

## Monday January 22, 2024

4:00 pm      **OFSWCD Board of Directors Meeting (*Robinson A*)**

## Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:30 am      **Welcome & Introduction of Guest Speaker Josie Wendel (*Robinson B & C*)**

Meet Josie Wendel! She is a mom of 3, a farmer's wife and works full time. In her free time, she enjoys blogging, posting on social media and coaching her kids in soccer, basketball, and gymnastics. However, Josie isn't a normal mom (whatever normal means). In 2015, Josie caught a rare flesh eating bacterial called Necrotizing Fasciitis. They had to amputate her entire left leg, leaving her a life hip disarticulation. She also lost the function of her dominant hand during that time due to the bacteria. Josie spent nearly 3 months in the hospital. Later that same year, she became pregnant with her second child. In September of 2016, she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Two days later, on the day they came home from the hospital, Josie started to bleed out rapidly. Her husband raced her to the hospital where they were able to stabilize her and stop the bleeding. And while most people would say that living life on one leg is not normal, she would because ever since then, Josie describes life to be just that, except she calls it their new normal. Today, Josie is known as "The One Legged Mom" on various social medial platforms where she aims to inspire people to stop surviving their life and start actually living it.

### **Agency Updates (*Robinson B & C*)**

Kirk Hines, ODA-DSWC

John Wilson, USDA-NRCS

Jeff Duling, OFSWCD

10:00      **Elevated Phosphorus** - Jennie Pugliese-'*Legacy, Old, Stored' P – An Introduction to the Emerging Science in the WLEB*, Will Osterholz - *New/Old P Water Quality Analysis*, Michael Brooker and Jay Martin - *Development of a Public Private Partnership and Characteristics of Legacy P Fields*, Jay Martin and Michael Brooker - *Runoff from Legacy P Fields and Impact of Management Practices*. This is a two-part session. (***Spencer***)

### **MS4 – MCM #6 – Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Discussion**

This session will be an open discussion and resource sharing opportunity on the MCM#6 requirement from OEPA's MS4 permit. If that last bit of alphabet soup there made any sense to you then this may be a session for you! The Urban TDP planning committee encourages to you to come to this breakout prepared with questions, suggestions or resources to share on Minimum Control Measure #6 – Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping. (***Robinson A***)

### **The New "Grassland Bird RCPP"**

John Kaiser, ODNR, Division of Wildlife Private Lands Program Administrator will present on the new Regional Conservation Partnership Project that will provide \$1.75 million annually for Ohio farmers and landowners working to improve habitat for grassland birds and other wildlife. Learn how the Division of Wildlife, select SWCDs, and other partners will implement this new program. **(Pheoris West B)**

**Volunteer Stream Monitoring and the Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network**

Erie and Summit SWCDs **(Pheoris West C)**

**First Term Supervisor Training** – Newly elected and first term supervisors training will cover the fundamentals of being a SWCD board member with a look at powers and authority, fiduciary responsibility, public official role, and other information and duties of the position. Meet many of the conservation partners and leaders while they share their experiences of being a supervisor. This is also your time to ask questions and understand the many opportunities presented to SWCD supervisors. So be sure to join this two session training either as a refresher course or first time participant. This is a two-part session. **(Dax)**

11:00

**Elevated P Project** – Part 2 **(Spencer)**

**Ohio WLEB TMDL** – Ruth Briland, Ohio EPA, discusses the WLEB TMDL. **(Pheoris West A)**

**Insightful Tips & Tricks for NEW Education Specialists** - Struggling to get your foot in the door at schools? Wonder what your schedule should look like and how to manage it all? Trying to find all the great resources and get the teachers excited to have you come into their classroom? Join me for a casual, insightful chat on things I wished someone would have told me when I started 26 years ago! Hosted by the fabulous Amanda Podach of Fulton SWCD. **(Robinson A)**

**Urban Site Module** – Molly Conley (Warren) and Carmella Shale (Geauga) will host a user group session on the urban site module. We will walk through some features and have a roundtable discussion with plenty of time for Q & A. As time allows, we will create a wish list of future programming. **(Pheoris West B)**

**Putnam Water Quality Monitoring Project** – Putnam County has collected monthly water quality samples from 20 sampling locations throughout the county for the past 6 years. We will visit what information can be derived from this type of sampling regime. Also, how can this information be used in narrowing down and focusing our resource efforts? **(Pheoris West C)**

