

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2025, 8:00 AM

USDA Service Center Conference Room

In attendance: , Marc Roberts, Jordan Gillenwater, Raoul Moore, Aron Rhoads, Daniel Bullerdick, Dave Stanley, Hanna Garriott, Lea Hickle, Sam Lovold

Jordan opened the meeting at 8:03 am

Partnership reports

Dave- 12 CSP applications in both Fountain and Montgomery. Payments on these applications need to be done today. Dave has 4 people from the agency coming in today. Dave has not had much time for CRP, Sam and Lea have taken care of the re-ups for this year. IRA funding has been switched back on so Dave can pay CSP and EQIP again. He is going to get those done as soon as he can. Sent Sam and Lea out to meet with Tom Gillespie about his selection as Conservationist of the year.

Sam- Starting to schedule Weed Wrangles for springtime. Have one with FOSC, Scouts, Nucor, and NMHS Earth and Climate lined up as well as with NICHES at Bachner.

Today we are taking our new USH specialist Tanvi around to meet some of the Growers and brainstorm some ideas for this year.

Brickyard project per Kenny needs a burn before we can seed. Sam is going to work with Fawn to have it burned off this month and get it seeded ASAP.

Lea- NRCS Contribution agreement came in \$16,734 payment for checking CRP. SSCB has said we are able to be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for trainings. Lea will use that for the NACD trip we are about to take. Annual meeting is coming up soon, we will print out reports and items for the annual meeting. Current RSVPs are at 79 people. Will work with the venue on chair and table needs potentially.

Hanna- Applications for additional Resilient Indiana Technicians are open, if you know anyone let them know about the program.

Aron- This summer in June on the 16th and 17th Southmont will be hosting the State Soils Competition. The whole school will be used and South will need volunteers to help. They will likely reach out to the board and staff for potential help.

Consent agenda Marc moved to approve, Raoul 2nd. Consent agenda approved to file as presented.

Old Business

Internal SWCD Audit- Audit following the meeting, Lea has all the things prepared.

New Business

Plant Sale- This year the plan for the plant sale is to hold it at the Master Gardener's Native Plant Jamboree rather than during the Garden and Plant Show. Sam would like to sell shrubs and small trees this year and have the pick up at the Native Plant Jamboree. The Jamboree will have vendors selling forbs and wildflowers, this will give us a niche to fill and bring more residents to the sale. No action is needed at this time, once Sam receives an updated quote on stock he will request a budget.

Donation to Southmont FFA- Southmont soils team is traveling to the national soils contest. They need some help covering expenses. Marc moved to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the soils team. Raoul 2nd. Motion approved. Aron raised the point we should earmark some funds for North as well. Both schools have been instrumental in our field days and their support has been invaluable. We will let North know the offer is open for them as well if they need help on any projects or trips.

Upcoming Bills

- USH partnership support = \$5,000
- IDEA membership dues = \$50

Marc motioned to approve payment of these bills, Raoul 2nd, motion approved.

Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:59 am

Minutes approved 3/6, 2025

AJ Phead _____
Raoul Ansoel _____
Jordan Bunkert _____

Submitted by Lea Hickie