

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 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 – Present  
Chris Corgan - Absent  
Cheryl Rice - Absent

**SWCD Staff**

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

**Guest**

Dylan Baer – Newly Elected Supervisor

Lee moved to approve the agenda. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. Correspondence was shared. Staff calendar was reviewed.

Bernie moved to file the regular meeting minutes. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

The October treasurer’s report was reviewed. The following balances were presented as of October 31, 2019. District Checking account \$50,912.78, District STAR Ohio \$220,723.19, Special Fund \$236,447.63 and Ditch Account \$184,564.05. Dennis moved to file the October treasurer’s report. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Nicki presented the WLEB Working Lands Buffer contract payments in the amount of \$517,920.00 for the requesting districts. (attached)

Kris moved to approve the district office hours of 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Christmas and New Year’s Eve. One member of the staff will keep the office open. Staff to received eight hours of administrative leave pay for each day. The staff member maintaining the office will receive eight hours to be used at a later date. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Julie reported for Jim that collection continues on pending ditch projects.

Becky reviewed the activity handout. (attached) Kelly gave an update on the schedule with Hancock office. Kelly thanked the staff for their cooperation in assisting producers on her behalf when she is in the Hancock office.

Jeremy presented an agreement for the WLEB Working Lands Buffer Program (WLBP). Dennis moved to accept the agreement. Bernie seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy reported that a manure storage building is started. He is working on two plans for additional buildings to begin construction in the spring.

Jeremy reported that he did the field checks for the WLBP.

Julie requested registrations for the Area 1 Meeting on December 5.

Julie noted that the NACD Annual Meeting is February 8- 12 in Las Vegas.

Bernie moved to renew the membership to the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Julie requested approval for the price of \$37 for the 4' tile probe and \$39 for the 5' tile probe. Kris moved to approve. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Beth reported that the GLC Beaver and Tontogany grant is closed.

Beth reported that she is wrapping up the WNOL outreach program with AFT. The program can be now be organized by the district.

Beth reported that this is the last round for cover crops for the TMACOG grant.

Abby reported that she completed the NRCS Disaster Recovery Relief field checks. She did 100 field checks last year and 321 this year.

Abby reported that she has the cover crops signs for the district Prevent Plant Cover Crop program. Producers are being contacted for permission to install a sign and to collect the necessary documentation for the agreement.

Abby reported that 10 people attended the farmer meeting at BW3 on October 30. It was the last one for 2019. The producers appreciated the meetings but suggested maybe meeting every other month.

Meagan reported that she participated in the Pay for Performance at Heidelberg and TDP.

Meagan reported that she is working on SB299 agreements and manure storage.

Meagan reported that she went on the Putman county Tech Tour.

Meagan reported that Kip is training her on writing nutrient management plans.

Kris reported that he attended the press conference for H2Ohio. It includes 14 counties win the Maumee River Watershed. A portion of Wood County is in the watershed.

Kris reported that he is part of the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI). It is a non-profit organization with 13 board members. OACI will serve as a liaison with H2Ohio and the producers.

Ron reported that the NCAD interviewed him as a Soil Health Champion for a NACD case study for soil health and the economic value.

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

The next regular board meeting will be Friday, December 20, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

Ron moved to go into Executive Session at 9:08 AM for a personnel evaluation. Kris 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 9:51 AM.

Ron reported that Nicki is retiring in 2020. Lee moved to approve hiring Meagan as the District Administrator full time as of January 2, 2020. Kris seconded. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Bernie moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lause, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Ron Snyder, Chairman

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Bernie Scott, Secretary