Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes September 15, 2026

Members Present	Others Present
Allen Rush, Chairman	
Bill Gellner, Supervisor	Sean Kuhn, Forestry
*Audra Cunningham, Supervisor	*Don Whetzel, WVCA
Patricia Thomas, Supervisor	
Wayne McKeever, Secretary/Treasurer	
*Attended via teleconference.	

Vice-Chairman Gellner called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports
USDA-FSA NRCS – No report.
WVCA– Don Whetzel reviewed the attached report. Quarterly meeting at Cedar Lakes Oct. 28-29. State AgEP meeting September 30. A call in option will be available.
Forestry – Kuhn updated on forestry news. The forester positions in Wetzel and south Marshall Counties are still vacant. Someone has been hired in Mon Co. They will start next month. Forester position in Pleasants Co. is vacant, but Cody Atkins is covering the county.
WVU Extension – No report.
Chairman Rush joined the meeting.
SWA – Tyler County is getting started on a few things. More will follow in upcoming meetings.
WVACD – Heather Duncan emailed a report to all.

Previous Meeting Minutes
Thomas made a motion to approve the August 18 meeting minutes. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Financial Report
McKeever 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 –
Gellner made a motion to send $250 to the State Women in Ag to be held Oct. 23-24. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements
None.

Ag Enhancement Program

- Applications
  Lori Cochran – IS - $500
  Application will be submitted to WVCA for approval.

Road Signs
Supervisors are still checking on the condition of the signs in various locations.

Education programs/Ideas, Field Days
Many items were discussed including: Timberland improvement and IS. A soil health field day maybe with Matalyn Stark, NRCS. Cunningham will be picking up the soil tunnel trailer Wednesday for the Pleasants Co. Youth Fair. Pre-K and Kindergarten will be going through it on Friday and it will be open Saturday and Sunday for the fair. Pine Grove Sportsman Club – managed timberland – have two years to get plan. An NRCS plan, or Stewardship plan

from Division of Forestry, or can hire a Forester to write up the plan. Do we want to hold another tree sale? Would like to have another Envirothon practice in March.

New Business

UOCD Annual Awards Banquet

Cunningham made a motion for Thomas to make arrangements for venue and check with caterers, and contact Fawnia Wilson for desserts and maybe another cake bar. Gellner second the motion; motion carried.

Quarterly Meeting Expenses

McKeever made a motion to pay the travel cost for the Meckley family, John Jennings and if needed, Jennifer Kile to the Awards Ceremony on October 29. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Plan to support the auction as well.

Correspondence

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

Signature of Chairman

10/20/26

Date

Signature of Secretary

10/20/2026

Date