

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 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 – Absent
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

Guests

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

Bernie moved to approve the agenda. Dylan seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence was shared. Julie requested approval to sponsor two 4-H project awards. Bernie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- absent.

Staff calendar was reviewed. (attached)

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

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

Annette presented the August treasurer's report. The following balances were presented as of August 31, 2020. District Checking account \$ 240,061.83, District STAR Ohio \$293,452.59, District Special Fund \$307,041.91 Ditch Account \$118,069.22 SWAT Special Fund \$27,324.23, SWAT STAR Ohio \$44,212.28, WLEB –PP \$9,919.77, and WLEB-PP STAR Ohio \$5,095,898.05. Jim presented the leave balances and financial obligation. Ron moved to file the treasurer's report. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- absent.

Beth Anne reviewed her report. She requested a signature for the completed CNMP. Ron moved to sign the CNMP. Dylan seconded. Motion Carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- absent.

Beth Anne reported that the manure complaint was odor only.

Beth Anne exited at 8:37 AM.

Jim reported that the Mercer Road ditch project is finishing up. He reported that there wasn't much time allotted to ditch work this month. Lee reported that he received a phone call from the Commissioners and Ron has spoken with

landowners regarding the lack of progress on a specific ditch project. Jim reported that he has not worked on it recently. Lee suggested that Jim have a point person to work with on ditches and to visit the landowners.

Jim presented the H2Ohio subsidy agreement with Wood SWCD and ODA Division of Soil and Water for signature. Ron moved to accept and sign. Bernie seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- absent.

Bernie move to open a new H2Ohio Hunting checking account. Ron seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- absent.

Jim reported that 22 applications for received for the District Technician position. Previous applicants were contacted and several re-applied. Jim and the staff will review the applications and present a candidate list to the board members for interviews.

Logan exited the Zoom meeting approximately 9:07 AM.

Jim presented the 2021 budget appropriations. Bernie moved to approve the appropriations as presented. Ron seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call: Lee - yes, Dylan - yes, Bernie - yes, Ron - yes, Kris- absent.

Jim reviewed his board report.

Kelly reviewed the activity handout. Kelly reported that Beth Anne is writing CNMPs for EQIP contracts.

Kelly reported that there are nine outstanding CRP contracts with no contact information. A change in procedure with FSA has made contact with producers more difficult.

Kelly reported that there is a new hire with Hancock NRCS. She is not longer needed to help in the Hancock office.

Jeremy reported that he has been busy moving the drill. It is high demand to meet CRP planting deadlines.

Jeremy reported that he is working on design work the EQIP projects.

Jeremy reviewed his board report.

Julie reported that the Election of Supervisors went well considering the change in the process and no annual meeting. All ballots were valid. Matthew Davis and Logan Riker-Chamberlain were elected to serve a three-year term.

Julie reported that the Educator meetings continue on Zoom with the Area 1 educators. Perrysburg Middle School reached out for soil health videos to use virtually. Julie will provide a video or links to videos.

Julie reported that the Jr. Conservationist program went well with nearly all of those registered completing activities.

Julie noted that a newsletter is coming up if there are suggestions or information to include.

Julie reviewed her board report.

Beth reported that she is working on H2Ohio VNMPs.

Beth reported that TMACOG has not paid our producers. She submitted a request for reimbursement of her time. Payment is expected by the end of September.

Ron requested that Beth look at grant options for producers. Beth noted that grants will require match dollars. Recent grant opportunities were not appropriate for Wood County producers. Ron suggested SARE grants. Beth and Ron will share grant lists.

Beth reviewed her board report.

Ron noted there was discussion on a water quality workshop. No action was taken due to the state requirements of holding group meetings during COVID-19. It was suggested to plan a workshop and include H2Ohio and water control structures.

No comments for the Two Minute Drill.

Ron moved to approve the bills to be paid, sign the minutes, and the financial reports. Ten district bills totaling \$5,273.73; no ditch payments; 12 Special Fund bills totaling \$2,854.60. Dylan seconded. Motion carried. Roll call: Lee-yes, Ron-yes, Dylan- yes, Bernie-yes, Kris-absent.

The next regular board meeting will be Friday, October 16, 2020 at 8:00 AM via Zoom and in office.

Being no further business, Dylan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried. Roll call: Lee-yes, Ron-yes, Dylan- yes, Bernie-yes, Kris-absent. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Lause, _____.

Lee E. Sundermeier, Chairman

Ron Snyder, Secretary