

# Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes March 19, 2024

## Members Present

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

## Others Present

Nick Beaver, NRCS DC  
\*Kim Fisher, WVCA  
Kaleb Tanley, Middle Island Chapter Ducks Unlimited  
Jake Rice, Middle Island Chapter Ducks Unlimited  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA  
Lori Cochran, WVCA Administrative Specialist

\*Attended via teleconference

Vice-Chairman Gellner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rush joined the meeting.

Jake and Kaleb spoke about the many opportunities Ducks Unlimited offers to youth.

### Cooperating Agency Reports

#### USDA-NRCS-FSA –

NRCS-Beaver reviewed the written report.

WVCA– Fisher reviewed the written report.

Forestry – No report was received. Kile informed all that Shaun Kuhn has assumed the State Forester position.

#### WVU Extension –

#### SWA –

WVACD –

### Previous Meeting Minutes

**McKeever made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as amended to Grant Updates and SWA Report. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Financial Report

**Cunningham made a motion to file the financial report for audit. Thomas 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 –

**Morgan made a motion to sponsor the Lewis Wetzel Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation \$100. Morgan seconded the motion; motion carried.**

**Morgan made a motion to pay Environthon Registration for the Tyler Consolidated Team. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.**

**Morgan made a motion to donate \$100 to the WVU Soils Team. McKeever seconded the motion; motion carried.**

### Unfinished Business

#### Cooperator Agreements –

**Thomas made a motion to approve the Cooperator Agreements of Cole McCardle, Molly Kilcoyne-Delaney and Dale Delaney, all owning property in Wetzel County. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.**

#### AgEP –

**Gellner made a motion to approve the AgEP payments of Jon DuMars and Ward Grose. Payments totaling \$2218.25. Thomas seconded the motion; motion carried.**

**Gellner made a motion to accept the cancellation request from Hannah Ferrell and William Johnson. Cancellation totaling \$1000.00. McKeever seconded the motion; motion carried.**

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**Gellner made a motion to approve the AgEP FY25 application and the FY25 AgEP Administrative Agreement. Thomas seconded the motion; motion carried.**

## Grant Updates

Grant money remaining is \$4730.88 less \$989 for the bio char purchased for door prizes. 4532 remaining on the garden grant. Need to build more beds estimated to be \$1900 for 10 beds and still installing fence. Estimating 4000 needed for Community Garden. Meet on March 18 to install additional raised beds. Rush will pick up lumber and take it to Gellner for cutting. Forest Be with You, provide snacks.

## Education Programs –

### **New Business**

#### Storage Building

Nothing new.

#### Personnel Form

**McKeever made a motion to approve the personnel form with 2 maintenance positions \$1000 with addition of \$60000 for a grant employee. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

#### Local Work Group

April 25, 6:00 (WVNCC) Promote as Community Conservation Discussion Sponsored by UOCD

#### Employee Grant

Approved a Resolution for Employee Grant Application

#### Conservation Farm

Still thinking of Farms to present. New guidelines were provided to the Supervisors.

#### Mailbox

Gellner will install.

#### UOCD Education Grant

#### Envirothon Practice Session

##### Envirothon

33 teams will be participating.

#### Poster/Photo Contest

Morgan will take posters to New Martinsville third grade class.

#### May the Forest Be with You Always

Found to be informative by those attending. Word of mouth has created an interest for more workshops.

#### Soil Tunnel Trailer

Booked for October 1 to October 22.

#### Pleasants Fishing Day

#### Bayer Signatures

Take copy of corrected minutes to the Envirothon Practice for Signatures and copy for Bayer so transactions can be completed.

#### SES Bee Friendly Month of Kindness Wildflower seeds

Ask Julie for more information.

#### Progressive Ag Safety Day May 17

Contact Julie

#### Supervisor Reports

**Gellner – None**

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**Cunningham** – None

**Morgan** – None

**McKeever** – as provided

**Thomas** – None

**Rush** – None

Correspondence

Adjournment

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

**The next regular meeting will be at 6pm April 16, 2024.**

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

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Signature of Chairman

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Signature of Secretary

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