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# THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR



**HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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**SUMMER/FALL 2021**

# H2Ohio

## S.W.C.D. BOARD

Chairman	<i>Dan Stevens</i>
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Treasurer	<i>Brad Harris</i>
Secretary	<i>John Ganz</i>
Member	<i>Zachary Irons</i>

Governor DeWine's H2Ohio (<https://h2.ohio.gov/>) has expanded from the Western Lake Erie Basin to include 10 additional counties including Huron County. H2Ohio is the Governors comprehensive water quality program to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and prevent lead contamination. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is leading efforts to reduce phosphorus runoff. Producers

can receive incentives for implementing best management practices on their land.

Interested producers are required to enroll in the Ohio OACI.org Farmer Certification Program and complete a profile. This is a certification platform for a score, and it will enable producers to look at practices that will increase their score.

The Huron S.W.C.D. will be taking applications for Phase I until August 31, 2021 for Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (\$10.00/acre), Overwintering Cover Crops, (\$25.00/acre), and Conservation Crop Rotation -Small Grains (\$35.00/

acre).

Acres enrolled in other programs are not eligible for funding from H2Ohio.

Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (VNMP) will be required to be eligible to participate. The VNMP can be developed by a 4R Certified Dealer, Certified Crop Advisor, or producer. Upon approval of the VNMP by the SWCD, producers are eligible to receive \$10/acre for the VNMP development.

The seeding deadline for the small grains and overwintering cover crops is October 15, 2021, while the VNMP deadline is March 31, 2022.



- 8/31 H2Ohio Enrollment Deadline**
- 8/31 Election Period starts**
- 9/23 Fish Pickup**
- 9/29 Election and Picnic**
- 10/9 Fall Fun Fest**

## S.W.C.D. STAFF

Manager	<b>Chad Stang</b>
Ditch	<b>Aaron</b>
Maintenance Supervisor	<b>Robinson</b>
Administrative Assistant	<b>Alisa Highlander</b>
Planning Commission Administrator	<b>Lori Liles</b>
Technician	<b>Nathan Watt</b>
H2Ohio Tech	<b>Veronica Hardy</b>

## 76th ANNUAL SUPERVISOR ELECTION AND FAMILY PICNIC ON 9/29/21

The Huron Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its 76th Annual Supervisor Election and Picnic on Wednesday September 29th, 2021 behind our office. This replaces the traditional December Annual Meeting and Banquet. The board has been wanting to change the annual meeting from winter to fall to encourage more attendance and to be a more informal event. John Ganz and Jon Valko are the nominees for one position.

The election period starts August 31, 2021, and ends September 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the family picnic.

### Voter Eligibility Form (EL 7)

- Must be completed by all absentee voters, non-resident owner/operators and corporations etc.
- Not completed for in person voting when voter signs the Election Registry UNLESS representing an LLC, corporation, firm

etc.

### Ballots

- Ballots are once again a separate piece of paper.
- Owners and occupiers of lands 18 years of age or older may vote. This includes residents, non-resident landowners, corporations, trusts, and LLCs.
- Each ballot must be associated with either a signature on the official registry or a completed EL 7 voter verification form.
- All ballots must be placed in the official ballot envelope and sealed.



### 3 Ways to Vote

- In person at the Huron SWCD office
- In person at the picnic between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- By requesting an absentee ballot

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### 76th ANNUAL SUPERVISOR ELECTION AND PICNIC September 29, 2021

In person voting 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
followed by a picnic dinner of Smoked Pork  
Pulled Pork cooked by our own Chefs  
Aaron Robinson and Nathan Watt

Mail to: 8 Fair Road  
Norwalk, OH 44857



Picnic tickets are \$5.00 each and must be purchased by September 20th for a dinner count

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_



**ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**  
**OCTOBER 9TH**  
**10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**  
**HURON COUNTY FAIR-  
GROUNDS**  
**WILSON BUILDING**  
**FREE FOOD AND FUN**

Free cider-donuts-coffee-hot chocolate-  
hot dogs-popcorn

Chili contest-straw maze and pyramid-crafts-archery  
trailer-air rifle range-pumpkin decorating-wagon rides

## HURON SWCD SUPERVISOR NOMINEES

**J**ohn Ganz with his wife Maureen reside in Fitchville Township. John, with the help of his father and brother operate a 1,200 acre grain operation consisting of 100% no-till corn, soybeans, and wheat. He has installed water and sediment control basins and grass waterways where needed to prevent gully erosion. John played a big role in the formation and completion of the Skellinger Ditch Project where he installed 20 foot grass berms and several pipe drop structures. They have also installed a contained agrichemical spray pad and mixing facility to properly handle their farm chemicals. The majority of the farmland is systematically tilled. John is currently a member of the Free Masons. He also enjoys snowmobiling and flying airplanes. John and Maureen attend the Methodist Church in Fitchville.

**J**on Valko lives in Lyme Township, Bellevue with his wife Erin and two daughters Aubree and Kaycee. Jon graduated from Bellevue High School, and he participated in 4-H and FFA. He works for Locust Knoll Farms, helping farm about 2,000 acres. The farming operation he works for has implemented best management practices of waterways and cover crops.

## VERONICA HARDY H2OHIO TECHNICIAN

**V**eronica Hardy is the newest addition to the Huron SWCD. She started her role as the H2Ohio Technician in July. Veronica will be providing technical assistance and outreach for the H2Ohio Farmer Incentive Program in the county. She is a 2018 graduate of Capital University with a B.A. in Biology and Environmental Science. Veronica brings 5+ years of experience from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources performing land management and conservation efforts within the Lake Erie Basin. She also brings with her a passion for public education and advocacy for the protection of the environment. In her spare time, Veronica enjoys Ohio's outdoors through camping, hunting, and fishing. Stop by the office to meet Veronica and to learn more about the H2Ohio Program!



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## **JESSICA SOLOMAN, Huron/Erie County Farm Service Agency CED**

**T**he Huron/Erie County Farm Service Agency would like to welcome our new County Executive Director (CED), Jessica Solomon. Jessica began her duties in the office on June 22, 2021. Jessica joined FSA in September of 2020 as a County Operations Trainee to train to become a CED. She traveled around the state of Ohio to study FSA programs and to learn county office operations.

Jessica is from Florida and moved to Ohio to be closer to family. She attended the University of Florida and received a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in 2013 and a Master's degree in Agronomy in 2019 with a research focus of pest plant management. Jessica's professional background is in finance, ecology, and land management. She spends a lot of her free time gardening, playing disc golf, bicycling, and enjoying the outdoors.

Jessica is very excited to get the opportunity to work with the great staff in the Norwalk USDA Service Center as well as serving the producers and landowners in Huron and Erie Counties.

