

### **Hancock Soil & Water**



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**Supervisors Organize** 

The Hancock Soil & Water

Conservation District Board of

Supervisors organized for 2021

during its regular board meeting

Linda Tuttle, was named

Matthew Heitkamp, Fiscal Agent,

Chairman of the Board, Evan

Jackson Vice-Chairman, and

with Evan Jackson and Jason

Bower rounding out the five-

member board of supervisors.

regular board meetings on the

first Tuesday of every month at

8:30 a.m. in the Hancock SWCD

office meeting room at 7868

Co. Rd. 140, Suite E, Findlay,

The supervisors will hold

on January 11, 2021.

The 2021 Supervisor Committees are:

Conservation Close Up

Hancock Soil & Water Conservation

- 1) District Operations Com mittee—Jason Bower
- 2) Drainage Committee— Matthew Heitkamp
- 3) Conservation Programs Committee—Evan Jackson
- 4) Information/Education Committee—Jeff Reese
- 4) Land Use Committee— Linda Tuttle

You may contact the Hancock SWCD office at 419-422-6569 for further information or visit our webpage at: www.hancockswcd.com.

Thank you to Commissioner, Tim Bechtol, for performing the swearing-in duties for our new supervisor, Jeff Reese.

Winter 2020

Jeff and returning supervisor, Evan Jackson, were both sworn in to office on January 11, 2021 and will serve 3 year terms of office.



Commissioner Bechtol and Supervisor, Jeff Reese

#### Thank You!

Ohio 45840.



Dave Reese –Retiring from Hancock SWCD after 15 years; 2006-2020.

Dave Reese has been dedicatresources both in his personal life and professionally.

Dave has served as Chairman of the Hancock SWCD board of supervisors for 15 years. Dave has served on numerous committees and attended many meetings representing the district board. Dave has led the way on the various events and projects that the

district has presented including, the ed to the environment and natural Farm City Tour, Pond Clinics, Envirothon and many more.

> Dave is leaving the board to spend more time with family and time on his Christmas trees at Kaleidoscope Farms.

The supervisors and staff wish Dave the very best in all his future endeavors and give a big "Thank You" for his 15 years of dedication and time.



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#### **NEW NRCS EMPLOYEES**



My name is Cristhian Carrasquillo, I am the new USDA-NRCS District I was born in Pittsburgh, PA and Conservationist for Hancock County in charge of managing the EQIP and CSP contracts and providing or scheduling technical assistance for agricultural producers and/or landowners. I come from Puerto Rico where I was raised and attended the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez campus, where I received my degree in Agronomy, later renamed to Crops and Agro-Environmental Sciences. My journey with NRCS began in Louisiana as a student intern in the summer of 2014, and resumed in November 2015 when I started as a full time Soil Conservationist/Planner in Defiance County. When not at work, I like to spend my time outside jogging or going for walks when temperatures are nice, watching soccer games on the weekends, and taking my occasional trips back home to visit friends and family. If you have any question about the programs or assistance we offer feel free to give me a call at 419-581-4512, or send me an e-mail at Cristhian.carrasquillo@usda.gov. Looking forward to help address challenges faced by the producers and landowners in the county.



My name is Elijah Muhammad I'm the new Soil Conservationist for Hancock County, in Findlay. grew up on the South side of Chicago IL. I graduated from Simeon career academy where I was awarded the UDSA-1890 scholarship in 2013. I attended college at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and graduated in 2017 with my BS in Agriculture Economics. While I was in college, I interned with NRCS every summer, and this is when Ohio became my 3<sup>rd</sup> home. I couldn't be happier to start my career in the place where my love of agriculture began.

# **NRCS Contact Numbers**

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Elijah—419-581-4512

Jimmy— 234-567-6083

\*\* NRCS & SWCD have separate telephone lines. You can not reach NRCS personnel if you call the SWCD number.



My name is Jimmy Giannone, and I am the new Ohio Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist for Pheasants Forever in Hancock, Hardin, and Wyandot counties. I received my bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in May 2020 as well as an associate degree from Hocking College in Natural Resource Law Enforcement in May 2018. I am originally from the small town of Summitville, Ohio in Columbiana County where I grew up on my family farm that was established in the early 1900's. I began to help my few neighbors manage a farm of black angus cattle as well as manage property for various wildlife management projects. I quickly realized how lucky I was to be able to grow up in an environment where both farming, and wildlife management went hand in hand. This has led me to pursue this career with hopes to share my passion and understanding of wildlife management and farming with others, and to promote wise use practices to sustain our resources for many years to come. In my free time, I find myself spending time with my wife and family and am normally outdoors birding and photographing wildlife. I also spend as much time as I can hunting deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

# Hancock SWCD - 2021 Tree Packet Program

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## ORDER DEADLINE: March 19, 2021

CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER



Make checks payable to: Hancock SWCD, 7868 C.R. 140, Suite E, Findlay, OH 45840

# ORDER FORM

(Download an Order Form at: hancockswcd.com)

PACKET	# PKTS. ORDERED	PRICE	TOTAL
SEEDLINGS - Seedlings are 6"-18"			
Colorado Blue Spruce - 2-0 (20)		\$ 16/pkt.	
Norway Spruce - 3-0 (20)		\$ 16/pkt.	
TRANSPLANTS -Transplants are 12" -18"			
Eastern White Pine - 2-2 (10)		\$ 16/pkt.	
American Arborvitae - 2-1 (10)		\$ 16/pkt	
HARDWOODS - Hardwoods are 12"-18"			
Swamp White Oak (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Bur Oak (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Red Oak (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Sugar Maple (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Persimmon (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Red Chokeberry (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Nannyberry (5)		\$ 10/pkt.	
Marking Flags (100 per bundle)		\$ 10/pkt.	
	TOTAL AMOUNT I	DUE	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Seedlings may arrive the first or second week of April; however, we do not have a definite delivery date. You will receive a letter telling you when to pick-up your order.