

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

Lauren Hobbs, NRCS
Lori Cochran, WVCA/UOCD District Manager
Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Manager
Jon Wilson, Forestry

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Financial Report

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

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 – Updated webpage for Envirothon. Attended RC&D meeting. WVCEC continues discussion on improvements.

Gellner – RC&D meeting, Bob Buchanan resigned.

Cunningham – attended the Gardener Club meeting and discussed having another rain barrel workshop with them. State Dept. of Ag contacted her to see if we have seen any issues with mold and parasites in this area. Attended Women in Ag in Wheeling. Attended the Farm Bureau meeting.

Morgan-attended Blue Stream in Weirton. Eight high schools in NPCD are participating. Wetzel Co. Farmers Market received enough funds to double SNAP.

Thomas-talked to teachers in about Envirothon and has one teacher very interested in participating.

Rush – SWA is purchasing new trailers and more temporary buildings. Has talked to several individuals interested in the Urban AgEP and thinks we will see an increase in participation for the coming FY.

NRCS

Lauren Hobbs reviewed NRCS recent events along with the attached report.

WVCA Report

Kim Fisher provided the attached written report.

Forestry

Jon Wilson posed the question, “What do we need from Forestry?” creating a lengthy discussion on what is available and how we can help land owners best utilize Forestry services. UOCD would like to hold a Forestry Work Shop after the beginning of the year. Dry hydrants were discussed along with funding issues.

AgEP

Per Diem

Discussion was held concerning raising the daily per diem rate from \$60 to \$80. UOCD has needed to pull from other funds to cover overages in the past and looks to be doing the same again this FY. **Gellner made a motion to leave the per diem rate as is at \$60 per day. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Facebook

Add information on listening session, Blue Stream and Soil Tunnel Trailer.

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Trailer for Bed Layer

Tabled.

Property Appraisal

Tabled

Lime Spreader

Tabled

Dinner

McKeever made a motion to have Dianna’s cater the Recognition/Christmas dinner. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.

Bank Signatures

Gellner made a motion all UOCD supervisor members, currently consisting of Allen Rush, Bill Gellner, Wayne McKeever, Audra Cunningham, Holly Morgan and Patricia Thomas, be authorized to sign checks, transfer funds, any and all account necessities, on all accounts as well as access safe deposit box. A debit card on the 0232 account is to be held by Chairman Rush as well as access to online banking. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Certificate of Deposit

Tabled.

Purchase of barrels

Tabled, approach NPCD for interest in sharing.

Policy and Procedure Review

Tabled

Conservation Agreement

None

DEP

Tabled

Envirothon Practice/Location

March 29 or April 5, location TBD.

Correspondence

Rush reviewed minor correspondence.

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be December 18 at 5:30 pm, located at the UOCD office in Middlebourne.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, District Manager

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

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