

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, 8:00 am
USDA Service Center Conference Room

In attendance: Daniel Bullerdick, Jordan Gillenwater, Raoul Moore, Marc Roberts (via Zoom), Kristen Latzke, Dave Stanley, Adam Beck, Kenny Cain, Seth Harden

All motions approved.

Jordan opened the meeting at 8:05 am.

Partner reports

Dave: Last day for CSP, they had one, forestry. He has been helping Fountain County. 5 more EQIP = 9. More CSPs are coming in later. 2 CRP waterways.

Adam: Certification maps should be done next week and put into envelopes. In 2 days. They are 2-3 weeks behind, but they should be in mail by the end of week. There should be no grazing in waterways, one complaint.

Kristen: SBOA Audit update is pending. The rate has gone up and is now >\$300/ day. Sam missed today's meeting and is picking up plants for Saturday's pickup. He is presenting at LWV lunch Friday.

Consent agenda: Raoul made; Daniel 2nd to approve consent agenda.

Treasurer's report: Plant sale requires lots of bookkeeping. The last claim for CWI is paid!. We have gained 50 followers from plant sale FB ad, now over 600. Daniel made the motion and Raoul 2nd to approve the report.

Old Business

Invasives v native around building: Owner wants us to have ownership of plan- pick out species, plan location, find supplier, purchase plants. We pass on that. Kristen will try to get landscapers to ID "good" replants v "bad" seedlings but no funding from us.

RCPP update: Is bigger, much bigger. 20 counties, 3 in IL. 3.8 million acres, 11 water sheds. \$10 - 15 million. Many have had 319s. TNC, Seth, is coordinating. TNC has a number running around the country. On ground projects need PE ok. May be hold up. There will be private, non-Government money, no rules, more flexible. Getting farmers/ landowners to buy in may be an issue. There will be a large educational component - outreach effort. May be no priority areas, first come first served. The application is due 7/2, we will be updated at the June meeting with a draft. This is a large project with lots of moving pieces and potential for better water quality. Other grants will be available piggybacking on RCPP. Will be reapplying for 319 for Upper Sugar implementation.

New Business

IASWCD dues doubled. Gold level gives a free attendee to annual meeting for about \$400 more = net neutral. Raoul made a motion to go for gold and approve other bills as mentioned, Daniel 2nd.

Jordan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Minutes approved 6/8/24, 2024

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Submitted by Kristen Latzke