

Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman
Bill Gellner, Vice Chairman
Patricia Thomas, Supervisor
Audra Cunningham, Supervisor
Wayne McKeever, Supervisor

Others Present

*Shaun Kuhn, Forestry
Jennifer Kile, WVCA
* Kim Fisher, WVCA
Lori Cochran, WVCA
*Katie Fitzsimmons
Nick Beaver, NRCS

*Attended via teleconference

Chairman Gellner called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA - Fitzsimmons reviewed the written report. Beaver will be attending the Grazing Conference.
WVCA Fisher reviewed the written report. State AgEP meeting Monday @ 9:00. Conservation Farmer to her by May 31. SB264 passed.

Forestry – Kuhn reported he has a couple of management plans in Wetzel Co. We are back in fire season. No burning until after 5:00 pm and must be out at by 7:00 am. On a side note, a High Tunnel Field Day is scheduled for June 20 at Shaun's.

WVU Extension – Tyler and Richie counties are hosting a Winter Dinner Meeting.

WVACD –

Previous Meeting Minutes

McKeever made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

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

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

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – AgEP Sub-committee. Exigency program, Winter feeding cover crop, emergency water supply, temporary fence, high tunnel, and green house repair.

Cunningham – Attended the Pleasants Co. Ham & Bacon Sale. Promoted AgEP. Mountain State Beef Prog. Listen in on sessions of Grazing Conference.

McKeever – RC & D meeting, AgEP meeting, Environthon meetings, Partnership call, Legislative meeting. 264 did pass, Kelly and Barnhart did great job on helping with that. Quarterly meeting on 18th and 19th at Cacapon. Grazing Conference was very well attended. Basically, going back to soil health and promoting it as much as we can. The cost of fertilizer is going up and would end up costing about \$175 per cow to fertilize as you normally would. Promoting faster rotation on small acreage and extending rest periods between grazings. Also promoted temporary fencing. Important for producers to diversify. Quarterly meeting will 18th and 19th at Cacapon. You need to get your room now. We didn't do a room block. Going to have a tour; need to know who is going on the tour so we can have enough buses. Climate Smart Practices. Lots of \$ available. Second round would like to do a \$200000 to five million grant. Maybe we could apply for the Districts as a whole through the Association. If you have any ideas, let me know. NACD has money for Technical Assistance. May be able to apply any funds left over from the shared employee to community gardens or some other outreach.

Thomas – Contacted Julie Taylor for the poultry workshop. Attended the Heritages Cattleman's workshop. Did the AgEP meeting. Bugged a lot of people to try to get them to attend the Invasive Species Workshop. Read all of the correspondence and working on the L. Moore thing.

Morgan –

Rush – Sod seeder needs a new packing wheel and the acreage counter. Went to Knight's and they are working on getting the new parts. Land Pride has taken over Great Plains and the parts transition has not gone smooth. Need to

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address the rental on the seeder. Seeder needs to come back clean; can't be used when the ground is wet. Barrels are close to getting enough. Supply is not real strong yet. Will call back in a couple weeks to see if he has enough. Talked to several individuals about IS and AGEP.

Funding Request

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements – none

AgEP –

Administrative Agreement – Jenn reviewed the proposed agreement. Needs a few more changes and will bring back to the next meeting. Change IS to \$500.

Application – Reviewed. We still need to make a few changes. Change 50% to 75% on the Nucleus, 50% on the bee houses. Need to add cost share \$ amounts on the application. Will bring back to next meeting.

Grant Needs

Nothing new.

Spring Development Supply Update

Nothing new.

Shop Man Door at Shop

Will get to when weather is fit.

Education Programs

- Barrel order update – Looks like they will be available in April.
- Other ideas –
- UOCD promotional video update – nothing new.
- RC & D Grant update – Trees will be in at Wal-Mart in April cost is 29.95 and 34.95, 1 year and 18 months. We have the tree tubes and stakes. 1 ½ year trees would probably be the best fit.
- Poster and Photo Contest to us by June 1.
- First Energy Tree Program.

Local Work Group

Mountain Meadows on April 26th. Nothing new.

Urban Ag Funding

Table

New Building

Rush to talk to an auction for estimates on the shop location.

Area Conservation Scholarship Applications

We have received 3 Area Conservation Scholarship applications, 2 from Wetzel Co and 1 from Tyler. Applications continue to be accepted until the first Monday in April.

New Business

Financial Meeting

Rush appointed Gellner, Thomas and Morgan to the Financial Committee.

Land Judging Contest

Waiting to hear from FFA when the regional competition will be held; we will have ours a couple weeks prior to that. A location has been selected.

Conservation Farm Contest

Due to Kim in May. Discussed several possibilities. Will decide at the April meeting.

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State Fair Sign-up

Get with Lori if you plan to work at the State Fair.

Correspondence

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

Date