

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 Four ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- 1.) At the SWCD office (220 W. Livingston St. Celina, Ohio 45822) from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm during normal business hours; or
- 2.) At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at Moeller Brew Barn (8016 Marion Dr. Maria Stein, Ohio 45860) Maria Stein, Ohio on August 2 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm; or
- 3.) At the Mercer County Fair, which will take place at The Mercer County Fairgrounds from August 12 until August 18 from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm; or
- 4) Voting absentee from August 2, 2022 until August 31, 2022, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address 220 W. Livingston Street Ste 1, Celina, Ohio 45822, by calling 419 -586-3289 Ext. 3, or email info@swcd.mercercountyohio.gov. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by August 31, 2022 by 4:00 pm.

One (1) Supervisor will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

Nominees are:

1. Michael Dues
2. Rob Evers
3. Don Guggenbiller





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Michael Dues and his wife Shawn reside in Jefferson Township in Celina. Michael founded Dues Nursery and Landscaping 34 years ago and owns and operates it today. Michael and Shawn have 6 children Erin, Adam, Alex, Annie, Alissa, and Chris; as well as 5 grandchildren. Michael has been a member of the Ohio Green Industry Association for the past 6 years and has served as the president and Interim Executive Director. He is also a member of the Mosaic Lodge, Kiss the Ground, Fraternal order of Eagles, and the Moose Lodge. If elected as Supervisor, Michael's goal would be to preserve the land so that it can be passed down to the next generation.



Rob Evers and his wife Gina reside in Butler Township in Coldwater. Michael and Gina have 4 children: Mason (10), John (9), Brady (5), and Mya (4). Rob is the 3rd generation working on the Bill and Ruth Evers family farm, where they raise dairy cows and farm 340 acres. They plant the following crops: corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa grass, and sudangrass. The crops are established by using conventional tillage and no-till. Rob is also utilizing cereal rye as a cover crop. Rob would like to learn more about the services provided by Mercer SWCD. If he is elected as supervisor, Rob would like to help inform the community of the benefits Mercer SWCD can offer. In his free time, Rob likes to ride ATVs and spend time with friends and family.



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. Don manages 2 chicken houses and 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, if elected as a Supervisor, include bringing new ideas to the district and learning even more about the SWCD.

