

# Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022

## Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman  
Bill Gellner, Vice Chairman  
Patricia Thomas, Supervisor  
Audra Cunningham, Supervisor  
Wayne McKeever, Supervisor  
*Absent Supervisor Holly Morgan*  
Attended via teleconference

## Others Present

\*Katie Fitzsimmons, District Conservationist  
\*Jennifer Kile, WVCA  
\*Kim Fisher, WVCA  
Nick Beaver, NRCS  
\*Lori Cochran

Vice-Chairman Gellner called the meeting to order.

## Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS- A written report was provided.

*Rush joined the meeting.*

WVCA - A written report was provided.

Forestry – none.

WVU Extension – Julie provided a written report included in meeting packets.

## Previous Meeting Minutes

**McKeever made a motion to approve the June 7 and June 21 meeting minutes. Gellner seconded the motion; motion passed.**

The May 17 meeting minutes were tabled to the August meeting.

## Financial Report

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

## Supervisor Reports

**Gellner** – Since we are doing a lot of weed control and invasive species by chemical, I saw a report that in 2013 and 2014 80% of the urine test showed round up in their bodies. Round Up is supposed to be taken from the market and change it to something else in 2023.

**Morgan** – None

**McKeever** – Anyone planning to attend Appalachian Grazing Conference Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>? Attended the RC&D meeting, a woodland seminar on biochar, state fair meeting, state conservation committee finance and program committee, executive meeting and reviewed AgEP applications, NRCS area meeting, attended the area meeting, partnership call, NENACD meeting, Awards Council meeting, State Conservation Committee meeting. Area meeting put in a request to meet our needs in conservation. Had three and added. More funds for AgEP, implement intensive grazing practices on AgEP programs, Biochar practice and we discussed and added the arial spraying of invasive species. Maximum close to a million dollars for all of the districts. Gives Brian a basis to ask for extra funding. Quarterly meeting is coming up, with Executive and Legislative meetings on Sunday night, training three days, new officers will be elected during the meeting. SCC approved the RC&D request, on the weed program, have five Districts help with the pilot program. Biochar working on, trying to get the criteria for that, hopefully by the quarterly meeting. Probably going to have to use own District funds, anywhere from \$1000 to \$1500 would cover the demonstration for each District. Use same source for the biochar and each District wanting to participate would have to pick up from one central location.

**Thomas** – Talked with Garrett Ammons, concerning the Area Conservation Scholarship Award. Two interesting items in the Market Bulletin from our area, Bill Ingram from Tyler County is being inducted into the Agricultural and Forestry Hall of Fame and Aimee Figgatt has a recipe submitted in the recipe section.

**Cunningham** – On the communications call on the 29<sup>th</sup>. On an Ohio River Sweep call on the 1<sup>st</sup>; so far, the sweeps done this year have been mini sweeps with 15 or less people but they have been very successful. I have not scheduled one yet. Was on the Grazing Lands call on the 8<sup>th</sup>. All the Districts have had an enormous response to their AgEP

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sign-ups. Most all of them are allocating for more applications than funds allotted from the Agency because very few Districts have 100% completion of approved practices. By over allocating, they will be able to use more funds to get conservation practices on the ground. Still collecting and reporting rainfall data in this area. We are still in very dry conditions, even with the sporadic rainfall. Spoke with a couple producers about Invasive Species, not multiflora or autumn olive, but some other grasses and other weed problems they are having, one of them is johnson grass. I will be attending the Quarterly Meeting next week. I will be attending the State Fair meeting and on the Grazing Lands meeting I did sign up to work the booth at the State Fair on Thursday and Friday.

