

# Upper Ohio CD Draft Meeting Minutes September 19, 2023

## Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman  
Bill Gellner, Vice Chairman  
\*Wayne McKeever, Supervisor  
Patricia Thomas, Supervisor  
\*Audra Cunningham, Supervisor  
Holly Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer

## Others Present

\*Heather Duncan, WVACD  
\*Kim Fisher, WVCA  
John Wilson, Division of Forestry  
Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

\*Attended via teleconference

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

## Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA – Beaver reviewed the written report.

WVCA– Fisher reviewed the written report. QM deadline is 25<sup>th</sup>. Get your registrations in. Devin has been hired as the third Area Director and will start on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Upper Ohio will not be affected by this; Kim will remain as the Area Director for this District. State AgEP Committee meeting is Monday.

WVU Extension – Extension is getting a teaching high tunnel behind the office. It will be 16 X 48.

Forestry – Wilson gave a report on Forestry concerns and events. Fire season is here again. October 1 restricted hours starts again. Nationally, fire occurrences are down. The 10-year average is 6 million acres; this year it was 2.1 million acres. Have had only about a third of the normal number of fires in the west. Spotted Lantern Fly will be here. It is already in counties close by. Just a matter of time for them to be here. Forestry competition is the 29<sup>th</sup>. Currently five schools signed up but some have more than one team. There are a few logging jobs in this District, nothing major.

SWA – Rush discussed SWA news. Another building coming down this week. Discussing having farmers markets there on Saturday mornings. Recycling is picking up. Terri replaced Bob Gorby as the RC&D representative from Wetzel County.

WVACD – Heather reminded that grant reports are due by the end of the month. Envirothon training is the 25<sup>th</sup>. NACD Annual Meeting registration is open. It is in San Diego this year. Quarterly meeting registration as Kim said on the 25<sup>th</sup>, discounted room rate is open to the 5<sup>th</sup>. Area meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> at LKCD. We are going to have a training with the WVCA fiscal department. It will be Q & A style, but if you have any questions as a board or individuals, please try to get them to me by the end of the month so we can have handouts prepared with those Q and A on them.

## Previous Meeting Minutes

**Thomas made a motion to approve the August 22 meeting minutes with correcting those present to include Kim Fisher via teleconference. Morgan seconded the motion; motion passed.**

## Financial Report

**Gellner made a motion to file the financial report for audit. Thomas 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 – None

## Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements –  
None

## AgEP –

**Gellner made a motion to cancel the AgEP \$250 Invasive Species and \$1900 Water System practices of Colleen Folger at her request. Morgan seconded the motion; motion carried. Total cancelation \$2150.00**

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Gellner made a motion to approve the AgEP Invasive Species payment to William Ingram in the amount of \$500.00. Thomas seconded the motion; motion carried.

## Grant Updates

Will post the fence job for the Community Garden on Facebook. Holly will prepare end of quarter reports.

## Education Programs –

Winter program is in planning stages. Looking at January to hold classes at WVNCC. Holly has been asked to give a presentation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at New Martinsville School in December.

## New Building

Nothing new

## UOCD Annual Meeting

December 7 or 11 at the Center in New Martinsville.

## Stev McAnarney Forestry Contest

Contest will be at the Tyler Rod and Gun Club with set up on September 28 and Contest on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Contest will begin at 10 a.m. Pizza for lunch.

## **New Business**

### Fall Festivals

Wetzel Co. Festival has changed date to 14-16. No plans to take anything from the district at this time.

### Teen Leader Weekend State 4-H Camp

Holly will post this to UOCD Facebook page to help get the word out.

## Expenditure Report

**Thomas made a motion to approve the CDO Expenditure Report as submitted. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.**

## Supervisor Reports

### **Gellner –**

### **Cunningham –**

**Morgan –** as attached.

### **McKeever –**

**Thomas –** As attached.

### **Rush –**

## Correspondence

WV DEP

WVACD Scholarship Auction

Decided to provide auction items.

## Adjournment

**Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.**

**The next regular meeting will be at 6pm October 24, 2023.**

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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