

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 7th, 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, Joyce Grimble

Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:02am.

Partnerships

Dave Stanley- Dave has a few more re-ups for CRP to finish up. He and Adam had a signing marathon yesterday on CRP documents. Next week Dave is moving on to EQIP contract management items. Angie Miller who is the new Northwest area biologist has the ability to help make seed mixes with the seeding calculator for different projects.

FSA

Adam Beck- A new transfer from another county is starting at the ~~FSA~~ office here next week to replace a retiring employee. Personnel duties might be switching around a bit. They are in cleanup mode for a lot of different programs for things like commodity loans, only a couple producers need to settle up on those. Re-enroll paperwork was signed yesterday. They will start moving toward new contracts for the next year and picking up on what new contracts remain for this past year.

Kenny- State Soil Board grants committee will give recommendations for CWI funds and move toward distributing funds out to districts. Kenny attended a region summit south of here in Greencastle. Our Region's summit did not meet due to low RSVP numbers. CCSI is going to sponsor the National No-till conference and have a display. The no-till conference will immediately follow the State District conference in Indianapolis early next year.

Joyce Grimble- Kristen and Jordan came to the budget hearing last week. Joyce has continued to help us make our case for the county council thanks to Kristen's diligence. It is important that we as a county are cognizant of what other counties in the area are offering for their districts so that we can remain competitive.

Kristen- Legislative lunch coming up on the 22nd of this month, can sign up those interested. All funds for our current LARE Grant have been allocated. A heavy use protection area has been approved and has finished extremely quickly. This project will help reduce the amount of excess nutrients going off into Sugar Creek. The rest of the funds went toward funding cover crops and a pending pollinator plot in the southern part of the county. There will not be a meeting next month since Sam and Kristen will be at the district employee conference. The next meeting will be in November.

Consent Agenda- Marc motioned to approve consent agenda with two corrections- Joyce Grimble in attendance to the minutes and the addition of Sam's mileage to the reimbursement requests. Daniel 2nd. Motion approved.

Old Business

319 Grant- Final draft of the WMP has been added to the website. It is still pending review from the EPA. Sara Peel and Kristen are working on finalizing reporting for the grant. One more payment to Sara Peel for the last quarter of the grant needs to be made and then the current grant will be complete. The next grant for implementation will be for \$354,300 dollars which will have funding for a temporary position to

help implement the grant, fund projects in the watershed area. The application for this new phase has been submitted.

Field Days- Field Days were successful this year. We decided to shorten the field days due to the high heat index. The students had a great time and the presenters were excellent all around.

New Business

Annual meeting election committee- Marc, Dave, and Kenny. Daniel's elected term is up and he is interested in another term. Aron's appointed term is up. He is unsure at this time if he will go for another term. Recommendations for appointment need to be submitted by Nov 1st.

IWLA(\$800 for Sam)- This training will teach about water quality, grant programs, erosion, and watershed management. The training gives people connections and networking ability across the state. Daniel motioned to approve, Daniel 2nd. Motion approved.

Upcoming bills (Domain, emails, NACD dues: \$1,500)- Marc moved to approve, Daniel 2nd. Motion approved.

Jordan motioned to adjourn meeting; Meeting Adjourned at 8:49am

Minutes approved Nov 2, 2023

Jordan Miller _____
Daniel Bullard _____
Rene Moore _____

Submitted by Kristen Latzke