

# *Meet the Candidates for Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors*

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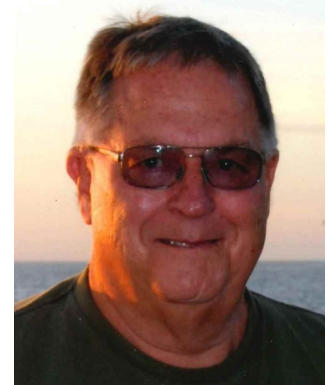


## **Mike Hope**

Mike resides in Concord Township where he and his brother Mark, operate Triple M Farms. They have row cropped in Concord and Liberty Township since both became interested in farming after joining FFA in high school. They took over the daily operation of the dairy in 1986 when their parents purchased and began operating the Corner Market. Mike began implementing conservation practices in 2013 when he signed into the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He began participating in NRCS's Conservation Stewardship Program in 2014. He has been enrolled in the Scioto Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program since 2006. Mike and Mark practice no-till as well as vertical tillage. Mike has been married to his wife, Patty, for 28 years and they have three daughters and one son-in-law (no grandchildren yet).

## **Ron Keil**

Ron is a resident of Genoa Township. From 1968 to 1996, he was employed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as Chief Layout Design Artist with the Division of Lands and Soils and as well as Education Specialist for the Division of Wildlife. From 2010 to 2017, he worked as park manager for Genoa Township. Since 1970, Ron has been owner and chief photography specialist for Keil's Photography. Ron and his wife, Sharon, have been married for 44 years and have two daughters and six grandchildren. He has been a member of the League of Ohio Sportsmen for 38 years, served as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president of the Ohio Muskie Club, serves on the Delaware County Republican Central Committee, and serves on the Natural Resources Assistance Council for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Ron is an avid outdoorsman, passionate about fishing, boating, hunting, and wildlife photography.



## **Dan Lane**

Dan was born and raised in Delaware, Ohio. He is a fourth generation farmer who promotes and raises non-GMO crops on his farm. Dan uses natural mined minerals, phosphates, and potassium sources to promote soil health and increase biological life in the soil. Dan and his wife, Jennifer, also manage their family's real estate business in Hilliard. The Lanes have HyR Brix, a business focusing on fertilizer and soil amendments for specialty growers, truck farms, and backyard growers. They, along with their three home schooled children, are members of Faith Life Church in New Albany where Dan serves as head usher. Dan is a member of the Ohio Soybean Association, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, National Rifle Association, Ohio Proud, and Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association. Dan has served on the Delaware SWCD Board of Supervisors since 2013.