



**Annual Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2025**

The Hamilton County Conservation District's Annual Meeting was held on October 27, 2025, at MadTree Parks & Rec, located at 4321 Glendale Milford Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242. This meeting was the District's 80th Annual Meeting.

Steven R. Korte welcomed everyone and introduced the board members at 6:02 pm.

Chairperson	Laura Boyd
Vice-Chairperson	Steven R. Korte
Treasurer	Lisa Soper
Secretary	Kenneth Petren
Program Chairperson	Jane Wittke

The following were in attendance: Executive Director, Sara Fehring; Business Service Officer, Melinda Hartley; Education and Outreach Manager, Gwen Roth; Urban Conservationist, Chey Alberto; Urban Technician II, Haley Weisbrodt; Urban Technician II, Aaron Habig; Urban Technician III, James Gleason; Stream Specialist, Chris Hall; Agriculture Specialist, Nicole Gunderman; Public Involvement Coordinator, Sarah Meadows; Education Coordinator, Teresa Burnett; Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, Keith Robinson; ODA Area 4 Program Specialist, Alison Manning.

Voting for the 2026 Board of Supervisors was conducted during this time. The candidates were as follows:

Amanda Nurre
Beth Himburg
Caroline Cain
Lauren Wulker
Lisa Soper

The meeting consisted of the following:

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Steven R. Korte highlighted staff accomplishments over the past year.

Keynote Speaker, Thane Maynard, Director of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

Lisa Soper presented the Staff Member Service Time awards to the following:

5 Years of Service – Sarah Meadows

10 Years of Service – Sara Fehring

25 Years of Service – Chey Alberto

Commissioner Denise Driehaus presented a Proclamation to the Hamilton County Conservation District in celebration of the District's 80th Anniversary.

Sara Fehring introduced the District Staff.

Awards were presented to the following:

HCCD Conservation Legacy Award, Thomas W. Reininger

Presenter – Gwen Roth, Education and Outreach Manager

Watershed Partner of the Year, Marcus Grooms & Scott Weis, Ohio Wood Connection

Presenter – Chris Hall, Stream Specialist

Educator of the Year, Derek Duncan, The Summit County Day School

Presenter – Teresa Burnett, Education Coordinator

Conservation Partner of the Year, Bridget Reilly, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

Presenter – Keith Robinson, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator

Outstanding Urban Cooperator of the Year

Denny Benson & Ben House, Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping

David Wittekind, In-Line Development Company

Presenters – Aaron Habig & Haley Weisbrodt, Urban Technician II

Cooperator of the Year, Louis Schultz, PLAD Farm Management

Presenter – Nicole Gunderman, Agriculture Specialist

Conservation Steward of the Year, Gary Heitkamp, City of Montgomery

Presenter – Sarah Meadows, Public Involvement Coordinator

3 Years of Dedication and Service, Steven R. Korte

Presenter – Jane Wittke, Program Chairperson

In Closing Remarks, Steven R. Korte thanked the board, staff, and guests.

The Annual meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven R. Korte, Chairperson



Kenneth Petren, Secretary



Melinda Hartley, Business Service Officer