

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Middlebourne, WV  
January 18, 2018**

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman  
Wayne McKeever, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bill Gellner, Vice-Chairman  
Audra Cunningham, Member

Absent

Carroll Cumberledge, Member  
Ronald Fletcher, Member

Others Present

Dustin Adkins, NRCS  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA Conservation Specialist  
J.L. Tennant, FSA  
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

**Gellner made the motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Financial Reports

**Gellner made the motion to file financial reports as presented for audit. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**Gellner made a motion that UOCD bills be paid as funds permit and coordinated by office staff. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Funding Requests

**Cunningham made a motion to donate \$700 to DEP for Jr. Conservation Camp. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Request for Service

None.

Supervisor Reports

**McKeever** –attended the quarterly meeting. NACD having a fly-in March 19 & 20. Working on the farm bill. Ag Day at the Capitol February 7. Breakfast at 7:30 in the Gaston Caperton Room. Personally invite your legislatures to the breakfast and schedule meetings. Education appointed John Sencindiver as an associate. John responsible for getting signs printed. Scholarship contest on website. Changes are being made to Photo and Poster contests. Davin White has filled the PR position Billie Wolfe left. Camp dates are Jr. Conservation, June 18 – 23, Sr. Conservation, June 11 - 16 and Forestry July 22- 28. Discussed briefly the SAMARA contest. Grassland contest will be held in Jackson Mills during Beef Expo. Next Conservation Education meeting will be April 5. Have an Envirothon promo video on the website. Are having a drawing for teams, encouraging them to stay for the presentation after the contest. Have not heard from Annaliese on Community Garden Project. Next Quarterly meeting dates are April 9 & 10 in Canaan Valley and July 9 & 10 Flatwoods. Installing acoustic tile in the building to facilitate video usage. Wants us to look at the District signs when entering our District. Let them know if any need replaced. Water Resource report working on the dams. Grassland Contest April 6, 2018. Provided a copy of Capito Connect for those interested. Encourages us to attend the county commission meetings.

**Cunningham** – Small farms conference registration fee \$25. Grow Farm-Her.

**Gellner** – Attended the AgEP meeting. Looks like allocation will be based on #farms, # acres and average payments for previous 3 years.

NRCS

Dustin Adkins reviewed NRCS recent events.

FSA

JL Tennant replaced David Gardner in McMechen. When he entered the position, there were four applications for flood loss. He was able to help with some hay loss. If landowners contact us about loss of livestock due to weather, ask them to take pictures and contact him. JL is hoping to be in our District at least one day per month to meet with landowners needing assistance in our District.

WVCA Report

Kim Fisher provided the attached written report.

Forestry

WVU Extension

AgEP

FY19 AgEP and Ranking Review

Tabled to next meeting

Facebook

WVCEC Scholarship Application and Conservation Education Scholarship Application

Local Envirothon Workshop

Would like to hold a workshop for district schools and any other schools that would like to attend on Friday at the end of March.

Adult Education Workshop

Have several options for rain barrel workshops in the District.

Equipment/Maintenance

Hold a special meeting on February 12 to address options.

Snow Removal/lawn care/etc.

Address at the special meeting on February 12.

Correspondence

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

***The next Regular Meeting will be February 20, 2018 at the UOCD Office located in Middlebourne starting a 1:00 p.m.***

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, District Manager

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Signature of Chairman

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Signature of Secretary

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