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Meet the Candidates in the Board of Supervisors Election



Jess
Berlekamp

Jess grew up on her family's farm, and she started operating tractors when she was 5, according to her father. The farm was organic from the mid 1990's to 2013.

After high school, Jess obtained paramedic and professional firefighter certifications. She worked as a paramedic, and went back to school to obtain a bachelor's degree in Computer Science Engineering Technology from University of Toledo. She returned to the farm full-time in 2014 and started her own farming operation in 2020. She lives outside of Old Fort, and she and her father farm around 800 acres.

Jess has been practicing no-till and cover crops on her acres. She said she hopes to make a difference especially on the ditch maintenance side. She grew up installing tile in fields, and maintaining outlets and ditches were always a priority on the farm.

Jess loves camping, exploring trails and learning about nature. She volunteers as much as she can at Ohio state parks.



David E.
Cassidy

David has been farming since 1979. While growing up, he helped his father with farming, and he has 27 years of maintenance experience in grain elevators/flour mills.

David graduated from Hopewell-Loudon in 1979 and has been married to Kristi for 34 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

The home farm is located north of New Riegel, and the family farms around Fostoria, Bascom and Adrian. David and his son, Drew, farm about 1,100 acres and have been contract hog growers for Kalmbach Feeds since 2012.

David uses no till and cover crop conservation practices. The family participates or has participated in the EQIP program, H2O Ohio and CSP. David was selected as the 2017 Outstanding Conservation Farmer in Seneca County.

David said he is running because he enjoys all aspects of the programs as well as the friendly faces, and he would like to add his seasoned experience in farming to help others.



David
Cramer

David is a fifth-generation farmer on his family's sesquicentennial farm in Loudon Township.

He attended Ohio State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture.

He returned to the farm, married Ann and has a son and daughter-in-law in Florida and a daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Wisconsin.

Over the years, David has served on the Seneca Conservation District board of supervisors and also served on the Ohio Corn Growers Board. He is committed to soil conservation and has practiced no-till farming for more than 40 years. He is still learning new things and has increased cover crop usage each year.

His interest in serving on the Seneca Conservation District board of supervisors is to support other farmers in their conservation pursuits. He supports the use of Proving Ground Farm to help with knowledge and understanding of conservation practices.

Individuals who own or occupy land within Seneca County and are 18 years old or older may vote in the election. Cast a ballot at the SCD office, 3140 S. SR 100, Suite D., Tiffin, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Nov. 13-Dec. 12. Or, vote absentee from Nov. 13-Dec. 12 by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SCD office by calling (419) 447-7073 or emailing mmetzger@senecaswcd.com. Absentee ballots must be received by the SCD office by 4 p.m. Dec. 12. Two supervisors will be elected to a three-year term, Jan. 1, 2026-Dec. 31, 2028.