

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:18 AM by Chairman, Lee E. Sundermeier.

The meeting was conducted via Zoom with access available to the public through a link per the temporary resolution for conducting public meetings during the current global pandemic.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Supervisors

Lee E. Sundermeier, Chairman – Present
Bernard Scott, Vice-Chairman– Present
Kris Swartz, Fiscal Agent – Present
Ron Snyder, Secretary - Present
Dylan Baer, Member-Present

NRCS Staff

Becky Duncan – Absent
Kelly Copeland – Present

SWCD Staff

Jim Carter – Present
Jeremy Gerwin – Present
Beth Landers – Present
Julie Lause - Present
Beth Ann Keller – Present
Sarah St. John - Present

Guests

Annette Rader, District CPA Radel, Smith & Associates
Logan Riker- Chamberlain, Supervisor Elect
Matt Davis, Supervisor Elect

Kris moved to approve the agenda. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- yes.

The ODA monthly update was shared. Staff calendar was reviewed. (attached)

Ron moved to file the special meeting minutes. Dylan seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Ron – yes, Bernie - yes, Kris- yes, Dylan – yes, Lee – yes.

Kris moved to file regular meeting minutes. Dylan seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Bernie – yes, Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Kris- yes, Ron - yes.

Annette presented the October treasurer’s report. The following balances were presented as of October 31, 2020. District Checking account \$285,398.61 District STAR Ohio \$293,545.16, District Special Fund \$306,780.31 Ditch Account \$108,119.30 SWAT Special Fund \$20,786.54, SWAT STAR Ohio \$44,226.23, WLEB –PP \$9,920.30, and WLEB-PP STAR Ohio \$4,760,525.15. Jim presented the leave balances and financial obligation. Dylan moved to file the treasurer’s report. Kris seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Dylan - yes, Lee - yes, Bernie – yes, Kris- yes, Ron - yes.

Jim introduced Sarah St. John as the new District Technician.

Jim reported that the Bradner Road Ditch #2430 is near completion. A partial payment is in the bills to be paid. A refund of spoil leveling to a landowner for the Mercer Road Ditch #2415 and a refund for a boundary line dispute for Carter Road Ditch #1954 are in the bills to be paid.

Jim reported that additional projects are being looked at with the finishing of harvest.

Jim reported that the committee for the Elwin Dunipace Ditch project will send out the assessments. The letter, spreadsheets, maps, envelopes, and postage will be provided by the district.

Kris moved to approve \$775 NACD membership. Dylan seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Bernie – yes, Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Kris- yes, Ron - yes.

Jim reported that the H2Ohio participant dollars were received. Kris moved to open a H2Ohio Star Ohio account with \$100,000 remaining the Huntington checking. Ron seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie – yes, Kris- yes, Ron - yes.

Per the Wood SWCD policy following the BCC resolution to close offices the day after Thanksgiving, the district office will be closed Friday, November 27. The NRCS staff will telework. Kris moved to approve. Kris seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kris- yes, Bernie – yes, Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Ron - yes.

Jim reported that there is no increase in the Wood County Health Benefits for 2021. The BCC also passed a resolution for a Health Benefits Holiday for the month of November for employees.

Jim presented the Wood County COVID-19 Policy Development form for signature.

Jim reviewed his board activity report. (attached)

Kelly reviewed the activity handout. CRP is a large workload and there has been help with additional staff in doing field checks.

Jeremy reviewed his board activity report. (attached) He has been doing a lot of surveying with the good weather.

Julie reported that she received a CREP reimbursement for a cancelled CREP contract.

Julie reviewed her board activity report. (attached)

Beth presented a list of H2Ohio signed agreements.

Beth presented a list of H2Ohio VNMPs that were reviewed by Beth, Beth Anne, and Sarah for approval. There are over 100 outstanding VNMPs. The state will review staff participants when 10 or more are ready for review. Kris moved to approve the reviewed VNMPs. Dylan seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Dylan - yes, Bernie – yes, Lee - yes, Ron – yes, Kris- yes

Beth reported that ODA will send a termination letter by November 30 for those who chose not to continue with the program.

Beth reviewed her board activity report. (attached)

Beth Anne reviewed her board report. She reported that she is finishing with NRCS Conservation Bootcamp and taking the training for Conservation Planning Certification.

Sarah reported on the new H2Ohio WQIP – wetlands and riparian buffers. Wetlands signed up in CRP in 2020 are not eligible.

Sarah reviewed her activity board report. (attached)

Two Minute Drill.

Kris: John Schlichter unexpectedly passed away.

Lee: Appreciates everyone's attendance with the uncertain times.

Jim: Is concerned with the offsite residue in ditches and ponds with increased tillage due to good weather.

Bernie: The RC&D quarterly meeting is a zoom meeting. AIF has a new brochure and the quarterly meeting/dinner is to be held at Penta. He and Jean have spent the last month at football playoffs. His son-in-law in up for the coach of the year award.

Ron: There is genome soil sensing is being done in California.

Logan: Eager to get started.

Kris moved to approve the bills to be paid, sign the minutes, and the financial reports. Six district bills totaling \$4,299.24, three ditch payments totaling \$27,303.96; six Special Fund bills totaling \$2,091.44. Dylan seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kris- yes, Lee - yes, Bernie – yes, Ron – yes, Dylan – yes

The next regular board meeting will be Friday, December 18, 2020 at 8:00 AM via Zoom and in office.

Being no further business, Dylan moved to adjourn the meeting. Kris seconded. Motion carried. Roll call: Bernie-yes, Lee-yes, Ron-yes, Dylan- yes, Kris-yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lause, _____.

Lee E. Sundermeier, Chairman

Ron Snyder, Secretary