

PICKAWAY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes for September 11th, 2018

Theme: "1957 World Plowing Match"

The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church – multi-purpose room, 318 Tarlton Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113.

Members Present: Bill Black, Matt Anderson, Barbara Martindale, and Steve Hawkins

Members Absent: Clyde Ohnewehr

Staff Present: Tawn Seimer, Katerina Sharp, Cheyenne Jepson, and Zachary Smith

NRCS Staff Present: Justin Armintrout and Phil Roe

Minutes Taker: Tawn Seimer

Matt Anderson was the master of ceremonies for the evening and began the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Introductions of the District Board of Supervisors and staff were given. Matt also asked for any attendees running for a position on the board of supervisors to introduce themselves. Barbara A. Dudleson Martindale and Jonathan Lohstroh introduced themselves. Keith Deel, Pastor of Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church, asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of 9/11 and gave the invocation. 57 guests (list attached) enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by the Emmett Chapel Women's Society.

Bill Wickerham was the featured speaker at this year's event and was introduced by Steve Hawkins at 7:20 p.m. Wickerham, a life-long resident of Adams County, Ohio, has served with the Adams SWCD for 15 years as a Wildlife Specialist/District Manager. Conservation is not only his career but also his passion. Locally, he is known for the creek sweeps that he has been involved with since its inception 27 years ago. He now organizes and heads up these canoe-based clean-ups of the local streams. In addition, he and his two brothers produce grass fed beef and utilize rotational grazing on over 200 acres. About the only thing Bill enjoys more than his cows is spending time with his 12-year-old daughter, Mary Grace, at home on the farm. Bill comes from a long line of farmers, historians and educators. Although Bill was not around at the time of the 1957 World Plowing Match, his parents and grandparents were. As with most people living in that location at the time, they were also directly involved in the event. Bill's father and grandmother did a wonderful job of preserving the information and passing it along to the next generation.

Pickaway SWCD Education and Outreach Coordinator, Katerina Sharp, introduced the 4-H Natural Resource project winners, who were selected at the 2018 Pickaway County Fair by Montana McFarland, at 7:40 p.m. The 2018 Overall 4-H Natural Resource winner was Kieran Shaw. Kieran is a 4-year member from Walnut Wonder Workers 4-H club. He completed his project in Ohio Birds and went on to compete at the Ohio State Fair, where he received an Outstanding of the Day award for his project. Kieran told the group about his project and thanked the Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District for sponsoring the Natural Resource Projects and allowing him the opportunity to speak. The 2018 4-H Runner-Up was Jacob Hawkes. Jacob is a 7-year member from Future Farmers of Monroe 4-H club and completed his project in Insect Adventures level 1. He also got to go on to compete at the Ohio State Fair, where he too received an Outstanding of the Day award. Jacob told the

audience about his project and thanked the Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District for sponsoring the Natural Resource Projects. Makayla Lang was chosen as our sponsored forestry camper. She was not able to attend the meeting.

Barbara A. Dudleson Martindale, PSWCD board member, presented the homestead sign at 7:48 p.m. to our “2017 Conservationist of the Year”, Terry Wright. Wright has been a co-operator with our organization since 1983. Since his first commitment to establish conservation methods on his farm, Wright has installed over 6,500 feet of waterways with 5 grade stabilization structures. Terry’s various methods of conservation include installing filter strips, utilizing conservation crop rotation, practicing integrated pest and residue management. He also has implemented wildlife habitat for upland birds and participated in the Pheasants Safe Wildlife Practice.

Cody Hacker, Area 5 Program Specialist, presided over the election of one supervisor. The supervisor nominating committee nominated Barbara A. Dudleson Martindale and Jonathan Lohstroh. Voting took place during the time of 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the evening of the Annual Meeting/Banquet. The Pickaway SWCD office also received absentee ballots in the weeks prior to the event. Cody announced at 7:53 p.m. that Barbara A. Dudleson Martindale was re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2019. We want to thank Jonathan Lohstroh for running and encourage him to run in further elections.

Pastor Keith Deel returned to give a closing prayer at 7:55 p.m., and then Matt Anderson gave the final remarks. Door Prize donations were received by: ADM, Anderson Equipment, JD Equipment Inc, Pickaway SWCD, Two Old Broads and A Geezer LLC, Cargill Inc, Seed Genetics Direct LLC, Ink My Logo, and Seed Consultants. Matt Anderson thanked all of the businesses and individuals for supporting the District with the donations. The winners picked up their prizes after the meeting was adjourned. Numbers on the back of programs represented the number of the door prize on the prize table. Star stickers on the back of the program represented the winner of a floral arrangement on the tables.

The 74th annual meeting and banquet of the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Matt Anderson, Chairman Date

Barbara Martindale, Secretary Date

Tawn Seimer, Recording Secretary Date