



MERCER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTION



Election Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Mercer 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 Mercer 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 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.);
or
- 2.) At the SWCD (Annual Meeting) Drive Thru, which will take place at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on September 15, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
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 220 W. Livingston Street, Suite 1, Celina, OH 45822, by calling 419.586.3289 Ext. 3, or email karen.balster@mercercountyohio.org. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 4:30 p.m. on September 15, 2020.

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

Nominees are:

1. Donald Guggenbiller
2. Garrett Hellwarth
3. Scott Tobin





2020 BOARD CANDIDATES

Don Guggenbiller and his wife Julie reside in Gibson Township southeast of Fort Recovery. Don owns and runs Guggenbiller Poultry LLC. alongside his son Dan. Don and Julie have 4 children (3 girls and 1 boy). Don farms approximately 1,200 acres in Mercer County following a soybean and corn rotation. He has utilized some no till practices on his beans along with cover crops. Guggenbiller LLC. manages 2 layer houses. He has a current ODA permit for his operation. He has established filter strips and constructed grassed waterways in addition to several other conservation practices. In his spare time, Don enjoys going to farm shows and seeing new farming practices/equipment. Don's goals as Supervisor include bringing new ideas to the district and learning even more about the SWCD.



Garrett Hellwarth and his wife Judy reside in Hopewell Township just west of Celina. They are the parents of 6 kids (3 girls and 3 boys). Garrett farms approximately 600 acres in Mercer County. He plants a variety of crops which includes corn, corn silage soybeans, rye, oats, and alfalfa. Garrett is passionate about utilizing no-till on his farm. Garrett's 2 boys Corbin and Caden and his father Sam Hellwarth Jr. work on the operation alongside him. Garrett owns and operates a dairy set-up and is currently milking 200 cows. He has a CNMP to manage nutrients on his farm. He has constructed manure storage and has been involved in tile main projects through Mercer SWCD. Garrett is a member of Mount Carmel Church of God, Ohio Farm Bureau, and serves on the DHI Board. In his spare time, Garrett enjoys making homemade ice cream and gardening. Garrett's goals as Supervisor include continuing to share his knowledge of cover crops with other producers and learning even more about the SWCD.



Scott Tobin and his wife Melissa reside in Butler Township just east of Coldwater. Scott owns and operates Tobin Trucking and Tobin's Farm Hauling. They are the parents of 3 children (2 boys and 1 girl). Scott farms approximately 317 acres in Mercer County following a corn, soybean, and wheat rotation. Scott manages a finish hog barn. He has a current CNMP to manage nutrients on his farm. In his spare time, Scott enjoys riding ATVs and spending time with his family. Scott's goals as Supervisor include sharing his knowledge of manure applications and to help others understand manure application rules. Scott would like to help farmers by bringing his experience as a custom applicator to the SWCD.

