

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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-Absent

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

Guest

Ashley Brucker- American Farmland Trust

Ashley Brucker of American Farmland Trust has been coordinating with Beth on the Portage and Toussaint Watersheds. The recent program is looking for 20 landowners with renters to participate in the pilot program encouraging conservation practices on rented acres. Meagan will help Ashley with the land assessments. Ashley asked that the district share the information with the landowners. (attachments)

Dennis moved to approve the agenda. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. ODA Updates and Pollution Report was shared. Staff calendar was reviewed.

Kris moved to file the April regular meeting minutes as amended. Dennis was present at the April regular board meeting. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

The April treasurer's report was reviewed. The following balances were presented as of April 30, 2019. District Checking account \$68,580.24, District STAR Ohio \$218,154.55, Special Fund \$318,824.26 and Ditch Account \$93,297.43. Lee moved to file the April treasurer's report. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Nicki reported that the Legislative Day at the Ohio Statehouse is Wednesday, May 29. Supervisors are encouraged to attend.

Nicki also reported the education updates: Westside Montessori, Elmwood Enviroday, WWFF

Jim reported that ditch projects are in the works. A meeting on the Custar Rd ditch was held at the Milton Twp Fire Hall.

Jim reported that the Wood County Park Wetland project is at a standstill.

Jim reported that the Interseedng Contract draft was reviewed. The final will be sent to the Assistant Prosecutor for approval. Program can be implemented once approved by prosecutor.

Producers shared interest in using a crimper for cereal rye. The staff will look into options for availability of a crimper.

Kris moved to approve proceeding with the soybean interseeding. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Becky reviewed the activity handout. (attached) Continuous CRP signup begins June 3. No final word on CREP. Possible general CRP signup in December.

Jeremy reported that there are four SB 299 small grains agreements and 12 hay buffer agreements. Lee moved to approve agreements. Kris seconded. Motion carried.

Julie reported on the fish sale. (attached) Lee commented that there are High School bass fishing clubs in the area.

Beth reported that there is one Beaver and Tontogany grant still open. Kris moved to approve payment for the structures if installed by the end of May. Weather may be a factor. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Beth reported that a wetland in Perrysburg Twp received damage. A fine was sent by OEPA to the offender. Fine dollars will remain in the county if there are project ideas.

Beth reported that a letter of support was sent to BGSU for testing for heavy metals and antibacterial residue in dairy manure.

Abby reported that the district was accepted to participate in the Soil Health Partnership. The program will integrate with the interseeding program.

Meagan reported that she attended meeting on WLEB contract for Nutrient Management Specialists and a meeting on SB 299 updates.

Meagan reported that she is working with Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood Counties on mapping the small grains program.

Kris reported that the changes in the Working Lands Small Grains program will decrease the allowable ppm P in the new signup. Seven positions for water shed coordinators are available statewide.

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, June 21, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

Being no further business, Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting. Lee seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lause, _____.

Ron Snyder, Chairman

Bernie Scott, Secretary