



New Supervisor Election Procedures for 2020

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Supervisor Elections are special elections, independent of a general election, conducted annually by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission (OSWCC) pursuant to rules adopted under Chapter 119 and 940 of Ohio Revised Code. Each SWCD is administered by a five-member Board of Supervisors serving an unpaid three-year term. These Supervisors guide the staff and partnering agencies in efforts to implement conservation programs which address management and conservation of soil, water and related resources. The Ohio Department of Agriculture staff, as official designated agents, oversee local SWCD supervisor elections, on behalf of the OSWCC.

In May 2020 Ohio Administrative Code Rules and SWCD supervisor election procedures were updated. Changes to this year's SWCD supervisor elections include:

- 44-day voting period including absentee and in person opportunities
- Extend public notice from 21 to 30 days
- Public notice is achievable through SWCD website
- Ballot Application and Election Ballot (*numbered & self-verification*)

To be an eligible SWCD Board of Supervisors candidate, the candidate must be eighteen years of age at the time of the official election and reside within the boundaries of the District wherein such election is conducted.

To cast a vote, eligible voters must be at least eighteen years of age at the time of the official election and own or occupy land within the boundaries of the district wherein such election is conducted. Voters shall register by placing their name, address, and additional information as deemed appropriate by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission on the election application and election ballot.

These changes to the SWCD supervisor election provide eligible voters more opportunities to participate in their local SWCD election. Results of the election will be recorded and maintained with the OSWCC official designated election agents for a specified amount of time required by Ohio Administrative Code.

For further information please contact ODA-DSWC at 614-265-6610.



