



# Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Official Minutes from the 06-10-2026,  
Public Meeting held at 2026 Fairgreens Rd., Jackson, Ohio

The Meeting was called to order by Larry Johnson at 7:01 PM

Board members present: Larry Johnson, Malcom Jones, Matt Jolly, and Mike Sheeter

Staff Members Presents: Danny Barger, Diana Phillips, Ashley Hansen

FSA: Absent

NRCS: Kevin Lewis

ODA: Absent

Guests: Jackson County Forward (JCF) – Amanda Crabtree, Kay, and Adrienne Roettker

## Opening Business

The minutes from the 5113-2026 meeting were presented to the Board by Danny Barger. Matt Jolly made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. This motion received a second from Mike Sheeter. Larry Johnson conducted the vote, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Treasures report for May 2026 was then presented to the Board. Danny Barger presented the account balances detailing the District, Special, and Petty Cash balances. Barger reported the balance of the accounts as being the District Fund Balance of \$ 23,164.60, a Special Fund Balance of \$117,056.58 (815) and 358,765.60 (816), with a total of 175,822.18 and a petty cash fund at 205.50. After the information was presented, Malcom Jones presented a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion received a second from Mike Sheeter. A vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Barger requested a motion to withdraw \$18-.68 from the District Fund to replenish the petty cash fund to \$250.00. Ray Bierhup made a motion, seconded by Malcom Jones; the motion passed unanimously.

## Manager's Report

Danny Barger then presented the beehive timesheet reports for approval by the Board. After reviewing, Mike Sheeter motioned to accept and sign the time sheets as presented. Malcom Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

Danny Barger updated the board on the status of the yearly audit, which has been completed. An invoice from the State Auditor was received for \$583.80. This balance is for a partial audit. A motion to accept and pay the balance of 583.80 to the State Auditor was presented by Mike Sheeter, receiving a second from Matt Jolly. The motion passed unanimously.

Danny Barger presented a copy of the infographic created and sent out to all Ohio SWCDS across the state. As of June 10<sup>th</sup>, no interest had been shown by any SWCDS in purchasing the equipment. Scott Carpenter, however, of

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Pheasants Forever, has indicated interest in purchasing the Plot Master when it is available for public auction. Danny Barger requested a motion be made to allow Scott Carpenter to purchase the equipment before the end of the two-month wait period, if still interested. Mike Sheeter created the motion, which was seconded by Malcom Jones. The motion passed unanimously, with a request from Larry Johnson to notify the board when the equipment sells.

Danny Barger re-addressed the board on purchasing a second vehicle for SWCD staff. Ashley Hansen presented a document with vehicles in the area that fit better to pull the education trailer, as discussed as a need in the May Board Meeting. Danny Barger gave the statement that he believed the SWCD is currently unable to afford a larger truck at this time, especially given gas prices. A motion was made by Mike Sheeter to table the discussion until July's Board Meeting, which was seconded by Matt Jolly. The motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Danny Barger addressed the board, staff, and guests with updates on the John Meridith scholarship/award/project (name still in discussion). Jackson SWCD received a check from the family of John Meridith (Lowell and Christine Mackey) for 10,000 dollars to be used as funding for the funds for this scholarship. Danny Barger asked the board to best advise staff on where and how the fund should be deposited and who will be on the account for the withdrawal of funds during the award period. The Board was also asked to determine the criteria for the award of the scholarship. Staff were recommended not to be involved in this process; instead, the board determines these factors independently. After discussion, it was determined by the board that a new account will be made exclusively for the scholarship funds, in which the treasurer and chairman - currently Mike Sheeter and Larry Johnson, however, this responsibility will be passed on to future treasurers and chairmen, will be able to sign for, deposit, and withdraw funds. This account will be made at West Banco in Jackson. Amanda Crabtree with JCF advised the board that minutes will be needed for this account to be set up. Additionally, JSWCD will be providing additional funding towards the scholarship fund between 1,000 and 2,500 dollars, which will be confirmed at a later date. Additional decisions on the grant were asked to be tabled until the next meeting. **A motion to approve the Jackson SWCD Chairmen and Treasurers, currently Mike Sheeter and Larry Johnson, to provide the signatures for the creation of the account for the John Meridith Award and its future maintenance was presented by Mike Sheeter. This was seconded by Malcom Jones. The motion passed unanimously.**

Additionally, JSWCD will be providing additional funding towards the scholarship fund between 1,000 and 2,500 dollars, which will be confirmed at a later date. Additional decisions on the grant were asked to be tabled until the next meeting. Larry Johnson requested that a thank you be sent to the family, alongside information being sent to them regularly, informing them of how the funds are being used and information on the recipients.

Danny Barger addressed the board on JSWCD's attendance at the County Fair. Given the price associated with having the trailer sit on the fairgrounds (\$500+) and the minimal interaction it receives there, it was decided that staff will, instead, have a table within the Commercial Building (~\$100) with pamphlets, cards, and an activity to hand out to children at the fair.

Ashley Hansen gave an update to the board on the current status of the H2Ohio Grant – ODA is still reviewing applications and have moved the date to announce recipients back multiple times. Current estimates are for the recipients to be announced at the end of June.

A discussion on board member, Ray Bierhup, and his accident was made during this time. Given his position on the election committee, other members of this team were told that additional pressure would be put on them until Ray Bierhup's return, if he decides to continue on the SWCD Board. Visits and cards are planned to be sent to Ray



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during his recovery.

FSA

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NRCS

Kevin Lewis updated the board with the District Conservationist's report – contracts have increased this year, with reenrollments also doing well. Kevin Lewis also reminded all that the Native Warm Season Forage workshop will be on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Danny Barger also made note that the Ag Specialist, Ashley Hansen, will be working more closely with Kevin Lewis in the coming months to better meet the requirements of the AAG Grant.

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Closing

Mike Sheeter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Jolly. Adjourned at 8:12 PM