2025 - SUPERVISORS JOURNAL – PICKAWAY SWCD
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2025

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PICKAWAY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 8:00 A.M. ON THIS DATE AT THE PICKAWAY COUNTY SERVICE CENTER BUILDING, 110 ISLAND ROAD, CIRCLEVILLE, OH 43113 IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM.

DEWEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 A.M.

Dewey Mann – Yes, Matt Anderson – Yes, Liza Musselman –Yes (in at 8:02 am), Bill Black – Yes, Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes

THE FOLLOWING SWCD PERSONNEL WERE PRESENT:

Tawn Seimer – Yes, Katerina Sharp – Yes, Brad Hughes – No, Adriahna Karr – Yes, Jade Collie – Yes, Katherine Shauger – Yes

THE FOLLOWING NRCS PERSONNEL WERE PRESENT:

Justin Armintrout – Yes, Megan Sweeney – No, Matt Mauzy – Yes

THE AREA 5 PROGRAM SPECIALIST WAS PRESENT: Cody Hacker – Yes

VISITORS OR GUESTS PRESENT: Chip Nelson (Farm Bureau) & Mike Estadt (OSU Extension)

MINUTES RECORDER: Tawn & Jade

PUBLIC/AGENCY COMMENTS:

Chip Nelson (OD for Fairfield, Ross, Hocking & Putnam County Farm Bureaus) – Gave an update on activities the Farm Bureau is doing. The membership campaign is taking place through March 31. Memberships are split out by farmer and non-farmer members, and farmer memberships for Pickaway are up 20%. Helped in getting H2Ohio up and running. They appreciate the partnership they share with Pickaway Soil & Water, including Ag Day, Annual Meeting, and Katerina serving as a trustee on the board.

Mike Estadt (OSU Extension) – His 29th year. Shared several of his projects and job duties, including overseeing the Master Gardener program. Involved in a pilot AI project called Buckeye Bean Bot. Anyone who is interested in this project is welcome to attend the meetings.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Bill moved, seconded by Matt to approve minutes for the regular board meeting held February 18, 2025. Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE DISTIRCT FUND BILLS/STATEMENT:

Matt moved, seconded by Liza to approve the February 2025 District Fund Financial Statement ***(Attachment A).*** Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SPECIAL FUND BILLS/STATEMENT:

Bill moved, seconded by Matt to approve the 2025 February Special Fund Financial Statement ***(Attachment B).*** Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes
Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE DISTRICT STAFF ACTIVITY REPORTS:

The board reviewed the district staff activity reports.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEWING NRCS UPDATES:

Justin & Matt gave an update on NRCS. Matt working on one project in Galia County, two projects in Pickaway, and one in Franklin. Justin shared the government has passed the continued resolution through 09/30/2025. Lots of changes going on with the government and a lot of things on hold. Government agencies had to summit a document regarding potential downsizing. IRA money is on hold. 04/04/2025 is the deadline for current EQIP & CSP. Justin is spending 1-2 days a week in Ross County and Megan is dedicating 2 days a week. There are 130 applications between Pickaway, Ross & Fraklin.

IN THE MATTER OF H2OHIO PROGRAM UPDATE:

Katherine has completed over 80% of H2Ohio candidates. Will be sending out vouchers for them this week. We have received our 2nd half of the funding for H2Ohio. Katherine has an H2Ohio training today at ODA.

IN THE MATTER OF DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE:

The district has planned for the drought assistance participants to attend a Mental Health and Grazing Event on 04/07/2025 @ 6pm. Partnering with Farm Bureau and PCCF Ag Committee to host event. We have 53 participants out of 78 that have signed up in our office so far. Deadline to sign up is April 1.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PICKAWAY SWCD & FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEEING UPDATE:

Katerina shared an update. We have booked The Old Barnes at Dry Run Farms as our location for the annual meeting being held on 08/13/2025. Rental cost is $700. Cost of rental and caterer will be split with Farm Bureau. Ty Higgins with OFBF has confirmed he can attend as our speaker to talk mental health in the ag community.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ANNUAL MEETING TICKET PRICE:

Jonathon moved, seconded by Liza to approve $15.00/each for Annual Meeting tickets. Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes
Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

IN THE MATTER OF CHOOSING AN OHIO FARM FAMILY NOMINATION:

The motion was tabled until staff review the nominee's activities, with information being presented at April 15, 2025 board meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING DISRTICT ADMIN & ASST ADMIN TO APPROVE ALL THEN & NOWS and TRANSFERS & REAPPROPRIATIONS:

Bill moved, seconded by Jonathon to approve the District Administer and Administrative Assistant to approve all Then and Now's & Transfers and Reappropriations for the 2025 budget. Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes
Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FORM 11:

Liza moved, seconded by Matt to approve the 2025 Form 11 for submission for State Match. Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes
Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE LEAVE REPORTS:

Matt moved, seconded by Jonathan to approve the Employee Leave Reports as of pay period end dates 2/22/2025 and 3/08/2025 as follows: ***(Attachment C & D).*** Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman– Yes Bill Black – Yes
Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

FYI – Jonathan, Dewey and his two sons attended the Pheasants Forever Banquet on March 1.
FYI – Pond Clinic had over 30 people attend.
FYI – PSWCD received Honorary FFA Chapter Degree during Circleville FFA's Chapter Banquet.
FYI – Amelia placed 5th in the state with her Ag Ed proficiency award – she used her internship with us.
FYI – State Match Report
FYI – Calendar of Events
FYI – ODA Updates for Area 5 SWCD Board Meetings – March 2025 Report

THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING THE PICKAWAY SWCD BOARD MEETING:

It was moved by Bill, seconded by Matt to adjourn the March 18, 2025 Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District meeting of the board at 8:58 a.m. Motion passed.

Vote on Motion (Y, N or A): Matt Anderson – Yes Liza Musselman – Yes Bill Black – Yes
Jonathan Lohstroh – Yes Dewey Mann – Yes

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room located at the Pickaway County Service Center, 110 Island Road, Circleville, OH 43113.

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Dewey Mann – Chairperson Date Matt Anderson – Secretary Date

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Minutes Recorder Date