

Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026

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

*Devin Kokoska, WVCA
*Craig Minton, Forestry
Jennifer Kile, WVCA
Nick Beaver, NRCS
Brandon Duckworth, NRCS
Lori Cochran, WVCA

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-FSA NRCS – Nick Beaver reported as attached.

WVCA – Whetzel provided a written report.

Forestry – Craig updated on personnel. Craig and Cody Adkison cover Tyler, Anne Hoyt covers Pleasants and currently Sean Khun covers Wetzel Co. They are currently working on three forestry plans in Tyler Co.

WVU Extension – Julie Bolen was unable to attend due to another meeting scheduled for the same time. Julie had nothing new to add.

SWA – None

WVACD – Duncan provided the attached report.

Area Meeting Report – Area Meeting will be held at the UOCD office on March 23 @ 10:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Thomas made a motion to approve the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. McKeever 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. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Funding Request – None

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements

Gregory K. Arnott, Pleasants Co.

Gellner made a motion to approve the agreement with Gregory Arnott. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Century Farm Application

Greg Arnott

Morgan made a motion to approve the Century Farm application of Gregory Arnott. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Garden Workshop Pleasants Co.

Gellner made a motion to hold the Gardening Workshop at the Jim Spence Center on March 17th at 6:00 p.m. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Grants Status update for District Employee

Sent updates on January 27th for review.

Outreach Coordination Extension

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Morgan made a motion to use the remaining grant funds to bring John Jennings back to work 2 days a week for 12 weeks starting March 1, 2026. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ag Enhancement Program

Payment Levi Shreves UA \$388.40

Thomas made a motion to approve payment of \$388.40 to Levi Shreves for his Urban Ag practice. Morgan seconded the motion.

Review Committee Report

FY27 AGEP Administrative Agreement

Gellner made a motion to approve the AgEP Administrative Agreement as presented. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Education Programs –

- McKeever suggested classroom packages from NACD for the Outreach Coordinator. Packets range between \$40 and \$110 each.
- Check into the SAMARA Contest to see if we can get some interest
- Envirothon Training March 26-27 at Tyler Rod and Gun Club
- Tree Sale Open House/Pick up – April 9 & 10 – UOCD Office. **New Business**
- Bookkeeper
- Nothing New

Meeting Dates for March

Date will be March 17 at 10:00 am. Teams meeting will be available.

Supervisors Reports

McKeever – Prime Six – Biochar Tour.

Rush –

Cunningham –

Morgan –

Gellner –

Thomas – actively promoted programs and signed checks

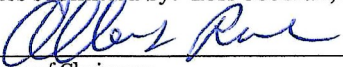
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Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist



Signature of Chairwoman

3/19/26

Date



Signature of Secretary

4/9/26

Date