**First Term Supervisor Training** - Part 2 **(Dax)**

12:00

**Lunch with Featured Guest Speaker**

We have entered the fourth agricultural revolution - the digital revolution of the industry and the entire agri-food value chain is transforming. Consumer demands, economic

disruptions, and geopolitical concerns are adding uncertainty. Aimpoint Research Director of Communications, Jennifer Coleman, will walk attendees through some of the most dynamic trends that could have significant impacts to agriculture over the next 10-20 years. **(Robinson B and C)**

1:45

**GIS: The Change from ArcMap to ArcPro** – Join Emma Farahay, Erie SWCD) and Lindsey Douglas, ODA, to explore essential tips, tricks and settings for a smooth transition from ArcMap to ArcPro! **(Spencer)**

**Edge of Field** - The presentation is 25-30 minutes, co-presented by Jessica D'Ambrosio (TNC), Xiaoqiang Liu(TNC), Brigitte Hisey (Fayette County SWCD) focused on how we worked together with local partners to promote, implement and investigate EOF on the ground in Ohio, and look forward to co-exploring new opportunities with local Districts around edge of field practices. **(Robinson A)**

**Urban Tech Roundtable** – Calling all urban stormwater inspectors and technicians, join Dan Donaldson from Lake SWCD, for an Urban Roundtable. Come ready to share any challenges, successes, or opportunities for anything stormwater related. We will also provide a brief update from the Urban Networking Committee. **(Pheoris West C)**

**Youth Boards** – The state of Kentucky has had a lot of success with youth boards that complement the work of their district boards. These boards engage in outreach and are gaining experience working with soil and water districts which has encouraged these young adults to run as supervisors. Crystal Renfro and a few of her volunteers will teach us about their programs. **(Pheoris West A)**

3:00

**Professional Stormwater** – Learn about the many training and certification opportunities for SWCD staff to become recognized stormwater professionals through EnviroCert, Stormwater One, USEPA, and Inspection and Maintenance Certification for Stormwater Control Measures in Ohio. Also learn about CEU opportunities through the Center for Watershed Protection and Ohio Stormwater Association. Led by Justin Bedocs, Warren SWCD, Jennifer Fish & David Reutter, Franklin SWCD, and Brian Prunty, Summit SWCD. **(Spencer)**

**Prescribed Burning** – PF **(Robinson A)**

**Water Quality with Ag Practices** –The use of models is a key aspect of the evaluation of any conservation practices incentive programs such as H2Ohio program. This talk focuses on the stakeholder-driven high-resolution of the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) watershed model development and assessment of the potential impacts of these programs on nutrient delivery at field-to-watershed scales to Lake Erie and the Gulf of Mexico. – Asmita Murumkar, OSU **(Pheoris West B)**

**QuickBooks** – **(Pheoris West C)**

**Area 1 SSS Planning Meeting** **(Dax)**

4:00      **Technician Roundtable** (*Spencer*)

**Administrators Roundtable** (*Robinson A*)

**Supervisors Roundtable** (*Pheoris West B*)

**Educators Roundtable** (*Pheoris West C*)

**Urban Networking Committee Social Hour** - Connect with your fellow urban SWCD colleagues from across the state and get to know everyone in person from all those Zoom meetings! Light appetizers will be provided. (*Hilton Gallerie Bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level of Tower 401*)

**Wildlife Roundtable** (*Dax*)

## **Wednesday January 24**

8:00      **H2Ohio Statewide Successes** (*Robinson B & C*)

9:00      **Legal Update** - Local governments are the subject of so-called “First Amendment Audits” with increased frequency. Individuals show up at government facilities, video record the parking lot, and the facilities operations and, occasionally, question employees, and subsequently post recorded audits online at websites such as YouTube. What is a First Amendment Audit? What are the parameters of an? How should you respond? What do you do if an audit becomes confrontational? Is your staff trained on what to do during a so called First Amendment Audit. This one-hour session will answer all of the above questions and more so that you’re prepared should your agency be the subject of a so-called First Amendment Audit. (*Robinson B & C*)

10:00      **District Wetland Project** - In January 2023, Clermont SWCD completed construction of an off-channel wetland along the East Fork Little Miami River. The project involved the conversion of a former drinking water reservoir and surrounding floodplain into a wetland treatment system optimized for sediment and nutrient removal. Currently, Clermont SWCD is working with the county’s Office of Environmental Quality and The Ohio State University to monitor load reductions at multiple points through the system. (*DAX*)

**Farmer Advocates for Conservation** - Stephanie Singer, TNC: Farmer Advocates for Conservation-25-30 minutes that can include a farmer panel. The Farmer Advocates for Conservation is a peer-to-peer mentor program designed to elevate the voices of farmers who are applying BMPs on their farms. We have trained 20 early adopter farmers to advance a culture of conservation that influences and supports middle adopter peers as they transition to sustainable practices such as no-till, cover crops and edge of field water

management. Farmer Advocate and SWCD staff can work together to advance programs and practices. Our next training is open to farmers across the state. Learn how to get farmers in your county involved! [Farmer Advocates for Conservation](#) (*Spencer*)

