

CRAWFORD SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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BUCYRUS OH 44820-9601

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Farmland Preservation Meeting Scheduled

The Crawford SWCD in partnership with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy is hosting a local farmland preservation meeting. If you are a landowner in Crawford County and have an interest in preserving your farmland for future generations this meeting is for you. The meeting will be held on Feb. 20th from 6:30-8:00pm at the new OSU Extension building on the Crawford Co. Fairgrounds. Due to limited space, registration before Feb 16th is required. Contact the Crawford



H2Ohio Open Enrollment



We are currently enrolling producers into the H2Ohio program. If you are interested in signing up for the H2Ohio program for 2024 and 2025 please contact our office or RSVP to attend one of our upcoming H2Ohio program meetings where we will discuss the practices available in the program, and how they may fit into your operation.

The meetings will take place on January 24, 2024, 9-11am or February 7, 2024 6-8pm at the Crawford County OSU Extension building at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

We would like to thank the Crawford County Commissioners, our Affiliate Members and you, the landowners, for supporting our conservation efforts, without your support we could not accomplish all that we do for conservation in Crawford County.

Thank you!

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3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, OH 44820-9601
Phone: 419-562-8280
Website: www.crawfordswcd.org
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)
2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

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Dave Paynter, Treasurer
Ben Stuckey, Fiscal Agent

NRCS Staff:
Brad Van Voorhis
District Conservationist
Kelby Fetter
Soil Conservationist

Calendar of Events

January 15th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day
January 24th: H2Ohio Open Enrollment Meeting
– OSU Building, Fairgrounds – 9-11 AM
February 7th: H2Ohio Open Enrollment Meeting
– OSU Building, Fairgrounds – 6-8 PM
February 9th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
February 19th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS Closed in Observance of President's Day
February 20th: Farmland Preservation Meeting
– OSU Building, Fairgrounds – 6:30-8 PM
March 8th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
March: 12th-13th Conservation Tillage Conference, Ada OH
April 8th: Eclipse Day – All County Offices Closed
April 12th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
April 12th: Fish Sale Order Deadline
April 19th: Fish Sale Pickup 2:00 – Crawford SWCD East Parking Lot
April 24th: Area 1 Envirothon, Allen County
April 24th: Tree Sale Pickup 3:00 – 6:00 PM
April 25th: Tree Sale Pickup 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

CSWCD Board Members Reorganize & Schedule 2024 Meetings



Left to Right: Larry Leonhardt, Braxton James, Ben Stuckey, Erica Hanes, Davis Paynter

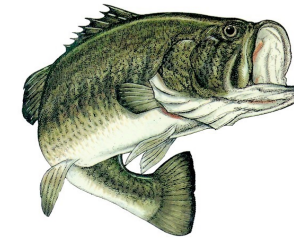
Public is welcome. The Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors has reorganized for 2024. Larry Leonhardt is the Chairperson; Eric Hanes is Vice-Chairperson; Braxton James is Secretary; David Paynter is Treasurer; and Ben Stuckey is the Fiscal Agent.

Board meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of the month at 8:00 a.m. The meetings are held at the Crawford SWCD Office, 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus Ohio. Meetings may be postponed occasionally so it is best to call and verify that the meeting will be held on the scheduled date. Notice of postponement will also be posted on the building's lobby doors.

All board meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Ohio Sunshine Law. Any person interested in attending the meetings may obtain advance notice of all meetings at which any specific type of public business is to be discussed. Individuals may receive an agenda of all upcoming meetings by supplying the District with stamped, self-addressed envelopes or their e-mail address.

Minutes of all meetings of the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District will be promptly recorded and shall be open to public inspection during working hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the office. For more information call 419-562-8280 extension 3.

We would like to welcome Braxton James to the Crawford SWCD Board of Supervisors, he will begin his three-year term starting January 2024. Braxton is an electrician apprentice for Studer Electric and sits on the St. John's UCC Board of Trustees when he is not working on the farm. He lives in Sandusky Township where the family farm is located. Braxton will assume the position previously held by Adam Spiegel. Adam spent 6 years on the Board serving as Secretary, Vice-Chair and Chairman. Thank you for your dedication and service Adam and welcome Braxton.



Crawford SWCD Fish Sale 2024 Spring Fingerling Fish Sale

Deadline for ordering is Friday April 12th, 2024
Pick up Friday April 19th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Crawford SWCD office
3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

You need to bring suitable containers with heavy duty plastic liners (ex: five gallon bucket lined with a heavy duty unscented trash bag) filled $\frac{1}{2}$ **full WITH YOUR OWN POND WATER** to transport your fish. Ten gallons of water per 100 fish ordered is sufficient. If you ordered Amurs, bring a separate container and plan only 2 Amurs per five gallon container. For more information please phone Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District at (419)562-8280 ext 3.

Recommended stocking rates of fingerling fish for new or renovated ponds, per acre:

Combination of 300	100 of each	50 of each	1000 of each
Bluegill	Bass	Catfish	Minnows
Perch	Crappie		
Redear Sunfish			

White Amur stocking recommendations:

% of Submerged Plants in Pond	# of Amurs Needed Per Acre Pond
0-20 %	None
20-40 %	5
40-60 %	10

Nature's Pond Conditioner by Koenders is a two in one product. First, you have a bacteria that will, over time, turn the black muck in your pond into clean water, helping to lower the fertility levels in the pond. Secondly, there is a food grade dye in it as well, that will give your pond a natural green color to help block out sunlight and slow the growth of unwanted plant life.

Usage Recommendations: New ponds to use 1 gallon per acre per year. For older ponds with heavy concentration of duckweed, water meal and algae blooms, you should use 4 gallons per acre, 1-2 times a year. When you use bottom aeration with Nature's Pond Conditioner, you supply the bacteria with oxygen, making them more active and more effective.



2024 SPRING FINGERLING FISH SALE ORDER FORM

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____

Payment by Cash or Check Only
 Make Checks Payable to:
 Crawford SWCD

Mail to:
 Crawford SWCD
 3111 State Route 98
 Bucyrus, OH 44820

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date _____

Receipt _____

ITEM	PRICE EACH	QTY	TOTAL
2-4" Bluegill	\$1.00	x	=
2-3" Largemouth Bass	\$1.30	x	=
2-4" Hybrid Bluegill	\$1.00	x	=
2-4" Redear Sunfish	\$1.00	x	=
4-5" Channel Catfish	\$0.90	x	=
8-10" White Amur	\$16.00	x	=
6-8" Koi	\$13.00	x	=
Fathead Minnows \$8.00 per 100	\$8.00	x	=
100 Minimum Order – Orders in Multiples of 100			
Natures Pond Conditioner— 1 Gallon	\$90.00	x	=
Natures Pond Conditioner—5 Gallon	\$375.00	x	=

Minimum Order is \$20.00

SUBTOTAL	\$
+ TAX @ 7.25 %	\$
Total Amount Due	\$

All sales are final with no guarantee of survival. We will accept special orders for larger fish - subject to availability.