

Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes March 18, 2025

Members Present

Bill Gellner, Vice Chairman

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

Jackie Bayer, Asst. State Conservationist

Don Whetzel, WVCA

Devon Kokoska, WVCA

John Jennings, UOCD Outreach Specialist

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-FSA NRCS -Beaver reviewed the written report. Jackie reported on NRCS concerns.

WVCA– Devon gave a report. Don reviewed his written report.

Forestry – No report

WVU Extension –No report

SWA – No report

WVACD –

UOCD Employee – John reviewed recent accomplishments and upcoming events. Discussed the New Martinsville Gardening Workshop, the Tree Pruning Workshop as well as various others. Distributed 80 bags of bio char along with paperwork to individuals. Delivered poster contest information to various schools. Working on the quarterly report and the newsletter, the Envirothon practice scheduled for March 28. Attended the Sistersville Community Garden meetings the last 2 months.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Thomas made a motion to approve February 18, 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. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Funding Request – WVU Soils Team, Tyler Co. Envirothon Team, WV State Fair Committee

Gellner made a motion to send \$100 to support the WVU Soils Team. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Thomas made a motion to pay the \$444.00 expenses of the Tyler Consolidated Envirothon Team to participate in the state Envirothon contest. Morgan seconded the motion; motion carried.

All present agreed to send UOCD promotional items to the state fair.

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements – Charles G. Lewis

Thomas made a motion to approve the conservation agreement of Charles G. Lewis from Tyler County. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.

AgEP –

Thomas made a motion to accept the cancellation of Anthony Quinns Heavy Use Practice for \$860. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Gellner made a motion to approve the AgEP Administrative Agreement with corrections to #10 and the water system description HUA cost. Thomas seconded the motion; motion carried.

Education Programs –

Practice Envirothon March 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wetzel County 4-H Grounds. Rain Barrel and Paint Workshop as we know when barrels will be available. April 12, open house at the Brooklyn Community Garden. Hundred Community Garden is still in the planning stages. New Martinsville is having a Barnyard Boogie May 2nd from 6-8 pm.

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Equipment Rates – Table

Building Update

Envirothon Practice Session

March 28th at the Wetzel County 4-H Grounds. Currently have 5 schools attending.

Local Work Group Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at the Sistersville COC Annex at 6 p.m.

Area Meeting

Cunningham reviewed the meeting from March 17.

Northern Pan CD Cattleman's Conference

This has been cancelled for this year. The check to sponsor this event will be returned to us.

New Business

Grazing Workshop

Devon discussed the assistance available for workshops.

Tree Sale

No action at this time.

WIA

No action. Flyers to share are available on the table.

Conservation Farm

Continue thinking on this. Nick and Jenn will discuss options for each county.

Travel & Per Diem

Rush appointed a committee consisting of Thomas, Morgan and Gellner.

Bowie Lawn Care

Cunningham made a motion to accept the weekly upcharge submitted by Bowie Lawn Care. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Supervisors Reports

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

Cunningham –

Morgan –

McKeever –

Thomas

Rush –

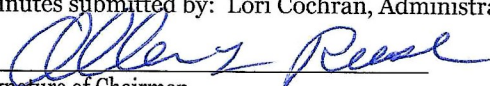
Gellner –

Adjournment


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

The next regular meeting will be at 10:00 am April 15, 2025.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist


Signature of Chairman


Date


Signature of Secretary


Date