



**Hamilton County
Soil & Water
Conservation District**

**Annual Meeting
August 14, 2017**

The Annual Meeting for the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on August 14, 2017, at the District's office, 1325 E. Kemper Road, Ste. 115, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246. The Annual Meeting was the District's 72th Annual Meeting.

Steve Johns called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and asked everyone to recite the pledge of allegiance. In attendance were:

Chairman	Steve Johns	
Vice Chairman	Denny Benson	Arrived at 6:30 pm
Secretary	Kaniz Siddiqui	
Treasurer	Scott Huber	
Program Chairman	John Mangan	

Also, in attendance were the following: District Administrator, Holly Utrata-Halcomb; Administrative Assistant, Susan Juriga; Urban Conservationist, Chey Alberto; Urban Technician, James Gleason, Urban Technician, Sarah Kitsinis; Urban Technician, Aaron Habig; Stream Specialist, Adam Lehmann, Public Relations Specialist, John Nelson; Education Specialist, Gwen Roth; Education Assistant, Sara Fehring; Program Assistant, Carrie Gibbons; NRCS Soil Conservationist, Michaela Millikin, ODA Program Specialist, Liz Cline, and guests.

The meeting consisted of the following:

annual meeting was an Open House celebrating the District's 72 years of urban and rural conservation at their new location.

Steve Johns introduced the board members, staff and ODA Program Specialist.

Holly Utrata-Halcomb gave a brief presentation of the District's Cover Crop and Soils Programs.

Gwen Roth gave a brief presentation of the accomplishments of the Education Department's programs.

Chey Alberto introduced the new Earthwork's Departments staff – James Gleason, Sarah Kitsinis and Aaron Habig. In addition he discussed the increase of plan reviews and inspections for the past year.

Adam Lehman gave a brief presentation of the Stream Departments past project and future projects.

Scott Huber read the unaudited financial report for Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The District's account beginning balance was \$55,790 and the yearend balance for the District account's - \$55,739, Soil and Water Special Account – beginning balance was \$409,369 and the yearend balance was \$349,265 less 20% contingency fund and payroll liabilities of \$165,094 for total of \$184,171, Storm Water Special Account – beginning balance was \$536,407 and the year balance was \$462,271 less 20% contingency fund and payroll liabilities of \$217,756 for total of \$244,515, and the Storm Center Special Account – beginning balance of \$62,953 and yearend balance was \$90,478 and the Caring For Our Watersheds Account – beginning balance of \$.00 and yearend balance was \$20,622.

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Mission Statement: A public organization committed to assisting the citizens of Hamilton County through education, technical assistance and leadership to be stewards of our soil and water resources.

The District's awards were as follows:

Sarah Kitsinis and James Gleason presented the 2017 Outstanding Urban Cooperator awards to Skanska and Megen for the installation and maintenance of Earthwork best management practices at Taylor Elementary, Struble Elementary, and Pleasant Run Elementary schools in Colerain Township.

Sarah Kitsinis mentioned the 2017 Outstanding Urban Cooperator award to Shawn Jones of Turner Construction Company for the installation and maintenance of Earthwork best management practices at the Delhi fire Station #36.

Gwen Roth presented Linda Shrader of Sherwood Elementary School with the 2017 Outstanding Conservation Teacher Award for her exceptional efforts in environmental education. In addition, Gwen presented Linda Shrader a \$100.00 check. She informed the meeting attendees the silent auction has a backpack full of school supplies. This items winner is actually bidding for Linda Sharder to use for her students. The funds will go to the Odegard-Diebel Scholarship. The winner will receive two zoo tickets.

Holly Utrata-Halcomb had an Outstanding Conservation Partner Award for the Ohio Farm Bureau and Hamilton County Farm Bureau for their continued support of the District's mission. Lou Schindler was unable to attend the meeting to accept the award.

Liz Cline, Ohio Department of Agriculture's Program Specialist, gave the results of the election and introduced the new District Supervisors for 2018 which are Scott P. Huber and Michael Miller.

Steve Johns thanked audience for attending the meeting.

ournment: Steve made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:00 pm. Scott Huber seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Denny Benson, Scott Huber, Kaniz Siddiqui and John Mangan.

Final bids and closing of the silent proceeded after the meeting until it was completed.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Johns, Chairman



Kaniz Siddiqui, Secretary



Susan Juriga, Adm. Assistant