

Hamilton County  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District

**Annual Meeting  
September 16, 2021**

The Annual Meeting for the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on September 16, 2021, at Gorman Heritage Farm, 10052 Reading Road, Evendale, Ohio 45241. The Annual Meeting was the District's 76th Annual Meeting.

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

<b>Chair</b>	Jane Wittke
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Scott P. Huber
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Mangan - absent
<b>Secretary</b>	Kara Schirmer
<b>Program Chairperson</b>	Laura Boyd

Also, in attendance were the following: Executive Director, John Nelson; Administrative Assistant, Susan Juriga; Urban Conservationist, Chey Alberto; Urban Technician, James Gleason, Urban Technician, Olivia Maltry; Conservation Program Specialist, Aaron Habig; Stream Specialist, Adam Lehmann; Education Specialist, Gwen Roth; Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, Sara Fehring; Public Involvement Coordinator, Sarah Meadows; NRCS Conservationist, John Williams; ODA Program Specialist, Liz Cline, and guests.

**The meeting consisted of the following:**

Jane Wittke presented a brief history of how the District started in 1945 and its accomplishments over last 76 years.

Jane Wittke introduced the following individuals:

Brad Johnson, Director, Hamilton County Environmental Services  
Roland Johnson, Board of Directors, Cardinal Land Conservancy  
Andy Dickerson, Executive Director, Cardinal Land Conservancy  
Dave Schmitt, Executive Director, Mill Creek Alliance  
Lonnie Thompson, Guest Speaker, Professor, Distinguished University Scholar, The Ohio State University  
Dennis Heyob, former Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member  
Tom Reininger, former Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member  
Laura Boyd, current Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member  
Scott Huber, current Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member  
Kara Schirmer, current Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member  
John Mangan, current Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member  
John Williams, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS  
Liz Cline, Program Specialist, Ohio Department of Agriculture

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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.

Scott Huber introduced the District's staff. Scott informed the guests that the 2020 Financial Report can be found in the District's Annual Report.

The guest speaker, Lonnie Thompson a paleoclimatologist and University Professor in the School of Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University was introduced by Jane Wittke.

Professor Lonnie Thompson presented his work on climate change and its effects on the planet.

Awards were presented to the following:

Outstanding Conservation Cooperator of the Year, UC Center for Field Studies  
Presenter – John Nelson, Executive Director

Outstanding Conservation Partner of the Year, Rhinegeist Brewery  
Presenter – Adam Lehmann, Stream Specialist

Outstanding Urban Cooperator of the Year, Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, INC. & Turner Contracting, INC.  
Presenter – James Gleason, Earthwork Technician

Conservation Communication Award, Lori Kay Farr  
Presenter – Sara Fehring, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator

Outstanding Conservation Education Partners of the Year, Butler, Warren & Clermont SWCD  
Presenter - Gwen Roth, Education Specialist

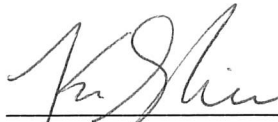
John Nelson thanked the board, staff and guests in his closing remarks.

**The Annual meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Wittke, Chairman



Kara Schirmer, Secretary



Susan Juriga, Adm. Assistant