**A Conservation District Spatial Story** – Join Emma Farahay, Erie SWCD, as she shows you how to explore history, facts, and statistics about Ohio’s conservation districts through interactive maps! By using ESRI’s ArcGIS Storymaps, we can gain a better understanding of the importance and uniqueness of conservation districts in an engaging way. (*Pheoris West B*)

**Rebranding** – Erie Soil and Water recently went through a rebranding process. Eric Dodrill from the district will walk us through the process they used. (*Robinson A*)

**USDA** – hold for presentations (*Pheoris West C*)

**HR Update** – Join Antonio Fiore of Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter to discuss how the changing marijuana laws are affecting the workplace. (*Pheoris West A*)

11:00 **AgroForestry** - Adner Boyce, TNC: A 30 minute informal discussion with technical assistance/service providers sharing TNC’s Expanding Agroforestry Production and Markets Project and the demand for agroforestry practice adoption in Ohio. Attendees are encouraged to share their experiences providing support for agroforestry practices and the technical/financial resources used. (*Spencer*)

**Americorps** (*Pheoris West B*)

**Ohio EPA Updates** - Ohio EPA’s Stormwater Program and Nonpoint Source Planning and Practices with Jason Fyffe and John Matthews. (*Robinson A*)

**ODNR H2Ohio Update** – (*Pheoris West C*)

**HR Presentation** – Delivering Constructive Feedback – (*Pheoris West A*)

**GIS for Educators** – Emma Farahay and Bre Hohman, Erie SWCD, are calling all Educators! Learn about different ways to incorporate GIS into education for your District. Explore how to collect and present data for school groups, social median, staff and board, partner organizations, and more! (*Dax*)

12:00 **Awards Luncheon** – Join us as we celebrate years of achievement and recognize some of our outstanding partners.

1:45 **Farmland Preservation** - Want to learn more about Farmland Preservation and how your district can become involved with the program? Join Jonathan Ferbrache (Fairfield), Julia

Cumming (Madison) and Michele Burns (Tecumseh Land Trust) for information on what it's like to be a local sponsor, the long-term commitment, and keys to success. **(Spencer)**

**Green Infrastructure** – Join Rob Kastner, Wayne SWCD, and Eric Dodrill, Erie SWCD, to learn about green infrastructure design and build projects in Wayne and Erie Counties. This includes lessons learned designing and implementing pervious pavers, rain gardens and more. **(Robinson A)**

**Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting** – **(Pheoris West B)**

**USDA** – HOLD FOR USDA SESSION **(Pheoris West C)**

**H2Ohio Breakout** – **(Pheoris West A)**

**Future of Drainage Water Management** – Vinayak Shedekar, OSU **(Dax)**

3:00

**P management to Maintain Soil Test P and Improve Crop Yield and Water Quality** – Greg LaBarge **(Spencer)**

**Urban Survey Update** - Over Thirty Districts currently provide urban programming at some level. Join Molly Conley, Warren SWCD, to learn more about what Districts are doing in stormwater programming based on a survey conducted in 2023/2024. **(Robinson A)**

**CREP Update** - CREP in Ohio currently has \$15 million dollars in funding support from H2Ohio for the next 2 years. This session will provide an overview of opportunities available and how landowners can sign-up. Staff from ODA and ODNR will be happy to answer questions pertaining to Lake Erie CREP, Scioto CREP and the proposed Miami Rivers CREP **(Pheoris West B)**

**The Bridges are Coming! The Bridges are Coming!** —A lot is happening in the Forestry Pollution Abatement Program right now, and opportunities abound! The Division of Forestry is partnering with several Districts to make portable bridges available for loggers to rent, with the goal of reducing equipment travel in streams. You'll also learn about a new grant that will provide financial incentives for consulting foresters to develop and file pre-harvest plans with the SWCD and that incentivize loggers to install advanced level logging BMPs within the Appalachian region. You'll also get an update on the rollout of Ohio's new Forestry BMP manual, the new Forestry Pollution Prevention Plan (FP3) forms (formerly known as "NOI/Timber Harvest Plans") and updated guidance on how to fulfill the "confidentiality" clause found in ORC 1503.53 and OAC 1501:3-12-08. Join Bob Mulligan for this session that will be full of important information and updates. **(Pheoris West C)**

**H2Ohio Breakout** – **(Pheoris West A)**