**Rush** Attended the Area meeting, sod seeder is in need of a new roll pin

Funding Request – none

### Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements – None

**AgEP –Gellner made a motion to approve applications down to and including the application of Robert Forrester IS for up to \$43763.50 and to approve any additional applications that can be funded in order of practice and ranking, pending funds coming from the agency above the \$34015.74. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Practice</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
Stevie Young	HU	1920 Sq. ft.	\$ 2500.00	98
Gene Ramsey	Lime	14.4 tons	360.00	85
Jon DuMars	UA		1000.00	101
Shelly Brown	PD Fence	1068 feet	1708.30	118.5
Hannah Ferrell	IS		500.00	110
Terry Collins	Exclusion Fence	1563 feet	2500.00	65
Kara Garrett	Water System		1990.00	85
Greg Musgrave	Pollination	Nucs, boxes	\$ 230.00	90
Marsha Weese	HUA	830 sq. ft.	1095.60	88
Claude Farson	Lime	4.96 tons	124.00	80
Kevin VanCamp	UA		1000.00	100
Leon Ammons	PD Fence	550 ft.	880.00	114
Wayne Goddard	IS		476.00	100
Terry Cozart	WS		2186.00	75
Clarence Dawson	Pollination	Nucs, Boxes	230.00	85
Steve Long	HUA	1380 sq. ft.	1821.60	88
Shelly Brown	Lime	11.66 tons	292.50	80
Larry Jochum	UA		1000.00	90
Thomas Wince	PD Fence	100 ft.	160.00	108.5
Robert S Goddard	IS		500.00	90
James Cochran	WS		2200.00	70
Kevin VanCamp	Pollination	Bee Boxes	30.00	70
Robert Forrester	HUA	900 sq. ft.	1188.00	77
Donald Seckman	Lime	80.84 tons	2021.00	75
Sandy Blake	UA		1000.00	90
Marsha Weese	PD Fence	450 ft.	720.00	108.5
John Furlong	IS		\$250.00	90
Hannah Ferrell	HUA	600 sq. ft.	792.00	70
Howard Flesher	Lime	46 tons	1150.00	75
Wayne P Goddard	UA		1000.00	80
Richard Reeves	PD Fence	1500 ft.	2400.00	107
Shelly Brown	IS		500.00	90

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John Furlong	HUA	1680 sq. ft.	2217.60	68
Timothy McDiffitt	Lime	17.42 tons	435.50	75
Steve Long	UA		178.40	60
Steve Westbrook	PD Fence	1600 ft.	2500.00	104
Marsha Weese	IS		500.00	90
James Cochran, Jr.	HUA	2800 sq. ft.	300.00	68
Jack Smith	Lime	52.12 tons	1303.00	60
Thomas Wince	UA		1000.00	60
Wayne Goddard	PD fence	640 ft.	1024.00	104
<b>Robert Forrester</b>	<b>IS</b>		<b>500.00</b>	<b>90</b>
Allen Rush	HUA	1600 sq. ft.	2112.00	65
Richard Thomas	PD Fence	1563 ft.	2500.00	104
Diann Wykert	IS		500.00	90
Kenneth Mercer	HUA	1600 sq. ft.	1612.00	62
Doretta Rush	PD Fence	1375 ft.	2200.00	101
Steve Long	IS		500.00	85
Henry Barnhart	PD Fence	1600 ft.	2500.00	97.5
Allen Rush	IS		388.85	85
Anthony McDiffitt	PD Fence	1563 ft	2500.00	90
Delbert Elder	IS		500.00	80
Hattie Massey	PD Fence	1400 ft.	2240.00	88.5
Richard Reeves	IS		100.00	80
D.E. Grimes	PD Fence	1600 ft.	2500.00	87
Kevin VanCamp	IS		500.00	70
Everette Anderson	PD Fence	1600 ft.	2500.00	65
Doretta Rush	IS		\$ 300.00	70
Terry Cozart	IS		314.00	50
FY23 Program Eligible Application Total Cost				\$67,530.35

### Education Programs

- Grant needs – nothing new.
- Education Programs– Project Wet and Project Wild. DEP is willing to do something with outreach anytime.
- Other ideas
- UOCD promotional video update – nothing new.
- RC & D Grant update – Trees are not available.
- Urban Ag Funding-nothing new
- Barrel order update – Covered in Supervisor Rush report.
- Resource Concerns

### New Business

Jon Bourdon July 26 – Katie will send a schedule when she can finalize details. Eugene will be in morning and Kenny and Patricia in the afternoon.

### SWA

**Gellner made a motion to appoint Tina Oldfield as UOCD representative to the SWA. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

### Election of Officers

**Gellner made a motion to leave officers as they currently stand. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion passed.**

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## Conservation Farmer of the Year Tour

Tour for the Nuss Farm will be August 12.

## Equipment Contingency Plan

Call forward to a preselected supervisor when AS is out for more than a couple days and make forms available.

## Soil Tunnel Trailer Bookings

Booked for PCYF and 1 day each Tyler and Wetzel County fall festivals.

## Annual Awards Dinner

**Cunningham made a motion to hold our Annual Dinner at the Tyler Co. 4-H Building if venue is available on Dec. 5 or 6. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

## Budget FY23

Table to next meeting.

## Carroll Greene Nomination

WVACD Honorary Member at Large

WACD Lifetime Honorary Member

Table to next month meeting. Wayne and Audra will work on this together.

## Correspondence

## Adjournment

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

**The next regular meeting will be Monday August 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

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Signature of Chairman

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Signature of Secretary

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