

THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR



HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
8 FAIR ROAD
NORWALK, OH 44857
419-668-4113 #3
FAX: 419-663-8405

SPRING 2020

**75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HURON SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1945—2020

S.W.C.D. BOARD

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

It started with a letter from Clay H. Stackhouse, Chairman for Steering Committee on a Soil Conservation District to John F. Cunningham, Chairman State Soil Conservation District Committee of Ohio at the Ohio State University on May 11, 1945.

“Recognizing the need for a Soil Conservation District in Huron County, we have secured one hundred or more signatures petitioning for a Soil Conservation District. We are respectfully submitting these petitions to your

committee, requesting a hearing on the same.”

In the days following, that May 11th letter, the petitions were filed with 116 signatures and a hearing was held on June 15th. The Ohio Soil Conservation Committee approved the petition for the Huron Soil Conservation District on June 15th.

Farm owners in each township had opportunity to vote for or against the District in a Referendum on August 17th. The Referendum passed by 71%.

Action was taken by the State Committee on September 11th approving the Huron Soil Conservation District. So it was, the 44th conservation district was formed.

Plans to hold an election of supervisors followed, and the

election was held in November.

The first five man board consisted of Chairman Clay Stackhouse, Vice Chairman Finance Channing, Secretary Robert C. Earl, Treasurer W.F. Porter, and Member Harold Heyman.

A Memorandum of Understanding was developed between the District and the United State Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service establishing a cooperative working relationship.

The Huron Soil Conservation District includes all land outside incorporated towns and villages. The establishment of a Soil Conservation District enables farmers within the District to work together on special problems relative to drainage.

Inside this issue

- Spring Fish and Tree seedling sale
- Huron SWCD Board
- 74th Annual Meeting
- Equipment Rental Rates
- 2019 Ditch Maintenance



S.W.C.D. STAFF

Manager	Chad Stang
Ditch Maintenance Supervisor	Aaron Robinson
Administrative Assistant	Alisa Highlander
Planning Commission Administrator	Lori 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

Dan Stevens and Don Sweeting were re-elected to a three year terms each at the recent Annual Meeting and Banquet held on December 5th.

The pair join other board members Brad Harris, Gerald Martin, and John Ganz in administering the Huron S.W.C.D. programs and policies.

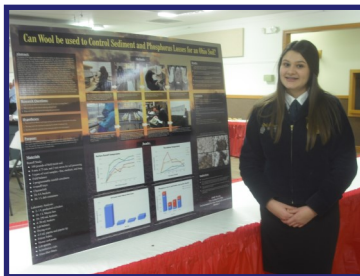
On January 14, 2020, the board re-organized to retain their 2019 positions. The 2020 board positions are Dan Stevens-Chairman, Don Sweeting-Vice Chairman, Brad Harris-Treasurer, John Ganz-Secretary, and Gerald Martin-Special Projects Member.

The Huron S.W.C.D. regular board meet-

ings 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. When a holiday is on the third Monday, the board meeting will be held on the third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.



2019 74th Annual Meeting



Speaker Emily Stevens

Approximately 80 guests attended the 74th Annual Meeting and Banquet held December 5th at the Huron County Fairgrounds EXPO Building. Catering by Design provided a buffet dinner.

Emily Stevens, daughter of Dan and Nicole was the guest speaker for the event speaking on her State Gold rated science project titled "Can Wool be used to Control Sediment and Phosphorus Losses for an Ohio

Soil".

Several awards were distributed.

Monroeville FFA received the 1st place Rural Soils Judging Contest award, while South Central FFA was awarded 1st place in the Urban Contest. The 1st place Huron County Fair Conservation Booth trophy went to New London FFA for their theme of Bees. Hector Benevides was given a plaque for his first place poster in the 2nd Grade Arbor Day

Poster Contest. Ross and Lindsay Painter were the selected as the 2019 Conservationists of the Year for their stewardship of applying several best management practices for air quality, soil quality, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

The Huron S.W.C.D. board and staff are brainstorming on when and where to hold the 2020 75th Annual Meeting and Banquet.



Ross and Lindsay Painter



2020 DISTRICT EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES

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.



"An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer"

8 Fair Road
Norwalk, OH 44857

Phone: 419-668-4113 #3
Fax: 419-663-8405
Email:
alisa.highlander@oh.nacdnet.net

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



FOLLOW US ON
FACEBOOK

PRESORTED STANDARD

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage

PAID

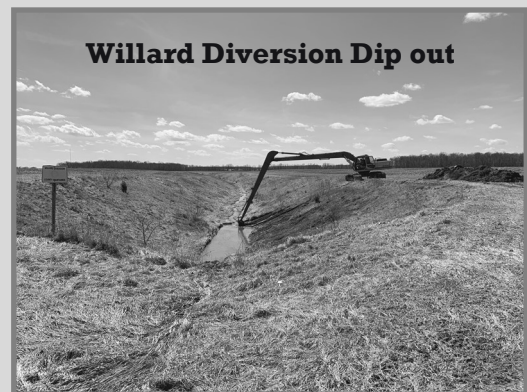
Norwalk, OH

Permit N. 152

2019 DITCH MAINTENANCE

In 2019, we completed the following:

- 53,786 feet of ditch banks were mowed
- 53,606 feet of ditch were dipped out
- 500 feet of tile mains were jetted
- 300 feet of tile main were replaced
- 825 feet of tile main still need to be replaced
- 11 ditches were sprayed



Willard Diversion Dip out

We plan to dip out 50,000 feet of ditch, spray all projects, and mow as needed in 2020.

For more information, please log onto www.huronswcd.com and select the ditch maintenance tab or contact Aaron Robinson, Ditch Maintenance Supervisor at 419-668-4113 Ext. 111.