

SWCD ELECTION...CAST YOUR VOTE

The Fairfield SWCD will be holding an election for two Board supervisors on Thursday, September 13, 2018, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at the 75th Annual Meeting/Banquet being held at the Ed Sands Farm Bureau Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. The nominees for this year's election are Linda Claypool of Lancaster, Paul Kemmer of Lancaster and Matt Reese of Baltimore.

Residents or landowners, firms and corporations that own land or occupy land in Fairfield County and are 18 years of age and older may vote. A non-resident landowner, firm or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: 1) at the annual meeting; 2) at the SWCD office until 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018; 3) vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the SWCD office at the following address: Fairfield SWCD, 831 College Ave., Suite B, Lancaster, OH 43130, by calling (740) 653-8154 or downloading the form from our website at www.fairfieldswcd.org.

If you would like more information about the election or have questions, please contact the SWCD office at (740) 653-8154.

LINDA CLAYPOOL

Linda is a lifelong resident of Hocking Township in Fairfield County. She graduated from Lancaster High School and Ohio University. Linda and her late husband Dan have a son Jason, his wife Michelle and two granddaughters Ashley and Carley. She started as a legal secretary before spending 15 years in commercial banking as a loan officer and manager. Prior to retiring in November 2017, she spent more than 26 years with USDA, Farm Service Agency assisting farmers with financial needs related to farm operating and real estate purchases. Linda provides Notary Public service and is a licensed real estate salesperson. She has been an instructor for Ohio Bankers Association and Advisory member for the Lancaster FFA.

Linda is currently a Farm Bureau member and a member of the Hocking Township Board of Appeals, having served the township on various boards for several years. In past years she has been a member of the American and Ohio Bankers Association, National and Ohio Realtors Association and National/Ohio Association of Credit Specialist.



PAUL KEMMER

Paul and his wife Annabelle moved to Fairfield County in 2006 with their 3 children. Their youngest son is an honor student at Fairfield Union High School and their eldest children have graduated from Fairfield Union and Fairfield Career Center.

Paul has worked for a family owned construction business for over 15 years. He is an avid gardener specializing in growing heirloom tomatoes and saving seeds from over 25 different cultivars. Paul has been a member of the Ohio Onsite Wastewater Association and has completed over 80 state certified continuing education hours in the past 3 years. He is well versed in state and local rules and regulations and has completed State of Ohio training and testing for both sewage treatment installers and service providers, as well as being active in the state's rule making process. Paul enjoys fishing, camping, grilling out and spending time with his family.



MATT REESE

Matt grew up on a small Christmas tree farm in northwest Ohio where his family has a long history of conservation in agriculture. He lives on a small farm in Fairfield County with sheep, rabbits and chickens and has two children.

Matt has worked for *Ohio's Country Journal*, a statewide agricultural publication, since 1999 and currently serves as the editor. He covers a wide range of farm, policy and conservation related topics in his writing. In his profession, he works closely with a broad range of agricultural operations and organizations, which gives him a unique perspective of agricultural land management challenges in Ohio.

Matt attended The Ohio State University where he earned degrees in agricultural communication and agricultural education. He continues to work on the family Christmas tree farm in Hancock County. Matt also does freelance writing, photography, speaking and coaches youth sports. He has written and self-published six books to date.

