



Hamilton County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

**Annual Meeting
August 13, 2018**

The Annual Meeting for the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on August 13, 2018, at the District's office, 1325 E. Kemper Road, Ste. 115, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246. The Annual Meeting was the District's 73rd Annual Meeting.

Denny Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked everyone to recite the pledge of allegiance. In attendance were:

Chairman	Denny Benson	
Vice Chairman	Scott P. Huber	
Treasurer	Kaniz Siddiqui	Absent
Secretary	John Mangan	
Program Chairman	Michael Miller	

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; NRCS Conservationist, John Williams; NRCS Soil Conservationist, Michaela Mullikin; ODA Program Specialist, Liz Cline, and guests.

The meeting consisted of the following:

The annual meeting was an Open House celebrating the District's 73 years of urban and rural conservation at their location.

Scott Huber introduced the board members, staff and ODA Program Specialist.

Scott Huber read the financial information for the unaudited report for the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017:

The District's account beginning balance was \$55,739 and the yearend balance for the District account's - \$57,770, Soil and Water Special Account – beginning balance was \$349,265 and the yearend balance was \$304,530 less 20% contingency fund and payroll liabilities of \$167,942 for total of \$136,588, Storm Water Special Account – beginning balance was \$462,272 and the year balance was \$441,429 less 20% contingency fund and payroll liabilities of \$239,840 for total of \$201,589 and the Save Local Waters Special Account – beginning balance of \$90,478 and yearend balance was \$74,651 and the Caring For Our Watersheds Account – beginning balance of \$20,622 and yearend balance was \$21,689.

Scott Huber left meeting at 6:30 pm.

Holly Utrata-Halcomb gave a brief presentation of the District's financial position and the Cover Crop a research project. Holly presented an award to Irene Light of the Great Parks of Hamilton County for her support and partnership in the native tree sale. Neal Ramsey accepted the award in her honor.

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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.

John Williams gave a brief presentation on the Natural Resource Conservation District's programs.

Aaron Habig gave an overview and incite of the Earthworks Department's responsibilities. Aaron presented the Outstanding Urban Cooperator of the Year award to Cintech Construction for the best management practices at the Kroger in Colerain and Anderson Township sites and Panera in Green and Columbia Township sites.

Adam Lehman gave a brief presentation of the Stream Department's past and future projects. Adam presented an award to Tom Boeing of the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship for his outstanding partnership in planning, supplying and guiding the 2018 Great Miami River Volunteer Tree Staking Event.

Gwen Roth gave a brief presentation of the accomplishments of the Education Department's programs. Gwen presented an award to Dr. Tracy Alley of the Madeira City Schools for her exceptional efforts in environmental education.

John Nelson gave brief a presentation of the Regional Stormwater Collaborative Events they have performed for the last year. John presented an award to Susan Ruttle Lawrence and Meggie Bierkan for their help to educate the Greater Cincinnati residents about stormwater pollution and runoff through the Rain Barrel Art Project.

Liz Cline, Ohio Department of Agriculture's Program Specialist, gave the results of the election and introduced the new District Supervisors for 2019 which is Jane Wittke.

Denny Benson thanked audience for attending the meeting.

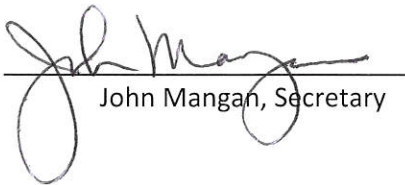
Adjournment: Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:15 pm. John Mangan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Denny Benson, Mike Miller, and John Mangan.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Denny Benson, Chairman



John Mangan, Secretary



Susan Juriga, Adm. Assistant