

# Upper Ohio CD Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024

## Members Present

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

## Others Present

Nick Beaver, NRCS DC  
\*Barbie Parsons, FSA  
John Borden, State Conservationist  
  
Jennifer Kile, WVCA  
Lori Cochran, WVCA Administrative Specialist

\*Attended via teleconference

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

## Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-FSA –Parsons reported on FSA activity.

NRCS-Beaver reviewed the written report. Currently has 56 active contracts. Boreman reported on the Forestry vacancies in the state. Hopes to get one in the panhandle soon. Praised Nicks performance in the district with limited support. He is very pleased with Nick in the position, but hopes to get him some help, either with a soil tech or possibly a 401 position. Nick will be getting training on RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program).

WVCA– Fisher provided a written report.

Forestry – No report was received.

WVU Extension –

SWA –

WVACD –

## Previous Meeting Minutes

**Previous meeting minutes were unavailable. Will be available for review at the next meeting.**

## Financial Report

**Thomas 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. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.**

## Funding Request –

**Thomas made a motion to sponsor the Women in Ag event in NPCD with \$650. Cunningham seconded the motion; motion carried.**

**McKeever made a motion to donate \$100 to the Middle Island Longbeards/NWTF for the Jakes Program. Thomas seconded the motion; motion carried.**

## Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements –None

## AgEP –

Musgrave payment-Postponed to the next meeting.

**Gellner made a motion to accept the cancellation of Rebecca VanCamp-Daugherty pollination practice. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.**

## Grant Updates

We are having a biochar field day on May 19 at 2:00. (Actually from 1:00 – 4:00). Wayne is working with Donnie to order a pallet of biochar.

We need to advertise again for fence building for community garden.

## Education Programs –

Soil Tunnel – Cunningham checked with Tent Craft about a pop-up canopy with sides that can be printed on both sides. They make a 10X30 and a 10x20. The larger is priced at \$15626.75 and the smaller is priced at \$11631.72. They appear to be very sturdy and durable structures according to the reviews. Supervisors would like more information on longevity information, availability of replacement parts if necessary, warranty on sun fading, weight and storage.

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Jill Ash has stopped in from Family Resource Network. Asking about someone taking the lead on a Community Garden, possibly at the Sr. Building next door. We will ask Jill to come back to our next meeting to give more information on this.

## Storage Building

Nothing new.

## Local Work Group

April 25, 6:00 (WVNCC) Promote as Community Conservation Discussion Sponsored by UOCD. Ask Dustin if he is available to act as moderator.

## Urban Employee Grant

Audra is listed as a co-sponsor.

## Conservation Farm

Ask DuMars to act as non-traditional farm. Talk to Anthony McDiffitt, Kara Garrett and Delbert Elder.

## UOCD Education Grant

**Cunningham made a motion to present the Area Conservation Award to three applicants. (one pending receipt of transcript) Two in Tyler Co. and one in Wetzel Co.. Gellner seconded the motion; motion carried.**

## Envirothon

Setting up tomorrow. Have 35 teams participating. The main topic is renewable energy.

## Poster/Photo Contest

We have few entries as of today.

## Soil Tunnel Trailer

Booked for October 1 to October 22.

## Land Judging Contest

May 23 at Joe and Hannah Ferrel Farm

## Bayer Signatures

## Pleasants Fishing Day

Have not heard anything other than it is May 4.

## SES Bee Friendly Month of Kindness Wildflower seeds

No new information.

## Progressive Ag Safety Day May 17

## **New Business**

## Legislative Tour/Lunch Discussion

## Supervisor Reports

**Gellner** – None

**Cunningham** – None

**Morgan** – None

**McKeever** –

**Thomas** – None

**Rush** – None

## Correspondence

## Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting will be at 6pm May 21, 2024.

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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