

Montgomery County SWCD Meeting Minutes
02/02/2023
USDA Service Center Conference Room at 8:00 am

In attendance: Jordan Gillenwater, Marc Roberts, Daniel Bullerdick, Aron Rhoads, Dave Stanley, Adam Beck, Kenny Cain, Tricia Herr, Joyce Grimble. Virtually: Raoul Moore

Called to order- Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05 am

Partnership Reports:

Dave Stanley NRCS- All of CSP payments have been made. EQIP applications are in there planning stages on all of the planning needs to be completed and turned in by February 17th. Jamie and Susannah have been helping. CRP reups have been looked at.

Adam- FSA – With the Farm program there is the arc poc program – other years it mattered what program you picked but this year they were told to pick one program and drive on – about 70% done. Dave, Adam, and Eva went to a CRP training. At this point shrubs do not need to be planted but it will need to be interseeded with different species at different years. So it will require more maintenance which will be cost shared on. We used to be in a Pheasants priority area and now we are in a Quail priority area which means different species need to be present to create habitat for the quail. This is for whole field grass re-enrolls that can't be re-enrolled through the normal program. We are also in the bat priority area for SAFE which is whole tree "fields" which does require more maintenance than before. Adam has selected an applicant out of the applicants that he got for the CRP program. Adam thinks they may start by March 1st with his best estimate. Eva is starting to work on recons 40 or 42 of those. General CRP signup is coming out in the next few weeks. Sherry is working on processing the 860 forms which applies for both beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged farmers. If this form gets put in they will get 15% more on there CFAP payment from 2020.

Tricia – Extension – Master Gardeners plant sale is April 29th. Sometime in March – Roger McEowen will be doing a Q&A at Putnam County who is a lawyer. February 7th is the bi-state small farms conference. The office of state chemists has passed new rules about restricted use pesticide – registered technician cannot apply they need to pass a category exam.

Kenny Cain – Ray Chattin is the new chairman of the State Soil Board. The IASWCD conference was a great and had a good meeting at the conference. We talked about the coordination of small farmers of the state soil board with partners in the ICP it's a large focus at the moment.

Kristen – District updates- working on end of year financial reports and annual meeting preparations

Consent Agenda- Marc moved to approve, Aron 2nd – motion approved.

Treasurers report – January financial report – Marc moved to approve, Aron 2nd – motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting – Bob Barr will be coming to speak. Farm Credit did donate \$500 for speaker along with napkins and plates. The menu has been finalized for dinner and the catering deposit was paid. We will be doing a small Facebook ad and Kristen had postcards made to send out for special invites. The annual report is almost completed. Dave and Kristen need to talk to Nancy Burkett about their background for their conservationist of the year award introduction. Raoul's term will be up for re-election of his position. Kristen is working on creating a picture slideshow and a video of the year in the life of the SWCD. Dave Peach will be at the Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Updated Job Descriptions – Kristen will be cleaning up the job descriptions and sending out to board to approve in April.

Plant Sale – Budget of \$1,800 for plant sale Marc 1st, Jordan 2nd – motion approved

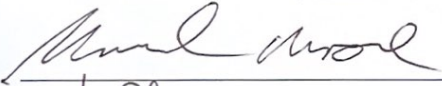
Bills - \$409.39 to pay for bills Marc 1st, Aron 2nd – motion approved

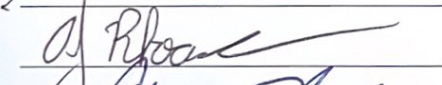
Legislative meeting at Fusion – February 8th at 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm for the legislative roundtable. Kristen would like to know who is interested in attending so she can sign people up.

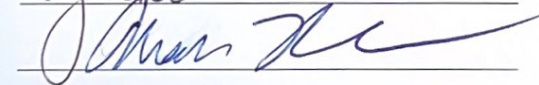
Internal Audit – Kristen, Jordan, and Raoul will be going through the internal audit after this board meeting.

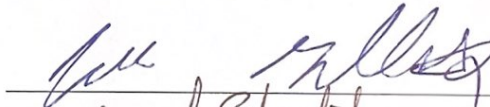
Jordan Gillenwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Marc seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

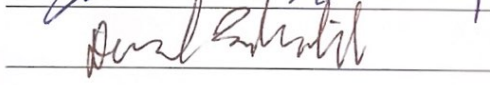
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