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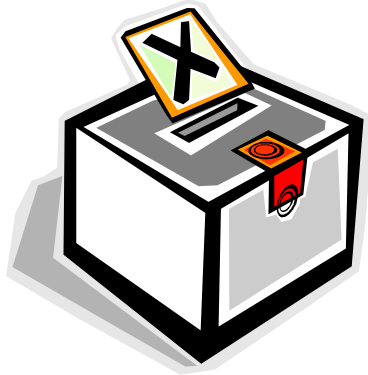
Interested in being an SWCD board member?

This fall, the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District will elect two supervisors to terms commencing January, 2015.

Sound interesting? You say you have a few questions? Well, here are some answers to a few of the most common questions from prospective candidates.

What is the SWCD Board anyway?

The Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors is the five-member governing body for the SWCD. Members are elected to staggered three-year terms, serve as volunteers (without pay, but travel expenses are covered) and are granted specific powers under Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code. Candidates for the board are generally selected by a board nominating committee, but anyone who is a legal resident of Meigs County and is at least 18 years of age can run for the board.



What does the SWCD Board do?

In the condensed version, the SWCD Board determines the policies that set the direction for the work that the SWCD staff carries out in the county. They also determine the need for additional staff and work with local and state governments to obtain funding for the programs they feel are necessary.

How much time does it require?

For starters, there are 12 regular monthly board meetings, each normally lasting a couple of hours, the SWCD annual meeting/banquet and possibly an occasional special or emergency meeting. There are also opportunities to attend area, state and national events and network with other SWCD supervisors. These events can be great opportunities to learn about what is happening in the conservation field in our state and even around the nation!

Who do I contact for more information?

Simply contact any of the current members of the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors: Bill Baer, Joe Bolin, Ed Gibbs, Tonja Hunter or Kim Romine. Or contact Steve Jenkins, SWCD program administrator at the Meigs SWCD office at 740-992-4282.

2013 Conservation Area Year in Review

Sportsmen are often called the original conservationists, and one local group proved that point last year by helping out the Meigs SWCD Conservation Area with the gift of water.

On April 5, 2013 the Ohio River Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

donated \$1,650 to the Meigs SWCD with the condition that it be used to provide water to the Conservation Area.

According to chapter President Don Barnett, members of the group wanted to do something that would last, and the Conservation Area seemed like a natural fit.

The money was used to purchase a tap onto the Leading Creek Conservancy District's waterline along New Lima Road, purchase material and to rent a trencher which district staff used to place nearly 200 feet of waterline.

The NWTF members wanted something that would last, and the waterline should last for many years. Furthermore it was greatly needed. The current shelterhouse and latrine, with water now available on site, is a far cry from just a few years ago when watershed camp and other activities were housed in tents or pop-up canopies.

This past year the Conservation Area was the site of a Rainbarrel Workshop, Forestry Workshop, Astronomy Night and four school field trips, in addition to the ninth Leading Creek Watershed Day Camp.

While activities are already being planned for this year including the 10th Leading Creek Watershed Day Camp, one of the first orders of business will be to install a brand new Conservation Area partners' sign.

For information about using or renting the Conservation Area contact the Meigs SWCD weekdays at 740-992-4282.



Recycling program changes hands

As of Jan. 1 the Meigs SWCD is no longer administering the county's recycling program.

However, recycling boxes are conveniently located throughout the county and the Meigs SWCD encourages people to use them.

For more information on the current recycling program contact the GJMV Solid Waste Management District 1-800-544-1853 or at www.gjmvrecycle.com

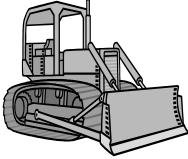
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USDA extends deadline for Conservation Stewardship applications

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the deadline for new enrollments in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) fiscal year 2014. Producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS through Feb. 7, 2014.

The program emphasizes conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy use.



Eligible landowners and operators can enroll in CSP through Feb. 7 to be eligible during fiscal 2014. While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods. To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types. For more information, in Meigs County you may contact Carrie Crislip, District Conservationist with NRCS at 740-992-6646; or online at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov

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SWCD equipment for sale, rent

The following items are available for sale:

Marking Flags — \$.10 each
Topographical Maps — \$8 each
Meigs County Platbooks — \$20.00
Ohio Pond Management Handbooks — \$3 each
Digital Soil Survey CD—\$10 each
'Leading from the Past—Stories of Leading Creek' Book—\$15



The following equipment is available for rent (subject to scheduling and availability):

John Deere No-Till Drill (10-foot)	\$90 min. plus \$9/acre over 10 acres	70 HP tractor min.
Tye No-Till Drill (7 foot)	\$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres	45 HP tractor min.
Brillion Seeder (8-foot)	\$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres	40 HP tractor min.
Lime Spreader	\$50 min. plus \$2/ton over 25 tons	60 HP tractor min.
Forester Tree Planter	\$25 per day	25 HP tractor min.
Planter Bars	Free with \$20 returnable deposit	
Box Trap	Free with \$30 returnable deposit	

A \$100 delivery/pickup fee will be assessed for equipment rentals outside of the county.

All equipment must be scheduled through the Meigs SWCD office at 992-4282 during regular business hours for delivery Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The minimum fee will be assessed if equipment is delivered and not used. A \$10 charge per month will be added to all bills after 60 days.

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Meigs SWCD Calendar of Events

Regular meetings of the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors are generally held at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the SWCD office, 113 E Memorial Drive, Suite D, Pomeroy. Dates and times are subject to change.

- Feb. 17—Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
- Feb. 27—Board of Supervisors meeting (11:30 a.m.)
- Feb. 28—Tree Order Deadline
- March 27—Board of Supervisor's meeting (11:30 a.m.)
- April (date to be announced) - Leading Creek Stream Sweep

