



ADVANCING SOIL AND WATER SUSTAINABILITY

Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2026

Call the Meeting to Order

The Hamilton County Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on February 27, 2026, at the District Training Center at 2710 E. Kemper Road, Sharonville, OH 45241.

Kenneth Petren called the meeting to order and invited everyone to say the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:17 am.

Kenneth Petren requested a roll call.

Chairperson	Kenneth Petren
Vice Chairperson	Jane Wittke
Treasurer	Laura Boyd (absent)
Secretary	Amanda Nurre
Program Chairperson	Lauren Wulker

The following individuals were in attendance

Executive Director, Sara Fehring; Business Service Officer, Melinda Hartley; Education and Outreach Program Manager, Gwen Roth; Urban Conservationist, Marcelo (Chey) Alberto; Agriculture Specialist, Nicole Gunderman; Urban Technician, Aaron Habig; Urban Technician, James Gleason; Urban Technician, Haley Weisbrodt; Education Coordinator, Teresa Burnett; Education Intern, Rachel Lwin; Marketing & Outreach Coordinator, Keith Robinson; Stream Specialist, Chris Hall; NRCS District Conservationist, John Williams; NRCS Soil Conservation Technician, Sarah Moore; and Area IV ODA Program Specialist, Alison Manning.

ODA PRESENTATION

Alison Manning presented the roles of Program Specialists and Board Members.

Laura Boyd arrived at 9:33 am.

NRCS PRESENTATION

John Williams gave a presentation on NRCS programs and services in Hamilton County.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION

Sara Fehring delivered a presentation on district funding, reporting, and organizational structure.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Teresa Burnett gave a presentation on how the district provides educational resources throughout the county.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PRESENTATION

Gwen Roth gave a presentation on how the district provides opportunities for public involvement and participation throughout Hamilton County.

MARKETING AND OUTREACH PRESENTATION

Keith Robinson delivered a presentation on district marketing and outreach efforts, including website updates.

AGRICULTURE PRESENTATION

Nicole Gunderman delivered a presentation about her projects as the District's Agriculture Specialist.

STREAMS PRESENTATION

As the Stream Specialist, Chris Hall provided an update on the open grants and projects.

JEOPARDY

Melinda Hartley hosted a Jeopardy game with topics centered on the District and the Board of Supervisors.

EARTHWORK PRESENTATION

James Gleason provided an overview of the Earthwork program.

HOMEOWNER CONSULTATION

Aaron Habig delivered a presentation on the types of technical assistance offered during a homeowner consultation.

The meeting was paused for board photos and lunch at 12:09 pm.

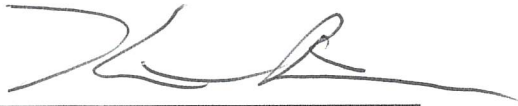
All board members except for Laura Boyd returned to the meeting at 12:40 pm.

BOARD REMARKS

The Board provided comments to the staff.

Adjournment: Lauren Wulker moved that the Board Members adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:44 pm. Jane Wittke seconded the motion. A roll call vote approved the motion: Kenneth Petren, yes; Jane Wittke, yes; Laura Boyd, (absent); Amanda Nurre, yes; and Lauren Wulker, yes.

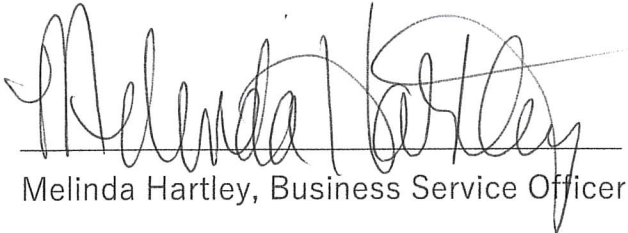
Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Petren, Chairperson



Amanda Nurre, Secretary



Melinda Hartley, Business Service Officer