

# Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes December 16, 2025

## Members Present

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

## Others Present

John Jennings, UOCD Outreach Coordinator  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA  
Nick Beaver, NRCS  
\*Heather Duncan, WVACD

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

## Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-FSA NRCS – Beaver reported he is still playing catch-up after the close down. He is hearing that 2026 will be a robust year as far as funding \$\$\$.

WVCA – Whetzel provided a written report.

Forestry –

WVU Extension – None

SWA –

UOCD Employee – Jennings reported that the Tree/Plant sale has kicked off. Mailed around 150 catalogues out and handed out several. Orders are due to the office no later than March 2 and April 6 will be the ship date. Community is cleaned up for the winter. Wanted to build additional beds and spread mulch but just ran out of time. Jan. 8 is deadline for grant update.

WVACD –

## Previous Meeting Minutes

**Thomas made a motion to approve November 18, 2025, meeting minutes with a correction of Kelsey to Kacey Gantzer under education programs. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.**

## Financial Report

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

Funding Request – None

## Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements – None

## Ag Enhancement Program

**Thomas made a motion to approve payments to David Henerson \$1631.50 and Elijah Haught \$1500.00 with total payments of \$3131.50. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Gellner made a motion to approve drought applications for Shelly Brown, Revegetation of feeding area \$500, Nancy Seckman Revegetation of feeding area \$500 with a total of \$1000.00 in application approvals. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Thomas made a motion to approve drought payments for Shelly Brown RFA \$487.10 and Nancy Seckman RFA \$500, Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Total Drought Payments \$987.10.**

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Cunningham made a motion to approve drought cancelations of Elijah Haught Livestock Water Supply \$500.00, John Jennings Livestock Water Supply \$500.00 and Kenneth Thomas Livestock Water Supply \$500. Total Drought Cancelation \$1500.00. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

## Education Programs –

January 27, Gardening Workshop with Kacey Gantzer 6:00 – 8:00 pm Pleasants Co. Jim Spence Center  
February 21, Tree Pruning New Martinsville God Star Trail 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
March 7, Tree Pruning Workshop Middlebourne Gold Star Trail 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Envirothon Training March 26-27 at Tyler Rod and Gun Club

## **New Business**

### Meeting Dates for January – April 2026

**Gellner made a motion to have January meeting on Wednesday January 22, 2025. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed. Feb – April meeting dates will be set at the monthly meeting prior.**

### Supervisors Reports

**McKeever** –

**Rush** – None

**Cunningham**- Caroline Bailey is the new Extension agent in Pleasants Co.

**Morgan** – None

**Thomas** – None

### Correspondence

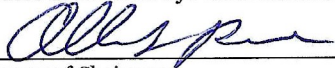
Newsletter from West Fork  
Christmas card from Duncan

### Adjournment

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

**The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m.**

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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