

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 3rd 2023, 8:00 am
USDA Service Center Conference Room

In Attendance: Kristen Latzke, Sam Lovold, Kenny Cain, Adam Beck, Daniel Bullerdick, Jordan Gillenwater, Dave Stanley, Marc Roberts, Michael Hill, *Joyce Grimbale*

Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Partnerships

Joyce Grimbale- Budget hearings are on the 30th. Kristen would like a board member to be in attendance for the meeting.

Adam Beck-Recertifications are all done minus a few stragglers. Marc and Adam will speak after the meeting.

Dave Stanley- CRP time of the year. FSA has passed on re-ups to Dave. A potential project for a heavy use area to use up the remaining LARE funds has been identified, more to follow in the coming weeks. NRCS will be opening many new positions around the state in the coming months.

Kenny Cain- Kenny has brought Michael Hill to discuss his installation of a WRP practice up in Clinton County. State Soil Board has bumped up training reimbursements as well as district match with new CWI funds. Competitive grants and CREP have both increased significantly as well.

Kristen- Site visit for a heavy use area to use LARE funds on. Scale of the project is greater than previously estimated. Kristen is working with DNR to change scale of funding allowed for different project types. Pollinator Plot project in Mace is pending. The District Showcase award application has been submitted and we should hear back by the end of August. Community Growers Garden Walk was last Saturday, as many as 45 people were in attendance. Farmer Float Trip was also a successful event.

Consent Agenda- Daniel motioned to approve consent agenda, Marc 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report- Marc Motioned to approve, Daniel 2nd. Motion approved.

Reimbursements – Jordan Motioned to approve, Aron 2nd. Motion approved.

Old Business

319 Grant for 2024- A draft letter has been drawn up requesting funds for a new 319 grant for the next stage of the Upper Sugar Creek Watershed Project. The district has the capacity to cash match for the 319 grant. The board will discuss cash match for this grant and other projects at a later time. The new 319 grant would allow us to hire a watershed coordinator to help with implementation of conservation projects throughout the watershed with landowners. Kenny brought up that education is one of the most important components to the success of the project. Application for the new grant is due September 1st.

Field Days- Sam is finalizing preparations for Field Days. He is gathering rosters for each of the classes and preparing the schedule for each of the days and will be sending that information out to the different classes.

New Business

ISDA Summer Summit- Will be in Thorntown on August 22nd and cost is \$25 per person. Contact Kristen if interested in going.

SNW region meeting will be at Cains Farm on August 23rd. Let Kristen know if you are interested in this meeting as well.

ACPF meeting on September 1st. This program can help determine where the best place to put conservation practices will be. It can be more useful for newer employees with less experience. Part of the 319 grant requires that we hold a meeting on this program to share with producers.

Jordan motioned to adjourn meeting; Meeting Adjourned at 9:32am

Minutes approved Sept 7, 2023

Chris P
Jordan Miller
Paul Buhst

Submitted by Kristen Latzke