

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middlebourne, WV
February 20, 2018**

Members Present

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

Absent

Ronald Fletcher, Member

Others Present

Dustin Adkins, NRCS
Jennifer Kile, WVCA Conservation Specialist
J.L. Tennant, FSA
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager
Jennifer Fisher, FSA
Eleanor Porter, FSA
Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Director

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Financial Reports

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

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

Funding Requests

Gellner made a motion to donate \$100 to the WVU Soils Team. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

McKeever made a motion to pay \$490 for the Magnolia Envirothon Team registration for the Envirothon Contest in April. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

McKeever made a motion to pay \$300 to NPCD Women in Ag Day. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Gellner made a motion to table the donation to the WVU 4-H. McKeever seconded the motion; motion carried.

Request for Service

None.

Supervisor Reports

McKeever – Attended Ag Day at the Capitol, Breakfast was good. Attendance was down. Staying very busy with Envirothon. Mailed Envirothon posters to the schools. Volunteers for the contest need to complete paperwork by April 1. Local Envirothon contest will be March 30 at the Wetzel County 4-H Grounds.

Cunningham – Small farms conference on Thursday.

Rush – Attended NPCD Animal Health and Grazing meeting.

Gellner – None

Cumberledge – None

NRCS

Dustin Adkins reviewed NRCS recent events. He is officially back in this office and catching up. Supervisors need to be thinking on the Local Work Group meeting this spring.

FSA

JL Tennant – closing deadline for truck crops is March 15. If we know of anyone losing livestock or hay due to the cold weather and flooding, please have them get in touch with JL.

Eleanor and Jennifer – now have a CRP for honeybees. Will help fund pollinator habitat. Anyone interested, contact them. FSA Farm ownership funds are available. In addition, Youth funding is available, up to \$5000. Youth must be a 4-H member or in FFA.

WVCA Report

Kim Fisher provided the attached written report.

Forestry

WVU Extension

AgEP

Jennifer Kile went over the desired changes for the FY19 AgEP applications and ranking form.

Facebook

Add poster, photo and camp information.

Local Envirothon Workshop

March 31 at the Wetzel County 4-H Grounds.

Adult Education Workshop

May 19, will be the Rain Barrel Workshop in Pleasants County starting at 10:00.

WVNACD Youth Conservation Education Grant

Nothing new.

Internet Updates

Tabled to next meeting.

District Personnel Plan

Cunningham made a motion to approve the plan as it was last year. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Correspondence

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

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

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, District Manager

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

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