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A HISTORY LESSON

At this age, everything is changing. Day by day we don't notice, but just look back over the past year and you will realize everything has. People you thought were going to be there forever aren't, and people you never imagined you'd be speaking to are now some of your closest friends. Life makes little sense, and the more we grow the less sense it will make. So make the most of now, before it all changes once again, because in the near future, all of this is only going to be memories.

Change is inevitable. Like anything else or like life itself, we all morph and adapt to our needs and surroundings.

At the Huron/Erie Agricultural Service Center we are doing just that. We are adapting to the changing needs of our building and circumstance of meeting American Disability Act and Federal requirements.

It all started in March of 1992 when the old Agricultural Stabilization Service (F.S.A.)

County Committee entered into a lease agreement with Price Properties for the location 8 Fair Road. Through a reimbursable agreement, the Huron SWCD rented 710 square feet of the 5,046 square feet.

In 2002, the Huron S.W.C.D. Board along with the Huron County Commissioners began looking into the purchase of the real estate, and it was appraised at a market value of \$424,000.00 with an income approach of \$448,000.00. On April 9, 2004, the board of Huron County Commissioners were granted Warranty Deed from Price Properties Trustee in consideration of \$375,000.00 for the real property.

Through a Lease Purchase Agreement with the Huron County Commissioners, the Huron S.W.C.D. became the landlord to

the U.S.D.A. Hence, the Huron S.W.C.D. maintains the building and grounds, collects the rent, pays the bills, and pays the note.

In 2010, the roof was replaced. In 2014, the AC/Heat unit was replaced, and in 2017, the parking area was blacktopped.

In 2017, the building project of painting, carpeting, and bathroom remodeling was bid out. The lowest bidder was Engelke Construction Solutions from Brunswick with a low bid of \$221,000.00.

Phase 1 of construction (bathrooms, SWCD/NRCS offices, and the Conference began the third week of January 2018. The Farm Loan area will be Phase 2, while the F.S.A. will be Phase 3.

The estimated time under construction is six to eight weeks.

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- SOCRATES

SWCD Staff

Lori Liles, Technician & Planning Commission Administrator

Aaron Robinson, Ditch Maintenance Supervisor

Alisa Schaffer, Administrative Assistant

Chad Stang, Manager

Nathan Watt, Technician

HURON S.W.C.D. BOARD REORGANIZES



Left to right: Gerald Martin, Don Sweeting, Dan Stevens, John Ganz, and Brad Harris

Brad Harris and Gerald Martin were re-elected to three year terms at the recent Annual Meeting and Banquet held on December 7th.

The pair join other board members John Ganz, Dan Stevens, and Don Sweeting in administering the Huron S.W.C.D. programs and policies.

On January 16, 2018, the board re-organized. They

will retain their 2017 positions-John Ganz, Chairman; Dan Stevens, Vice Chairman; Brad Harris, Treasurer; Don Sweeting, Secretary, and Gerald Martin, Special Projects Member.

Regular board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Huron/Erie Agricultural Service Center conference room located at 8 Fair Road, in Norwalk, OH. Due

to the Holiday on February 19th, February's Special meeting will be held on February 20th at 8:00 p.m.



2017 72nd Annual Meeting



Left to right: Chad Stang and Gerald Oney and Connie Oney of Milky Way Farms Partnership

Approximately 80 guests attended the 72nd Annual Meeting and Banquet held December 7th at the Huron County Fairgrounds EXPO Building. Catering by Design provided a delicious buffet dinner. Several awards were distributed.

Awards were given to Monroeville for placing 1st in the Local Rural Soils Judging Contest and the Huron County Fair Conservation Booth contest, South Central FFA for placing 1st in the Local Urban Soils Judging

Contest, Madison Hessemer for her 1st place Healthy Soils are Full of Life poster, Annabelle Ortner for her science project, Marilyn Seasley for being nominated the 2017 Friend of Conservation, and Milky Ways Farm Partnership for their extensive application of Best Management Practices on their farm.

Next year's, Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held on December 6th, at the Huron County Fairgrounds EXPO Building.



Chad Stang with South Central FFA's (Left to right) Brooke Gahring and Kendal Keene



Marilyn Seasley Friend of Conservation with Chad Stang



Chad Stang center with Monroeville FFA's Nevan and Amelia Ruggles

DISTRICT EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Forms are on <http://www.huronswcd.com/equipment-rental.html>

EQUIPMENT	RENTAL FEES
15' JOHN DEERE NOT TILL DRILL WITH SEEDER	\$12.00/metered acre; Minimum rate: \$120.00 in county; \$150.00 surrounding counties; \$50.00 delivery fee outside a 20 mile radius of the office and no delivery outside a 40 mile radius of the office
10' LAND PRIDE NO TILL DRILL	\$12.00/metered acre annual and perennial crops; Minimum rate \$75.00; \$50.00 delivery fee outside a 20 mile radius of the office and no delivery outside a 40 mile radius of the office
REMLINGER STRIP TILL 6 ROW	\$12.00/metered acre; Minimum rate: \$120.00 in county; \$150.00 surrounding counties; \$50.00 delivery fee outside a 20 mile radius of the office and no delivery outside a 40 mile radius of the office
STRAWBLOWER	\$100.00 deposit; \$80.00 up to a 6 hour day; must be brought back full of gas and twine free
TREE PLANTER	\$50.00 deposit; \$50.00/2 day rental
BOX SCRAPER	\$100.00 deposit; \$50.00 for one day. \$150.00 for 5 days; Bill ditch maintenance for use on maintenance ditches; not free anymore; deposit is required for use on maintenance ditches

- \$100.00 cleanout fee will be billed, if seed, bearings, or baskets are not free and clean.
- The District must be notified of any needed repairs immediately.
- Renter agrees to assume responsibility for damage resulting from misuse or carelessness.
- Renter agrees to assume responsibility for setting drill depth, rate, and any seed waste.
- 2% monthly service charge will be added to any unpaid balances after 30 days.
- After 6 months, unpaid balances will be turned over to the prosecutor.
- Renter has valid drivers license and liability insurance.

You must be ready for equipment when it is delivered or picked up, regardless of other farming operations going on in consideration of other producers.

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2017 DITCH MAINTENANCE

2018 will be the tree removal and broadleaf spraying year. Please try to leave 10 feet both sides of the ditch. We try very hard not to damage crops, but please remember we have a 20 foot right of way on both sides.

In 2017, we completed the following:

- 1 tile jetted (400 feet)
- All tile mains were treated with copper sulfate
- 9 ditches/100,000 feet were dipped out
- 80 ditches were sprayed for cattail
- 90 inspections were completed

The complete 2017 Ditch Maintenance Annual Report can be found by logging onto <http://www.huronswcd.com/ditch-maintenance.html>

Remember, one can take up to 50% reduction on parcels by installing filter strips (20%) systematic tile (10%), and no till (20%). For more information or questions, please contact Huron County Ditch Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Robinson at 419-668-4113 #111.

