

THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR



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Inside the 2018/2019 Federal Shutdown

S.W.C.D. BOARD

Chairman	Dan Stevens
Vice Chairman	Don Sweeting
Treasurer	Brad Harris
Secretary	John Ganz
Member	Gerald Martin

Some producers did not know that while the Farm Service Agency was shut-down due to lapse in a Federal appropriations bill, the Huron S.W.C.D. and N.R.C.S. were open. The Huron S.W.C.D. is funded by the Huron County Commissioners and the county funding is matched by the state.

This was a very different shutdown than the staff experienced in 2013. In 2013, both the Natural Resource Conservation Service (N.R.C.S.) and the Farm Service Agen-

cy (FSA) were closed during the 16 day shutdown.

The Huron S.W.C.D. staff did not have access to the Federal equipment, vehicles, survey instruments, the CCE shared drives, printers, or phones. The Huron S.W.C.D. staff used fax/phone line for outgoing calls and printed on a fax printer, while files were saved on their computer hard drive or an external drive.

The recent shutdown was a much different experience for all of us at the Huron/Erie Agricultural Service Center. It sent the Farm Loan Team home at the end of their work day on December 21st, while the rest of the F.S.A. staff worked through December 28th. N.R.C.S. remained staffed, so full access to Federal equipment was permitted.

Limited Federal staff were authorized to return to work on January 17th, 18th, 22nd, and 23rd, to provide limited service and process year end checks.

On January 24th and 25th, the F.S.A. staff were authorized to fully staff for a couple of weeks.

The shutdown ended and everyone returned to work on January 28th with another shutdown deadline looming February 15th.

The recent shutdown was the longest ever shutdown according to January 28th online Fox News <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/federal-employees-return-to-work-amid-fears-of-another-shutdown-next-month>



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S.W.C.D. STAFF

Manager	Chad Stang
Ditch	Aaron
Maintenance	Robinson
Supervisor	
Administrative Assistant	Alisa Schaffer
Planning	
Commission Administrator	Lois Liles
Technician	Nathan Watt

HURON S.W.C.D. BOARD REORGANIZES



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

John Ganz was re-elected to a three year term at the recent Annual Meeting and Banquet held on December 6th.

John Ganz joins other board members Brad Harris, Gerald Martin, Dan Stevens, and Don Sweeting in administering the Huron S.W.C.D. programs and policies.

On January 22, 2019, the board re-organized. The 2019 board positions are Dan Stevens-Chairman, Don Sweeting-Vice Chairman, Brad Harris-Treasurer, John Ganz-Secretary, and Gerald Martin-Special Projects Member.

The Huron S.W.C.D. 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 18th, February's Special board meeting will be held on February 19th at 8:00 p.m.



2018 73rd Annual Meeting



Left to right: Manager Chad Stang, 2018 Conservationists of the Year Shawna Mays and Ken Mays, and Board Don Sweeting

Approximately 110 guests attended the 73rd Annual Meeting and Banquet held December 6th at the Huron County Fairgrounds EXPO Building. Catering by Design provided a delicious buffet dinner.

Iowa State Conservationist and local native Kurt Simon was the guest speaker for the event.

Several awards were distributed.

The Huron Soil and Water Memorial Scholarship

awards of \$1,000.00 each were presented to Madeline Bauer and Elizabeth Harper. Monroeville FFA received both the 1st place Local Urban and Local Rural Soils Judging Contest award plaques. The 1st place Huron County Fair Conservation Booth trophy went to New London FFA for their theme of Algae Bloom. Two Friend of Conservation awards were presented to Huron County

board of DD and CLI, Inc. as a result of their efforts in supporting Huron SWCD's education and outreach mission. Shawna and Ken Mays were the selected as the 2018 Conservationists of the Year for their stewardship of applying several best management practices to provide wildlife habitat, reducing soil erosion, planting warm season grasses on highly erodible land and protecting water quality.



Left to right: Mason Kluding and Julia Fries of Monroeville FFA and Board Member Don Sweeting

2019 DISTRICT EQUIPMENT RENTAL

EQUIPMENT	RENTAL FEES
15' JOHN DEERE NO 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;

- \$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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2018 DITCH MAINTENANCE

In 2018, we completed the following:

- 90 inspections
- 2 ditches/13,000 feet dipped out
- 30 ditches were sprayed for broadleaf

We responded to Public Record requests which are to provide transparency in a government agency. These requests take time and resources which pulls the staff away from field work and increases indirect charges for everyone in the program. To alleviate some of these requests, we will post the code by ditch detail on our website (www.huronswcd.com) under the Ditch Maintenance tab. This document shows the assessments and all the charges per ditch account for the year.

2019 will be a spray year again. We will be spraying for broadleaf on the ditches that we were not able to get to spray in 2018. Also, this year, we will be spraying cattails. Please try to leave 10 feet on both sides of the ditch where possible.