

Wayne County AG Success Team Meeting Minutes
22 June 2011

Members Present: Ann Obrecht, Brian Gwin, Chris Finney, Katie Myers-Griffith, Duane Wood, Ron Becker, Maryanna Biggio, and Jessica Eickleberry.

Press: Bobby Warren, Daily Record

Treasurers Report: Given by Chris Finney, last report noted \$4197.16 as the balance.

WEDC Report: Given by Brian Gwin

- BioHio Board is being formed
- Team NEO meeting indicated the ODOD will be franchising out Economic Development activities to regional entities. WEDC is involved at the level of reigning in Holmes County to Team Neo and Stark Co. will be responsible for asking Tusc. County into the team NEO "region".
- Intellicrop and Cedar Valley Innovation in Ohio today working locally on the weather mapping and strip intercropping.
- Brian will be attending and resending at the National Value Added Agriculture Conference
- Currently working on the Community Investment Portfolio for the ACDC
- Brian passed out an article on labor issues

Roundtable:

Chris F: Still working a lot on the oil and gas lease issues. Taught a session at a recent conference for attorneys about the importance and benefits of working with landowner groups. The Mohican Basin Landowner group will be meeting in Franklin Twp. Katie M requested a list of other attorneys that are versed in the process; Chris believes he can make this available. Questions were raised about drilling next to state ground, and Chris explained "mandatory pooling" which would initiate pulling adjacent land into the state ground area if necessary.

Katie M-G: Katie motioned that the Wayne County AST release \$500 to fund a portion of Triway Jr. High's garden shed. Maryanna seconded. Discussion added that there be contingent on the schools ability to match the funds and that the shed remains agricultural in use. Vote taken, motion carried. Katie will draft a letter to the school.

Next meeting we will discuss thresholds and other ideas for money, since we may get more requests from other schools.

Duane W: Oliver Show is coming to Wayne County July 21 -23rd at the Fairgrounds, SWCD will have their fair booth open. SWCD is working with a poultry farm to construct a manure storage unit for their two barns. The SWCD also has info on their website pertaining to oil and gas leases, and they recently talked to the Health Department about 3rd party water samples.

Ron B.: Local Foods has been a big focus. Ron met with the tri county esc and it began with 3 schools in the county interested in farm to school and has grown from 3 to 8. He was in on a food teleconference with OSU and it is pretty possible that OSU Extension will take over the state level farm to school program since it is no longer housed in the ODA. His IPM program is going strong. He has no update for Diane's programs.

Ann O.: Ann, along with Duane W., will be attending a listening session hosted by the Army Corp of Engineers in regards to watershed and dam issues. Scott Myers was on the cover of Ohio Farmer magazine and the Obrecht farm was highlighted in Holstein news, nice to see Wayne County farmers making the "news".

Maryanna B: Very upset with the ODA Office of Farmland Preservation, not listening to Wayne County. Three applications were sent to the AEPP program and 2 have been accepted. Maryanna noted that Howard's new plan for AEPP was voted on and accepted, she is upset and urging that more letters be sent. MB moved that the Wayne County AST sends another letter, Brian G. seconded. Motion carries. Maryanna B to draft a letter.

Jessica E.: Local Roots passed its inspection for a commercial kitchen, a small group of people will work independently for cooking and food processing. Also, think they are in the final stages of receiving the \$99,500 from USDA Rural Dev. for the expansion of the kitchen. Sales have been around \$8000 a week. She met with a group in Ashland Co. that is looking to replicate the Local Roots concept.

Meeting Adjourned, Barb C. to send out dates for next meeting.