with correcting the table of approved AgEP applications. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

Thomas made a motion to file the financial report for audit. Gellner 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 – Watershed Coalition

Gellner made a motion to donate \$100 to the Watershed Coalition. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements –

Thomas made a motion to approve Cooperator Agreements for Jon D. Dopudja, and Ward Grose. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

AgEP –

Gellner made a motion to submit Biochar as a new AgEP practice. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.

Grant Updates

Contact FFA advisors to see if chapters in Wetzel County would be interested in building fence. Post on FB to see if anyone is interested.

Education Programs –

Winter program is in planning stages. Allen spoke with Kasey; yes she will be glad to help with this.

New Building

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Gellner is suggesting a building 62'L x 30'W x 12'H with possible additional storage.

New Business

Member at Large, Honorary Member at Large and Carroll Greene Award

McKeever made a motion to submit Allen and Bill for Honorary Member at Large and Bill for Member at Large. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

District Recognition/Christmas Dinner

Suggested the Lewis Wetzel Center Dec. 7 or 11 if available. Check with Izzies to see if he can cater.

Newsletter

Highlight successful practices, winter meetings, Cooperators, contest, etc.

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – as attached.

Cunningham – as attached.

Morgan – as attached.

McKeever – as attached.

Thomas – Provided photos for the display of several events. Manned the display for days during the fair. Spoke with several interested landowners. Will be forwarding the contact information.

Rush – Picked up the fence posts and supplies for the community garden and other normal stuff.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be at 6pm September 19, 2023.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

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