

WAYNE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

MINUTES – November 6, 2025

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly board meeting at Sonnenberg Village, 13497 Hackett Rd., Apple Creek, OH 44606 on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 10:30 AM. The following Supervisors attended the meeting: Jeff Gochnauer, Matt Peart, Dustin Ramsier, Scott Stoller and Randy Tegtmeier. Also, in attendance were: John Lorson, DPA; Stacey Hiller, Administrative Assistant; Rob Kastner, Water Management Engineer; Kelly Riley, Education Specialist; Cody Beale, Ag Resources Coordinator; Ricky Papay, Water Resources Specialist; Kathy Burley, Secretary; Tom Holmes, OFSWCD Area 2 Specialist; Rodney Mackey, Apple Creek Mayor; Dan Starcher, Commissioners Public Relations; and Tate Emerson, Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors candidate.

The meeting was called to order by Randy Tegtmeier, Chairman, at 10:30AM.

MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes from the October 14, 2025 Board Meeting, **Jeff Gochnauer made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed 4-0.**

TREASURER’S REPORT (10/11/2025 to 10/31/2025)

The board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. **A motion was made by Dustin Ramsier to accept the Treasurer’s Report and pay the following invoices: Mapping Solutions \$990.00; OFSWCD Dues \$4,261.00. Motion passed 4-0.**

Special Fund

Disbursements: 5 Purchase Orders	\$ 1,484.48
Commissioners/Printing Dept.	\$ 4.27
Salaries	\$ 30,454.72
Medicare	\$ 424.39
PERS	\$ 4,263.68
Insurance	<u>\$ 10,803.13</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 47,434.67

Income: Oct. 10 GovDeals \$ **2,063.91**

District Fund

Disbursements: 7 Vouchers	\$ 1,263.95
EFT – Verdantas	\$ 697.50
Online Banking Fee/ACH Service Charges	<u>\$ 65.14</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 2,026.59

Income: 2025 Plat Book \$ 175.00
ACH – ODNR KCWRP \$ 697.50
Interest \$ -0- (Did not have Oct. interest at time of report)
Total Income: \$ **872.50**

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Thank you’s from Smithville and Norwayne FFA for assisting with the county land judging.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

No reports

AGENCIES REPORTS

- NRCS: No November report (Federal government shut-down)
- ODA: Tom Holmes reviewed the ODA updates (see attached); he also shared that the registration is open for the Area 2 winter meeting in Medina and that the partnership meeting in Columbus is February 9-11, 2026
- OSU Extension: no report

OLD BUSINESS

-Besancon APAP Update: John Lorson shared with the Board that the Notice of Deficiency is prepared, however it needs Board approval for ODA to oversee the case and move forward with it. This has been an ongoing/recurring issue at the Besancon farm. The District has tried to work with Mr. Besancon over several years with regards to implementing BMP’s; he

has not done that. **Matt Peart made a motion to turn the complaint over to ODA. ODA will oversee the issues going forward. Motion passed. 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

-Progress Report: Matt Peart made a motion to accept the progress report. Motion passed 4-0.

-Nick Baker Livestock Exclusion Project (Board approval): Cody Beale completed the Nick Baker Livestock Exclusion Project and will need board approval to move forward to receive the payment. **Scott Stoller made a motion to approve the contract and issue payment to Nick Baker. Motion passed 4-0.**

-Kister Land Company Livestock Exclusion Project (Board approval): Cody Beale completed the Kister Land Company Livestock Exclusion Project and will need board approval to move forward to receive the payment. **Jeff Gochnauer made a motion to approve the contract and issue payment to the Kister Land Company. Motion passed 4-0.**

-Area 2 Winter Meeting is schedule for Wednesday, December 3rd at Williams on the Lake in Medina. Registration is open. Let Stacey Hiller know by Friday, November 21st if you're interested in going.

-OFSWCD Partnership Meeting is February 10-11, 2026 in Columbus

-Wayne County Ag Hall of Fame (OSU Extension): John Lorson shared an email from John Yost, OSU Extension. John Yost and Frank Becker are interested in organizing a Wayne County Ag Hall of Fame with other organizations in Wayne County. They would like to recognize historic agricultural community members. The Board would like to offer their support.

-2026 Tree Sale Prices: Stacey Hiller presented the update prices to the Board; there is an increase in the prices from last year due to price increase with the nursery. **Matt Peart made a motion to accept the 2026 tree sale prices. Motion passed 4-0.**

-2026 Fish Sale Prices: Stacey Hiller shared with the Board that we will not receive pricing from Fender's until sometime in January. There will be a price increase however it should not be much. **Matt Peart made a motion to accept the prices that the office decides on once we receive pricing from Fender's. Motion passed 4-0.**

-2026 Board of Supervisors Position: Supervisors should start to think about 2026 positions.

-Other New Business:

-OFSWCD Dues 2026: OFSWCD 2026 Area 2 Dues will be \$100.00. OFSWCD 2026 dues will be \$4,261.00.

-Leave Conversion: John Lorson is requesting board approval to convert 80 hours of vacation and 80 hours of sick leave to money per policy. **Scott Stoller made a motion to accept John Lorson's leave conversion request. Motion passed 4-0.**

Staff Updates

-Rob Kastner is doing site visits. Rob and Ricky Papay made a site visit to the Sterling Sewer Project. The project should be done at the end of January 2026 with all residents tied in by the end of 2026. Rob and Ricky met with the Dollar General contractor on Ashland Road. They discussed a list of needed updates to the site to be compliant. The Stream Name Sign Design Contest will be awarded next week.

-Ricky Papay has been working with Rob on site visits. He is also terminated projects, along with MS4 updates in Chippewa.

-Cody Beale is doing cover crop spot checks; finishing H2Ohio verifications; and farmland preservation monitoring needs completed by 12/31/25.

-Kelly Riley has education programs next week. She also needs to meet with the fair recycling team to discuss future compost programs. This is program that they want to continue, however they will need to make changes to the program. Kelly, Ricky, Stacey and John have had meetings and trainings to learn the new website.

-Kathy Burley working on CAPs and also the 2026 winter newsletter.

-Stacey Hiller is training for the new website and is thankful to have the 2025 supervisor election and breakfast finished! She is thankful for the help and support of everyone involved as it is a stressful time.

-John Lorson thanked staff for everyone's assistance with the breakfast.

John Lorson requested the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

A motion was made by Jeff Gochnauer to enter into Executive Session. Dustin Ramsier – yes; Jeff Gochnauer – yes; Matt Peart – yes; Randy Tegtmeier – yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Enter Executive Session 11:09 AM.

Exit Executive Session 11:23 AM.

Scott Stoller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Leave Records 8/24/2025 to 10/4/2025

Employee	Annual Leave Available	Annual Leave Used	Sick Leave Available	Sick Leave Used	Comp Time Balance	Comp Time Used
Cody B.	49.65	44.75	59.03	20	.77	.75
Kathy B.	208.77	0	285.86	9	14.75	0
Stacey H.	217.07	14	760.10	0	1.15	1.75
Robert K.	83	21.50	1029.36	14.50	1	0
John L.	286.10	6.25	2292.36	2	1.89	1.25
Ricky P.	136	16	309.22	8.25	2.01	0
Kelly R.	225.18	11.50	569.74	1	11.13	1.25

Randy Tegtmeier, Chairman

Matt Peart, Secretary

Stacey Hiller, Admin. Assist. Submitted the November 6, 2025 minutes. _____