

**WOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1616 EAST WOOSTER STREET, SUITE 32
BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman, Ron Snyder.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Supervisors

Ron Snyder, Chairman – Present
Lee Sundermeier, Vice-Chairman– Present
Kris Swartz, Fiscal Agent – Present
Bernard Scott, Secretary–Present
Dennis Ferrell, Member-Present

NRCS Staff

Becky Duncan – Present
Kelly Copeland – Absent
Chris Corgan - Absent
Cheryl Rice - Present

SWCD Staff

Jim Carter – Present
Nicki Kale – Absent
Jeremy Gerwin – Present
Beth Landers – Present
Julie Lause - Present
Abby Wensink – Present
Meagan Grammer - Present

Kris moved to go into Executive Session at 8:01 AM for personnel evaluations. Lee seconded. Motion carried. Roll call was taken: Ron – yes, Kris – yes, Lee – yes, Bernie – yes, Dennis - yes.

Ron called the regular meeting to order at 8:25 AM. No action was taken.

Kris moved to approve the agenda. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. Staff calendar was reviewed. ODA monthly report was shared.

Kris moved to file the January regular meeting minutes. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

The January treasurer's report was reviewed. The following balances were presented as of January 31, 2019. District Checking account \$109,881.93, District STAR Ohio \$137,077.67, Special Fund \$152,477.43 and Ditch Account \$104,232.24. Dennis moved to file the January treasurer's report. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Jim reported that Kris, Ron, Jim, Jeremy, and Abby would like to attend CTC in Ada March 5 and 6. Bernie moved to approve payment for registrations. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Jim reported that Fennig Equipment in Coldwater, OH is willing to partner with the district on an inter-seeding research project. The proposed project will involve 6- 8 local producers agreeing to inter-seed cover crop mixes into standing corn. Producers will be required to submit data throughout the 2 year project. Cisco Seeds may be interested in partnering with the district as well.

Becky reviewed the activity handout. She noted that about 155 attended Northern Ohio Crops Day.

Becky reported that deadline dates changed with the shutdown.

Becky reported that the LWG will be schedule soon. A soil health workshops is February 28 at Ole Zim's.

Jeremy reported that he is working with Jim on the inter-seeding project. Discussion was held on nutrient management plans. It is the topic for the Ag Breakfast on March 20 at Bob Evans.

Julie presented the updated policy and procedures handbook for approval. Lee moved to approve the policy. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Julie presented the resolutions for the delegate session at the Partnership Meeting February, 24- 26. Kris is the delegate. Resolutions were reviewed and discussed.

Kris moved to approve attendance of staff to Women in Ag on March 29. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis moved to approve the Annual Meeting and Election to be Thursday, September 12 at Nazareth Hall. \$20/ticket. \$1,000 budget for awards. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

\$250 donation to the Henry Wood Sportsmans Alliance as a sponsor.

Bernie exited at 9:29 AM.

Beth presented a nomination for membership on the Ohio Public Works District 5 Natural Resource Assistance Committee (NRAC). Kris moved to approve nomination. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Beth reported that the Wood County Engineer is working on the Packer 319 application. The project will need a local cash match of nearly \$80,000.

Beth requested ODNR Scientific Collection Permit renewal (\$25/yr or \$75 for 3 years). Lee moved to approve \$75 for 3 years. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Beth reported that the Watershed Coordinator grant application is open. Beth is going to apply.

Abby reported that she attended the TDP Advanced Basic Nutrient Management course.

Abby reported that she and Jim attended the Northwest Ohio Crops Day in Henry County. It was the second year hosted and 60+ people attended. The district shared a sponsor table with CAP.

Abby reported that there will be an Ag Breakfast at Bob Evan, Bowling Green on Wednesday, February 20 7-8 AM. Kip Studer will talk about nutrient management plans. The district will pay for the first beverage. Food is at the expense of the attendee.

Abby reported that she is working on building CAP donors.

Meagan reviewed her activity handout. (attached)

The new director of ODA, Dorothy Pelanda is traveling the state for meet and greets with staff and citizens. Wood SWCD will host the visit with Lucas and Hancock counties March 22 at 12:30 PM.

Kris reported that Mindy Bankey, OFSWCD CEO, has accepted a new position with ODNR. He is on the interview board.

Kris reported that there is a legislative reception at the Statehouse on Tuesday evening of the partnership meeting. A talking points handout will be provided but the main point is that the districts are asking for a 1:1 funding match.

Lee moved to approve the bills to be paid, sign the minutes, and the financial report. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be Friday, March 15, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

Being no further business, Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lause, _____.

Ron Snyder, Chairman

Bernie Scott, Secretary