

CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Clark SWCD Annual Meeting CANCELED

The Clark SWCD Board and staff are sad to announce that due to COVID-19, the Clark SWCD 78th Annual Meeting has been canceled. As an alternative, we are going to have an in person voting opportunity, a recognition of the Clark SWCD Cooperator of the Year and a dedication of the Dale Stewart Memorial Bench. The event will take place on **Tuesday September 15th from 6:30-8:30^{pm}** at the Clark County Fair Grounds. The event will take place at the CTC Shelter House, formally known as the Highlands Church Cafeteria.

We will have sanitized voting areas set up for residents to vote safely for their candidate of choice. Special assistance can be provided for those who would like to vote from their vehicle. If you can't attend this evening, there are other opportunities to vote in our office or by absentee (see page 2).

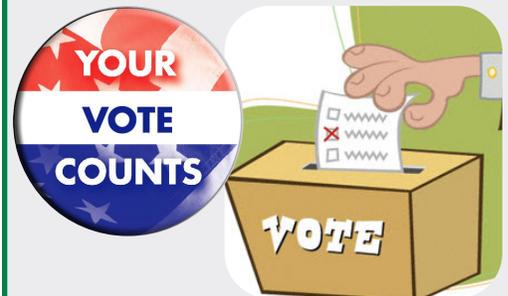
This year, we have three candidates vying for two positions on a 5 member board. The three candidates are Evan Delk, Kevin Mattinson and John Ritter. For more information about the election and other ways to cast your vote, see the voting procedures article on the following page.

Voter Eligibility and Requirements

- All owners and occupiers of land at least 18 years of age or older within Clark County are eligible to vote for the Clark SWCD candidates.
- This includes legal residents of Clark County, non-resident land-owners, non-resident land occupiers and representatives of firms, corporations, limited liability companies (LLC), or trusts located within Clark County.
- All eligible voters must certify their status as an eligible voter by signature on the ballot application.
- Individuals may vote under each of the above listed applicable categories **only once** regardless of the number of parcels owned, or number of leases or properties rented.
- One LLC officer or representative may vote on behalf of an LLC, but members may not. A trustee or designee may vote for a trust, but not a beneficiary.
- If you would like more information about the election or have questions about the proceedings, please contact our office at 937-521-3880.

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Two (2) Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

NOMINEES ARE:

- 1. Evan Delk**
- 2. Kevin Mattinson**
- 3. John Ritte**

Election Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

There are 3 ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. **At the SWCD office from September 2, 2020 until September 15, 2020**, during normal business hours at the Springview Government Center (8am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday); or
2. **At the SWCD public voting event, which will take place at the Clark County Fairgrounds/CTC Shelter House on September 15, 2020 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm**; or
3. **Voting absentee from August 3, 2020 until September 15, 2020**, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address: 3130 E. Main St., Springfield, Ohio, 45505, by calling 937-521-3880, or email dlokai@clarkcountyohio.gov. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by noon on September 15, 2020.

**Tuesday, September 15th
6:30 - 8:30PM**

CTC Shelter House @ CC Fairgrounds

6:30PM	6:30PM	6:35PM	6:40PM	8:30PM
Voting Begins	Dale Stewart Memorial Bench Recognition	Cooperator of the Year Recognition	2020 Dale Stewart Conservation Scholarship Recognition	Voting Ends



Thanks to the Clark County Commissioners

The Clark SWCD Board & Staff would like to thank the Clark County Commissioners for their continued support of local conservation. Funding for the Clark SWCD begins at the County level where appropriations are matched by the State through the Ohio Department of Agriculture-Division of Soil & Water Conservation



Evan Delk and wife, Nicole, live in Green Township near Locust Hills Golf Course. They have a 2 year old son and 4 month old girl. Evan earned an associate's degree at Clark State in Agriculture Business and is the Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Integrated Ag Services based out of Milford Center, Ohio. His hobbies include golf, water sports, hunting,

hanging out with family and friends. Evan enjoys working with and helping people. His 16 acre farming operation is something he mainly does for fun. He likes to sit on the other side of the table and put his farmer cap on outside of the Agricultural consulting he does every day for a living. He likes to try new products and practices to see what works and what doesn't work.

