

# Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District

## Board of Supervisor Member

### General Function

A district supervisor is a local board member, elected from a non-partisan slate of general election, to assess local conservation needs and to develop conservation programs to address these needs. The district is funded by Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation and the General Assembly and the County Commissioners.

### Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Attend monthly district meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, currently meeting at 8:00 or 9:00 am in the morning).
- ❖ Participate on district committees and in work groups.
- ❖ Be willing to represent the citizens of Pickaway County in regard to conservation issues.
- ❖ Be willing to stay informed and inform others about conservation issues.
- ❖ Be willing to learn.
- ❖ Be willing to participate in statewide meetings and workshops on conservation issues.
- ❖ Participate in district policy and program development.
  - a) Prepare strategic and annual plans of work.
  - b) Establish and implement district policies regarding natural resource conservation issues as well as personnel and office matters.
  - c) Develop and/or implement conservation programs (educational and/or technical) to meet the needs of the district.
- ❖ Provide financial direction.
  - a) Be responsible for the proper expenditure and management of public funds.
  - b) Review and approve annual budget and financial statement.
  - c) Approve monthly treasurer reports.
- ❖ Participate in public and community relations' activities/programs.
- ❖ Participate in personnel management.
  - a) Provide guidance and direction to staff and maintain fair and equitable personnel policies.
  - b) Maintain an open working relationship between staff and board members.
  - c) Serve on personnel committee and participate in all aspects of personnel management to include hiring, personnel reviews, etc.

### Term of Service

Three years, no limit on number of terms served. Supervisors receive no compensation; they are reimbursed for travel to meetings, registration, meals, and other associated expenses when conducting work of the district.

## Time Commitment

Ten hours/month which could include:

- ❖ Meeting attendance: two hours
- ❖ Review of the agenda materials, reading and preparation: two hours
- ❖ Committee work: two hours
- ❖ Attending meetings related to local conservation issues: two hours

Workshop Commitment (If Possible)

- ❖ Attend one area meeting and one State meeting per year
- ❖ Participate in workshops and seminars related to soil and water conservation
- ❖ Attend New Supervisor Orientation Workshop in January

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## Function of the SWCD

The district is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio and district supervisors are public officials. The district provides a means for all interested people in Pickaway County to work together for natural resource conservation and development.

### Major Objectives:

- ❖ Provide technical and educational assistance free of charge.
- ❖ Promote the importance of natural resource conservation through workshops, news articles, web site, Facebook, demonstrations, etc.
- ❖ To promote the multiple use of soil and water resources to provide a healthy, pleasant environment for everyone.
- ❖ To coordinated private interests and local, state, and federal agencies of government in order to provide assistance in the implementation of soil and water conservation works of improvement.
- ❖ To assist landowners in meeting agricultural pollution and urban sediment pollution abatement standards adopted by the state and federal governments.
- ❖ Provide soil interpretations and land capability information to assist landowners in making better land use and land treatment decisions.
- ❖ Provide technical information for the design, layout, construction, and maintenance of conservation and pollution abatement practices on the land.

**Mission Statement** - Our mission is to encourage and assist the people of Pickaway County in applying conservation practices, which conserve, preserve, and protect our natural resources for present and future generations.

**Vision Statement** - A professional team leading the community in the conservation of natural resources.