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## 80th Crawford SWCD Annual Meeting to Be Held August 26th

Please join the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District at their 80th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 26th. This event will be held at The Pickwick Place, 1875 N Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$16.00 and they must be reserved by August 15th.



The Crawford SWCD supervisor election will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:45 p.m. All owners and occupiers of land at least 18 years of age or older within Crawford County are eligible to vote for SWCD board supervisors. Eligible voters can register at the door to receive a ballot. Attendees may vote in the Crawford SWCD supervisor election and leave without purchasing an annual meeting ticket.

This year's events include the SWCD Supervisor Election, dinner at 6:30 p.m. catered by Eats & Events by Emily and Mark's Homemade Ice Cream for dessert, SWCD Conservation Slide Show, and featured speaker, Ty Higgins.

Ty grew up on his dad and grandpa's dairy farm in Licking County, Ohio. He started his career as a farm broadcaster as he studied at THE Ohio State University. After over a decade in country radio in Columbus, he found his way back to agriculture as a journalist and communication specialist at the Ohio Farm Bureau and will be beginning his role as General Manager for the Ohio Ag Net and Ohio's Country Journal in September. He is a proud spokesperson for Ohio agriculture and passionate advocate for farmers across the state.

Plan now to attend by contacting the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District office at 419-562-8280 extension 3.

## Woodland Invasives Workshop

Wednesday Sept. 10th, 2025 | 6:00-9:00pm OSU Mansfield Campus

Topics Covered:  
Invasive Species Control  
Grapevine Control Demo  
Crop Tree Release Demo

Contact Crawford SWCD to register

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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)**  
2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

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Eric Hanes, Vice-Chair  
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## Calendar of Events

July 11:	SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM
July 14 -19:	Crawford County Fair
July 23:	County Elected Officials Tour 8:30 a.m.
July 28:	SWCD Supervisor Election Open thru Aug. 26th
July 30-31:	North American Manure Expo, Fulton County
August 8:	SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 a.m.
August 15:	Deadline for H2Ohio Sign Up
August 26:	SWCD 80 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Pickwick Place 5:30 p.m.
August 26:	SWCD Supervisor Election Closes 6:45 p.m.
September 1:	Labor Day - office closed
September 10:	Woodland Invasives Workshop, Mansfield OSU 6:00 p.m.
September 12:	SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 a.m.



### Election Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Crawford 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 Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor(s).

Two supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

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

- 1. At the SWCD office, 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, Ohio, from 7/28/2025 until 8/26/2025 during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- 2. At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at The Loft at Pickwick Place, 1875 N. Sandusky Ave, Bucyrus, Ohio on 8/26/2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- 3. Voting absentee from 7/28/2025 until 8/26/2025 by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820, or by calling (419)562-8280 ext 3. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 4:00 pm on 8/26/2025.

### Nominees:



#### Jenna Delarber-Brause

Jenna is an attorney with a local firm in Bucyrus. She would like to be on the board to provide a unique perspective that will allow the organization to further its goals and provide more benefit to the local community. Jenna and her husband Alex reside in Liberty township where the family farm focuses on soil health, sustainable agricultural practices and forestry management. They also raise honeybees and produce maple syrup. Jenna is the Co-President of Together We Hurt Together We Heal.

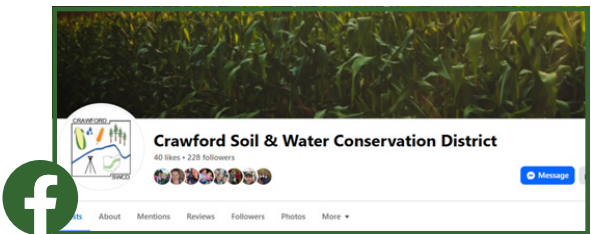


#### Eric Hanes

Eric is currently the SWCD Board Vice-Chair. Eric is seeking re-election because he is always willing to learn about new conservation practices such as increasing soil health to help the family farm as well as other farms to become more resilient and sustainable as agriculture continues to evolve. Eric and his wife Mackenzie reside in Chatfield Township, near the family farm in which he is very active on. Eric assists with the family excavating business as well when help is needed to construct waterways, blind inlets and other conservation practices. On the farm, they practice minimum tillage, some no till and cover crops, as well as participate in H2Ohio. When Eric is not farming, he is a Farm/Crop Insurance Producer for CSI Insurance. Eric is also the current President of the Crawford County Farm Bureau.

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### Wet Spring Compromises Conservation Tillage

The Crawford SWCD completed their annual cropland tillage survey for Crawford County. For this survey, a predetermined route is driven throughout the county. At known points along this route, crop and tillage information is recorded. Data collected at each point is compiled and compared to previous years to determine trends in crop, tillage and planting methods. This survey has been completed using the same points/fields since 1987, with the exception of slight changes due to the construction of US 30. Soybeans were the most planted crop this spring at 51.7% (+2.1% over 2024) of the row crop acres, followed by corn at 36.7% (+0.7%) and small grains at 7.1% (+2.3%). The latest figures show that 43.3% of corn and soybeans planted this spring were in conservation tillage – either no-till or tillage that left >30% residue after planting. The survey revealed 63.0% (-17.0%) of soybeans planted with >30% residue while 15.7% (-4.6%) of corn acres were planted in >30% residue. Soybeans topped the no-till category with 24.5% (-21.1%) of soybeans no tilled. No-till corn acres were at 4.4% (-6.6%).



Small grain acres were up 2.3% over last year, totaling 7.2% row crop acres

#### Who is eligible?

Producers in:

- Crawford
- Erie
- Huron
- Marion
- Ottawa
- Richland
- Sandusky
- Seneca
- Shelby
- Wyandot

#### What do I need to enroll?

A voluntary nutrient management plan (VNMP) is required for all cropland enrolled in H2Ohio.

- 1. Soil tests – 2022 or newer
- 2. Field boundaries
- 3. Crop rotations with yield goals
- 4. N, P, K fertility plan following 2020 Tri-State guidelines
- 5. Email address

#### How do I enroll?

Contact your local SWCD to enroll. For more information, visit [bit.ly/h2ohio-ag5](https://bit.ly/h2ohio-ag5).

Ohio Department of Agriculture H2Ohio

### H2Ohio Sign Up Underway

Sign up for the 2026-2027 H2Ohio program is now available through August 15, 2025. Producers who are interested in participating should contact Crawford SWCD to apply. Producers who participated in the 2022-2025 program must reapply for the 2026-2027 years if they are interested in continuing to participate in the H2Ohio Program.

### Practices that are available:

- Precision and Basic Nutrient Management Plans: \$10-\$15/ac
- Subsurface Phosphorus Placement: \$20/ac
- Overwintering Cover (Wheat, Cover Crops, perennial forages): \$40/ac
- Manure Incorporation and Utilization: \$35-\$75/ac