

5/4/2023 SWCD Board Meeting

USDA Service Center Conference Room

In Attendance: Kristen Latzke, Aron Rhoads, Jordan Gillenwater, Sam Lovold, Tricia Herr, Adam Beck, Kenny Cain, Daniel Bullerdick, Raoul Moore

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

Partnerships

Adam- Certification maps for farmers went out in the mail in the middle of last week. A few have come in so far. CRP state office review team came in since the last meeting. More signatures and initials are to be required from producers. CRP mid contract management burning. Burn plans are absolutely required to have done mid contract management to remain under contract. If burns are conducted without an approved burn plan the contract can be voided. Contracts that have burn plans turned in have currently been tabled. 27 new people looking to put in CRP.

Kenny- State board meeting on the 16th. Lot of things going on with the new 6-million-dollar CWI fund. The listening session was on Monday. Topics were on ideas and things to do with the funding. While the revised budget is a win, conservation funding is still an uphill battle.

Tricia- Annie's program coming up in June. Program for women farmers towards marketing, business contracts, etc. During the county fair extension will have a taste of Montgomery county. Extension has been receiving a lot of soil testing requests, need to tie in Community Growers in the county to help participate.

Kristen- Sam's first official board meeting as an employee. \$2000 sent to Crawfordville Main Street for pear tree removal. Petitioning state soil board meeting to gain funding for district employee conference. May 24th business plan meeting with Nathan Stoelting to help line out new business plan for the district.

Consent Agenda- Aron motioned to approve, Daniel 2nd Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report- Kristen updated the report to add in the TrustIN interest. Aron motioned to approve with Kristen's addition, Daniel 2nd Motion approved.

Old Business

IASWCD awards- program coordinator position is now permanent and has added permanent programming so we could apply for the District Showcase Award. Nothing has been set in stone.

CISMA Update- Sam has worked with Fawn to plan a Weed Wrangle for May 20th 9am-12pm. Garlic Mustard signs have been designed- still working on hearing from parks to match \$161.32 purchase. Motioned to approve purchase of signs, Daniel 2nd motion approved.

CGMC- Pending event next month at Howard Orchard. Farmer's Market splits member availability.

319 Grant- Letter of Intent drafted to reapply for the grant. Kristen will finalize and send out for approval.

New Business

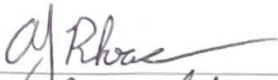

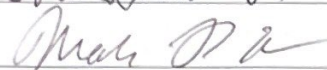
Field Days- Kristen has gathered presenters for field days.

Regional Meeting- Kenny suggested to have the regional SWCD meeting after the setup of the field day events. Need to get Sherry Baird to buy in to the idea, Kenny will follow up.

Chamber Dues (\$200)- Daniel Motioned to approve, Aron 2nd Motion approved.

Jordan motioned to adjourn meeting, Aron 2nd motion approved Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 am

Minutes approved June 1, 2023

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Submitted by Kristen Latzke