

Ross Soil & Water Conservation District

March 8, 2023

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

The March meeting will be held in the **District Office** at 5:30 pm on Wednesday March 8th  
 Conference Rooms are unavailable due to 4-H Camp Counselor Training

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- Mount Logan Preschool - March 2 Wildlife Presentation
- Clover Bees 4H Club - March 16 Field Trip Presentation
- UAV Workshop - March 30 - 12:00 Noon - at the Ross County Fairgrounds with Midwest Air
- Envirothon - March 30 Registration Deadline - April 25 Envirothon at Lake Hope State Park
- Pump House Earth Day - April 15 - 11am to 6pm - with Ross County garden clubs
- May Conservation Camp - Unioto not holding camp - need to contact Paint Valley
- Huntington FFA - May 12 Career Day donation request
- Unioto Middle School - May classroom presentations
- ODNR Wildlife - May school presentations at Tar Hollow and Scioto Trails
- Frankfort Library - Literature for summer pollinator program
- Ross County Fair - August 7th - August 11th
- Woodlands - August 29 Place Based event on Trego Creek Road with Ross/Pike OSU Extension
- FFA Career Day - Logo Contest - September 12 event with Farm Bureau
- Classroom Topics document
- Annual Meeting education award

**Ross Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Tree Sales by Item Summary**  
 January 1 through March 1, 2023

	Jan 1 - Mar 1, 23		
	Qty	Amount	% of Sales
<b>▼ Parts</b>			
Bald Cypress (25 Seedlings)	8	160.00	2.3%
Black Cherry (25 Seedlings)	5	100.00	1.4%
Black Walnut (25 Seedlings)	15	300.00	4.3%
Eastern Redcedar (25 Seedlings)	17	340.00	4.8%
Eastern White Pine (25 Seedlings)	68	1,360.00	19.3%
Northern Red Oak (25 Seedlings)	24	480.00	6.8%
Norway Spruce (25 Seedlings)	39	780.00	11.1%
Sugar Maple (25 Seedlings)	20	600.00	8.5%
Virginia Pine (25 Seedlings)	7	140.00	2%
Wet Feet Packet (20 Seedlings, ...)	41	820.00	11.6%
White Oak (25 Seedlings)	17	340.00	4.8%
Wildlife Packet (20 Seedlings, Fo...)	81	1,620.00	23%
<b>Total Parts</b>	<b>342.00</b>	<b>7,040.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total Tree Sale Customers</b>	<b>136</b>		
<b>Total Gross Sales</b>		<b>\$7,040.00</b>	

**Tree sales are up almost 50% from our best most recent year in 2019!**

**FISH SALE**

The spring newsletter was ordered at Printex on 2/28 publicizing the annual Fish Sale and UAV workshop.

## **OFSWCD CONFERENCE**

The event was well attended and presented networking opportunities, reportedly good sessions on solar, and Greg Rouse led a good session about drones with comments from a few other districts and good info from the NRCS updating their statewide project. Ben and Tabby are signing up for the Purdue training in Butler county. The district donated a Hirsch basket and a Tecumseh package to the Envirothon auction (and the Scioto Society doubled the Tecumseh tickets to 4). The accounting has been kind of a mess but taxes and parking fees appear to have now been taken off our hotel bill. The administrator will reimburse the district for 2 extra nights charges. Expenses and mileage will be paid in April.

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

JT and the staff have been working to fix the water test station, braving a high Scioto river to diagnose the problem. JT suspects a bad pump and is contacting the Heidelberg University Water Quality Lab. The pump is owned by Heidelberg and was replaced less than a year ago. The district will only incur minor expenses. Thanks to the staff for a challenging job.

Greg has been having trouble with the new GIS computer, the Super Micro Workstation purchased in November from IT Savvy for \$6,468.87. After going back and forth with tech support about the hard drive, and a labor-intensive mother board replacement, last month the manufacturer's tech support asked Greg to ship the entire unit back for replacement.

The Epson ink-jet printer has broken down. Servicing it is not practical. A good replacement would be the HP OfficeJet Pro 7740 which can print 11x17 maps and has comparable features to the Epson for \$359.00 at Office Depot.

## **FOR THE RECORD**

February 10, 2023 - SAM Renewed

February 10, 2023 - Sent Signed LAEPP Cooperative Agreement

Friday February 17, 2023 - WLS Docusigned agreement

Thursday February 23, 2023 - Received signed form from OSWCC appointing Billie Helterbrand to board

Monday February 27, 2023 - Filed Cash Basis report - emailed to ODA - ordered notice to run in Gazette on 3/5

## **REPORTING AND STATS**

This is still evolving. I attach a separate report to the agenda email. Please note multiple tabs along the bottom this month.