

**Upper Ohio Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Middlebourne, WV  
October 22, 2018**

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman  
Wayne McKeever, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bill Gellner, Vice-Chairman  
Audra Cunningham, Member  
Holly Morgan, Member  
Patricia Thomas Members

Others Present

Katie Fitzsimmons, NRCS DC  
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager  
Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager  
Jennifer Skaggs, WVCA via Video Conf.  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA

Chairman Rush was running late so Vice Chair Gellner called the meeting to order with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

**Cunningham made the motion to approve the August 18 Board Meeting Minutes. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Financial Report

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

Chairman Rush joined the meeting.

**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

Supervisor Reports

**McKeever** – attended the envirothon meeting. They are estimating 10 additional teams this year. Helped with the Soil Tunnel Trailer at Boreman and Sistersville School. Attended the Quarterly Meeting in Flatwoods. Bids for 2019 quarterly meetings were received. NPCD and Southern CD submitted bids. WVACD is starting a web page. They are in need of a volunteer to help with the web page. Supervisor training may be on going. Ethics, leadership, project management, etc. Brian has the survey results. Wayne will be getting with him to discuss results. Need to get the word out to make the public aware of what all the CD does. Clyde Baily is the head of the State Fair Committee. We are allowed to change Supervisors daily per diem to \$80 if we choose to. That is up to each district and must be approved at a board meeting. Jim Foster is requesting we get back to him with needed signs. Mark Fitzsimmons was nominated for and received the Carrol Green Award.

**Gellner** – Attended the interviews for the shared employee at NPCD.

**Cunningham** – September 21 held a Rain Barrel class in Williamstown for the Master Gardeners. Went to Oglebay to be trained on the Soil Tunnel Trailer.

**Morgan**-Purchased food for the Listening Session on Oct. 2 and scheduled the Soil Tunnel Trailer at the New Martinsville School and the Octoberfest.

**Rush** – SWA meeting, they set a record year and are on track for another record year. Feel that we need a report from the SWA Representative at the board meetings. Helped manning the Soil Tunnel Trailer at the Autumnfest.

NRCS

Katie Fitzsimmons reviewed NRCS recent events along with the attached report.

WVCA Report

Kim Fisher provided the attached written report.

AgEP

Jennifer Skaggs presented a power point on AgEP.

**McKeever made a motion to approve the following applications:**

Name	BMP	Amount	Ranking Score
Terry Collins	Lime	\$1500.00	83
Terrell Cozart	Lime	\$256.50	68
Larry Casto	Lime	\$642.50	65.2
Kenneth Mercer	Lime	\$493.00	51.8
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2892.00</b>	

**Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.**

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**McKeever made a motion to approve payment for T. Sweeney for \$1500 for his fence practice. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Facebook

Add photos from Soil Tunnel Trailer.

Trailer for Bed Layer

Mike Simms at MOVTI is drawing up plans for trailer.

RC&D Representative

**Gellner made a motion to appoint Rush and McKeever as UOCD representatives for RC&D from Wetzel and Tyler Counties. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Property Appraisal

Bill will contact Dean Swartz.

Lime Spreader

Will continue with getting bids on spreader.

Appalachian Grazing Conference

**Appalachian Grazing Conference Funding correction. UOCD will pay registration fee for up to 4 from each county.**

Christmas/Recognition/Awards Dinner

**Dinner will be December 11 at 6:00 with auction and games as we have in the past.**

Conservation Agreement

**Gellner made a motion to approve the Conservation Agreements Al Tuttle and Steven Anderson. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

DEP Shanti Amos

Tabled.

Per Diem

Tabled

Proxy at Quarterly Meeting

**Cunningham made a motion to appoint Gellner as proxy for the quarterly meetings. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Future of CD

LOR for Ag Strategic Plan Listening Session Expense

Cunningham made a motion to submit a \$350 LOR for reimbursement of expenses. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Correspondence

Adjournment

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

**The next regular meeting will be November 20, 5:30 pm, located at the UOCD office in Middlebourne.**

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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