

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1st, 2023, 8:00 am
USDA Service Center Conference Room

In Attendance: Kristen Latzke, Sam Lovold, Kenny Cain, John Frey, Joyce Grimble, Daniel Bullerdick, Dave Stanley, Adam Beck, Aron Rhoads, Marc Roberts

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

Partnerships

Adam Beck- Mid contract management is still being worked through. 200 people had to be contacted to disc a grass field, now have about 25 contracts on properties that have recently changed hands or sizes that make it more difficult to contact the owner about contract management. July 31st is the deadline for re-enrollment. Need to average over 7 signed contracts a day to meet the goal before then. Certification Maps are coming in from producers.

Dave Stanley- After the July 31st deadline Dave will take on the contracts for the producers. NRCS is stretched thin with some soil conservationists acting in different roles. Sam and Kristen will start checking re-ups in the field soon as part of the SWCDs contribution agreement. Dave will start checking the new establishments and Will Hinshaw will look at the wildlife practices. A lot of work to be done throughout the rest of the year. EQIP applications are going through. Inventory Reduction Act dollars are helping fund EQIP.

Kenny Cain- On the 7th Kenny is meeting back with the state board to go over their strategic plan. The added funding to CWI has been a huge win which increases the capacity for counties to get conservation on the ground.

Joyce Grimble- Kristen has been working with Joyce to add SWCD employee payroll to the county budget. The goal is to make funding for Sam's position permanent and not reliant on grants.

Kristen- Kristen secured funding for the IDEA conference at the State Soil board meeting. Starting next year there will be \$20,000 distributed to districts instead of \$10,000 potentially. Weed Wrangle was unsuccessful, will now approach organizations seeking service rather than individuals.

Consent Agenda- Daniel motioned to approve consent agenda, Marc motioned to approve,

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

Old Business

319 Grant- Letter has been finalized and submitted and new potential partners have been added including city of Lebanon and the drainage board. Application for implementation deadline is September 1st. A decision needs to be made for who is managing this grant, to be determined later.

Field Days- Kenny has it in the works to have Regional Meeting for our region of SWCDs on the Wednesday before Field Days at the Cain Farms. In the save the date stage. Budget was previously set in a year with less expenses which did not reflect what we now have to pay for items previously donated.

Marc motioned to approve \$4,000 for field Days, Daniel 2nd motion approved.

Business Plan- Tabled until a further date

New Business

IASWCD dues(\$2,000)- Mark motioned to approve, Daniel 2nd motion approved.

2024 County Budget- Kristen is working with Mindy to add SWCD employee payroll to county budget. Will add in a new board member line to the budget document.

Daniel motioned to adjourn meeting; Marc 2nd motion approved Meeting Adjourned at 9:09am

Minutes approved July 12, 2023

Paul Crook
M. Rhoad
K. Latzke

Daniel Randall

Submitted by Kristen Latzke