



Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District

Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Official Minutes from the 10-14-2026
Public Meeting held at 2026 Fairgreens Rd., Jackson, Ohio

The Meeting was called to order by Larry Johnson at 5:57 PM

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

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

FSA: Absent

NRCS: Absent

ODA: Absent

Guests: Michael Clark – FFA Teacher with Jackson City Schools, representative for Jackson County FFA

Opening Business

Minutes from the 08-12-26 Board Meeting were presented, as no meeting was held for September due to Farm City Field Days. The previous minutes can be found on our website at <https://jswcdohio.org/blog/board-meeting-august-12-2026/>. A motion to accept the Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Larry Johnson. Second to the motion was made by Malcom Jones. A vote was conducted by Larry Johnson, and it was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for August 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 \$18,694.38, a Special Fund Balance of \$103,154.18 (815) and \$56,274.32 (816), with a total of \$ 159,428.50, and a petty cash fund N/a. After the information was presented, Matt Jolly presented a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion received a second from Malcom Jones. A vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report for September 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 \$20,544.77, a Special Fund Balance of \$95,829.25 (815) and \$91,560.55 (816), with a total of \$ 187,387.80, and a petty cash fund of 46.75. After the information was presented, Mike Sheeter presented a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion received a second from Matt Jolly. A vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Barger requested a motion to withdraw \$195.37 from the District Fund to replenish the petty cash fund to \$250.00. Mike Sheeter 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, a motion to accept and approve the timesheets as presented was made by Mike Sheeter. Second, the motion was made by Matt Jolly. A vote to approve the timesheets was conducted and passed unanimously.

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Old Business

A motion to sign check # 4235 to Musser Forest for \$855.45 to purchase the trees for the Jackson High School Bonsai Trees Art Project was proposed. The motion was made by Mike Sheeter, seconded by Malcolm Jones. A vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A review of the new State Match Policy from ODA was conducted and presented by Danny Barger. A discussion was held on how this Policy would affect SWCDs across the state, as well as JSWCD specifically, moving forward.

Danny Barger brought to attention a proposal presented to Jackson SWCD, as well as other SWCDs present within FFA District 10 (Athens, Meigs, Pike, Jackson, Scioto, Gallia, Vinton, Hocking, Perry, Morgan, Washington, and Lawrence), on switching responsibility from FFA teachers and their schools to each county's local SWCD, with the understanding that SWCDs have historically partnered with FFA to assist in the organization of, writing questions, and locating land for soil judging contests. Michael Clark, FFA Teacher with Jackson City Schools and representative for Jackson County FFA, was introduced and given the floor to explain the proposal to the board and staff. A copy of the current FFA proposal will be included at the bottom of the page for review.

Michael Clark shared the difficulties associated with the responsibilities of this event being placed on the FFA educator's shoulders and how there are many financial constraints. He also discussed how this new schedule and proposal would make these contests go from per school to per county – with the example given that, instead of Jackson SWCD assisting with 3 judging contests over 5 years, JSWCD would be responsible for one during a set rotation between each county. Jackson would not have a soil judging contest again until after 2038. Mike Sheeter asked when an answer for support was needed by, and an April deadline was given. JSWCD staff and board then discussed this proposal, comparing it to a smaller-scale, smaller audience version of Envirothon. The board discussed the possibility of, instead of assuming responsibility for this event, possibly giving additional funding to FFA as an assistance towards those events in the future. Quoting the issue that JSWCD and all three schools do not have a strong connection. Another proposal discussed was seeing if FFA could work with Buckeye Hills for the Urban Portion of this judging contest or see if a bigger arrangement could be made. Additional discussions will be made on this subject in future meetings.

Danny Barger presented the 2026 Q3 report for the Commissioners' Meeting on October 27th, 2026, for review. A motion to approve the material as shown was made by Larry Johnson. Mike Sheeter made a motion, seconded by Malcom Jones; the motion passed unanimously.

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Closing

Larry Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Sheeter. Adjourned at 7:20 PM

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