

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 21, 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 – Present
Chris Corgan - Absent
Cheryl Rice - Present

SWCD Staff

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

Jim added support letter for Mercer SWCD to the agenda. Becky added a request for the NCR report. Lee moved to approve the agenda. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. ODA Updates and Pollution Report was shared. Staff calendar was reviewed.

Dennis moved to file the May regular meeting minutes and the June 7 special meeting minutes. Dennis was present at the April regular board meeting. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

The May treasurer's report was reviewed. The following balances were presented as of May 31, 2019. District Checking account \$73,795.12, District STAR Ohio \$218,619.89, Special Fund \$297,194.50 and Ditch Account \$133,403.55. Lee moved to file the May treasurer's report. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Nicki presented the 2020 Budget estimate for signature to submit to the board of county commissioners. Kris moved to approve the estimated budget. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Lee moved to approve the use of staff leave on Friday, July 5. The NRCS office will be staffed. The SWCD staff will be off. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Nicki noted that Steve Benner accepted the nomination to for board of supervisors.

Jim presented a draft review of a phosphorus management program created by Mercer SWCD. The Mercer SWCD staff requested comments. The board has no comment as it is not relevant to Wood County. Kris moved to approve the response. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Jim reported that second notices requesting payment have been sent to landowners for upcoming projects.

Jim reported that the soybean interseeding program as part of the SB 299 funds, is to be reviewed in July.

Discussion was held on the county prevent plant program. With the challenges Wood County producers are facing with the unusual amount of rainfall this spring and the opportunity to sign up for the prevent plant program, the staff will gather information on acres of cover crops, soil health, weed control, etc.

Becky reviewed the activity handout. (attached) Becky noted that the Area 1 meeting on June 24 was cancelled. Becky and Kelly will not be at the next board meeting.

Becky reported that the state office requested plant and non-plant information.

Jeremy reported that he has 1,758.1 acres signed up in the Working Lands Small Grains and 361.1 acres in the Working Lands hay buffer programs. The second sign up began June 15.

Jeremy reported that the construction on the manure storage building is slow due to the weather. A manure storage building from the fall is complete.

Julie reported that Steve Benner, Dyan Baer, and Lee Sundermeier are the nominees for the Board of Supervisors elections. Ryan Wichman is the guest speaker.

Julie presented the disposal form for old electronics. Kris moved to approve of the old electronics. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Julie reported that she and Abby reached out to the producers via social media, texting, email, and the media on the Prevent Plant (PP) and Working Lands programs.

Abby reported that she has 1,536 acres committed for the PP program and 1,790 acres reserved. The program rolled out June 11.

Meagan reported that she is handling manure complains and making proactive calls to prevent spills due to the significant amounts of rain.

Meagan thanked the board for the opportunity to talk with Senator Gavarone at the meeting she had at Ron's farm.

Meagan reported that she has several NMPs to complete.

Kris reported that the Ohio No-till council is hosting a prevent plant cover crops meeting on June 27.

Kris reported that NRCS has dollars to use for cover crops on Ohio acres. USDA bulletin to be released changing forage dates.

Kris reported that Governor DeWine and Director Pelanda visited his farm to discuss the disaster relief for Northwest Ohio farmers. It was a good visit

Kris moved to approve \$500 to OSU Extension for Kids' Outdoor Science Camp scholarships. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Kris 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, July 19, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

Being no further business, Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Kris seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lause, _____.

Ron Snyder, Chairman

Bernie Scott, Secretary