Evan would like to serve on the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors to get more involved in the agricultural community and to help oversee the work that is being done in Clark County. Soil and Water is a major topic in the agricultural industry right now with our current water quality issues. He wants to be on the forefront of these issues to help resolve them and make sure we, as farmers, are doing the best for our environment but at the same time maintaining the highest yields, and most importantly staying profitable while doing so.

Soil and water is the foundation of our future, we need to find profitable practices that will help maintain the highest quality of soil and water for many generations to come. He believes by being on the Board of Supervisors, he can help bring ideas to the table and hopefully learn from others on the board as well.

Bob Jurick named Cooperator of the Year



Springfield, Ohio. – Bob Jurick of Mad River Township has been named the 2020 Clark County Cooperator of the Year.

The award is part of a state program sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The program seeks to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation of our natural resources. Mr. Jurick was nominated for the award by the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors & staff and will go on to compete for the state title at the Soil and Water Conservation annual conference next winter.



2020 Board of Supervisor



Kevin Mattinson, his wife, Deanna and their five children live on their family farm near South Charleston, Ohio. Kevin farms full time and works as a crop insurance adjuster for Rain and Hail. Deanna is the church organist/pianist, for the traditional service at the First Presbyterian Church in South Charleston. The Mattinson children are homeschooled

and help with the work on the farm. When Kevin is not working, he enjoys antiques, wood working and spending time with his family.

Kevin, alongside his grandfather William Mattinson, farm over 700 acres of no-till corn, soybeans, and wheat, in Clark and Madison Counties. To reduce erosion and improve water quality, Kevin has incorporated cover crops and variable rate fertilizing into his no-till operation. Kevin is also working with the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) to implement CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) practices to enhance soil quality, reduce erosion, and to improve water and air quality. Mattinson Farms are also working with the FSA (Farm Service Agency) and Clark Soil and Water Conservation District to install and maintain grass waterways.

Kevin would like to serve on the board to aid the local community and farmers in protecting and preserving our most precious resources, soil and water.



John Ritter is a professor of geology and member of the Environmental Science program at Wittenberg University. John received his Ph.D., with a focus on watershed hydrology from Pennsylvania State University. He resides in Moorefield Township with his wife Debbie. They are the parents of Daniel and Mary Grace.

John is an active member of the Clark County community. He and his students work with National Trails Parks and Recreation District and Springfield Conservancy District on projects related to Buck Creek and Mad River. He is a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church and has served as a Supervisor for the Lower Mad River Watershed Protection Project and Clark SWCD Board.

John wishes to serve on the Board because he feels he is able to contribute to discussions concerning the direction and mission of soil & water resource conservation for Clark County from the perspective of a professional and educator.

NEW PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE



Who owns Clark County? Thousands of people have a piece of it, and they are listed in the new plat book published by the Clark Soil & Water Conservation District with Mapping Solutions. The 2019 book is available for purchase for \$20 at the Conservation District office in the Springview Government Center located at 3130

E. Main Street in Springfield. Premium wall maps are also available. For more information contact our office at (937) 521-3880.

2020 Dale Stewart Conservation Scholarship Winners

The Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff are proud to announce Lane Harbage & Mary Ritter as the recipient of the 8th Annual Dale Stewart Conservation Scholarship for 2020.



LANE HARBAGE is a 2020 graduate of Global Impact STEM Academy High School and will be attending Iowa State University this fall majoring in Agriculture Systems Technology and Animal Science. Lane is very active with his community, school, athletics, FFA and showing Livestock.

Lane was president of his class from 2016-2019 and as an FFA member he achieved his FFA State Degree & is currently working to achieve his American Degree. Lane plans to use his degree to further his knowledge of Agriculture industry and expand his career opportunities



MARY RITTER is a 2019 graduate of Catholic Central High School and is currently a sophomore at Dickinson College majoring in Italian Studies with a Food Studies Certificate. Mary was very active in 4-H completing food, nutrition, gardening projects and an independent

project on local food and square-foot gardening. In 2019, Mary organized a community garden for St. Vincent DePaul and was a member of the Clark County Local Foods Council. Mary plans to use her degree continue to learn more about food and sustainable agriculture.

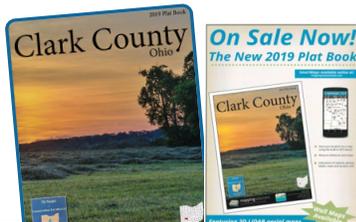


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or contact the Clark SWCD @ 937-521-3880.

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