

Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

Members Present

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

Others Present

Nick Beaver, NRCS DC
Jennifer Kile, WVCA
Lori Cochran, WVCA Administrative Specialist
*Heather Duncan, WVACD
Dale Koontz
Caleb Tanley

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Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-FSA NRCS -Beaver reviewed the written report

WVCA– Fisher provided a written report

Forestry – No report

WVU Extension –No report

SWA – No report

WVACD – Duncan reported on coming events. At this point in time, the 28th will be her last day.

UOCD Employee – John was unable to attend but wanted to remind everyone of the Tree Pruning Workshop scheduled for March 1 in New Martinsville.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Thomas made a motion to approve January 28, 2025, meeting minutes. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.

Financial Report

Gellner made a motion to file the financial report for an audit. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Approval of Invoices and Payments

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 – NWTF/Ducks Unlimited

McKeever made a motion to send \$100 to support the Nation Wild Turkey Federation, Middle Island Chapter to support the Jakes program and \$100 to Ducks Unlimited to support the Green Wing Youth and Education Program . Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements – Earl Stanley Glover

McKeever made a motion to approve the conservation agreement of Earl Stanley Glover from Tyler County. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.

AgEP –

Cunningham recused herself

○ Exigency Payments

- Eric Cunningham – Pasture reseeding - \$299.85.

Total payments

\$299.85.

McKeever made a motion to approve the exigency payment of Eric Cunningham. Gellner seconded seconded the motion; motion carried.

Cost share Rates

- Frost seeding
- Forage seeding
- Water System
 - Concrete Trough

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- Tire Trough
- Heavy Use Area Protection
- Pipeline

McKeever made a motion to leave the rate for frost seeding and forage seeding the same as last year. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

McKeever made a motion to leave the price for water system concrete troughs at \$900 . Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion to leave the price for water system tire troughs at \$700. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Cunningham made a motion to raise the cost of water system heavy use area protection to \$400. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

McKeever made a motion to leave the water system pipeline cost share the same. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Education Programs –

Practice Envirothon March 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wetzel County 4-H Grounds.

Tree Pruning Workshop March 1 in New Martinsville

Barrels are available. Allen has spoken to them and our cost will be \$15 per barrel. He will make arrangements to pick up a load at his earliest convenience. Morgan is going to the City of New Martinsville Planning Commission Meeting to update them on plans for our Community Garden.

BHFCU CD Rates

Cunningham made a motion to place \$44229.64 in an 18 month CD at Bayer Credit Union with a rate of 3.85%. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Equipment Rates – Table

Union Bank Savings Account/Money Market Conversion

Supervisors will complete paperwork at the bank after this meeting.

Envirothon Practice Session

March 28th at the Wetzel County 4-H Grounds. McKeever reports that all the teachers are scheduled except for wildlife. He will continue to work on getting one.

New Business

District Personnel

Thomas made a motion to submit the District Personnel Report as presented. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.

CDO Budget

Gellner moved to submit the CDO Budget as presented. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.

WYDA LOR \$78131.00

Gellner made a motion to submit an LOR for \$78,131.00 for the WVDAG Pasture Renovation program. McKeever seconded the motion; motion carried.

Workforce WV Employee

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Cunningham made a motion to pass on the employee opportunity at this time, but to keep us as an option for future opportunities. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Grazing Workshop
Table

Local Work Group Meeting

Tentative scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at the Sistersville COC Annex at 6 p.m. Alternate location options are the fire department or the library.

Tree Sale

No action at this time. Work toward sale for this fall.

Education Grants
Table

Building Update

Gellner will meet with electrician on getting wiring supplies for the storage building.

Supervisors Reports

I need a copy of photo IDs for Wayne, Holly and Allen for insurance purposes.

Cunningham –

Morgan –

McKeever – Provided a written report

Thomas

Rush –

Gellner –

Correspondence

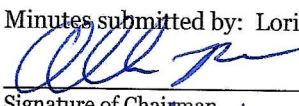
Letter from Judith Lyons concerning funds transfer procedure. Email from Heather and Wayne concerning NACD.

Adjournment

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

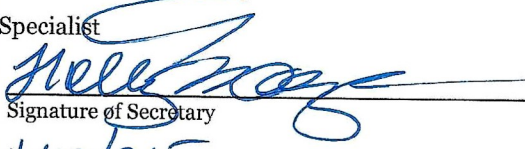
The next regular meeting will be at 10:00 am March 18, 2025.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist



Signature of Chairman

Date



Signature of Secretary

4/22/25

Date