

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 4th, 2025, 8:00 AM
USDA Service Center Conference Room

Board Members

Jordan Gillenwater Q1 2025 – Q1 2028 Elected	Daniel Bullerdick Q1 2024 – Q1 2027 Elected	Raoul Moore Q1 2023 – Q1 2026 Elected	Aron Rhoads Q1 2024 – Q1 2027 Appointed by SSCB	Rachel Stine Q1 2025 – Q1 2028 Appointed by SSCB
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In attendance: Raoul Moore, Daniel Bullerdick, Kenny Cain, Marc Roberts, Brandy Daggett, Lea Dick, Sam Lovold, George Reger, Michael Hill, Danielle Waldschmidt, Rachel Stine.

Daniel opened the meeting at 8:08 AM

Partnership reports

George Reger – Things have been busy with the tech team. George has been reaching out to landowners who haven't been talked to in a while. Been working steadily on CREP in the area. ISDA has opened back up their soil sampling program. Anyone interested can get up to 100 acres sampled. Small crop fields, pastures, hayfields and stuff like that. George can get samples sent off and the results are sent directly to the producer. Soil tests come back with recommendations for amendments as well.

Marc – IASWCD call last Friday. The budget needs to be figured out this week. No annual 3 day meeting this year, but a 1-day business meeting will be happening in December.

Michael – Waiting on permits and looking for a window in the weather to get planted.

Brandy – CSP renewals, or contracts that have been in for 5 years, are on pause per the State office. CRP is the biggest workload here right now. The team is working on all the documentation for this. The big deadline is September 19th for getting new stuff in. USDA has a public comment period for their restructuring plan. If anyone would like a copy of the DC talking point, they can contact Brandy.

Kenny – State Soil Board meets on Tuesday and will tour the Tippecanoe Raft Trip tour. Grant reviews will start up soon. CWI Grants apps are due on Friday. Chris Lee is taking the place of Ray Chattin on the SSB. Chris is a longtime NRCS employee. Kenny will be off in April.

Lea – Sam and Lea were asked to speak at a Kiwanis meeting on August 14th. They gave a presentation on what an SWCD is and what we offer to county residents. Lea presented our proposed 2026 budget to the county council on August 26th. She explained the changes made to our budget and what our department does for the county. The council will reach out to her if there are any issues. Lea has made contact with Topline for the T-shirt order, no order has been placed yet but should be soon.

Sam – Sam is working with Tanvi to have a compost workshop at the Juniper Spoon later this month. Details and promotion for that should be coming out soon. The CISMA received funds from SICIM earlier this year and we just reapplied for more funds through their reimbursement programs. The total from the earlier funds was \$5,575 and the total to be received in December is \$8,362.50 for a grand total of \$13,937.50 in our CISMA fund. Sam would like to use \$2,000 to go towards new sprayers and herbicides for the CISMA to use for work on City Parks and Weed Wrangles this fall. Sam met with Amanda Ingram and selected areas within the Brickyard Park to do some invasive work this fall. Sam and Lea met with Fawn to talk about pursuing funds to do some larger scale invasives removal and habitat restoration at the Brickyard. We will continue to work with Parks and Recreation.

Consent agenda Raoul moved to approve, Rachel 2nd. Motion carries.

Old Business

4th Grade Field Days/Hayride and Hang – Field Days went very well this year, the weather was great and volunteers did a great job making it a smooth operation. We came just under our budget as well. It might be worth reconsidering our budget we allocated towards field days for next year and make a new effort towards reaching out to sponsors for next year.

Our SNW Regional meeting on the evening of the first field day went really well. People enjoyed the meeting and the networking. Time management could have been improved and an agenda would be good to provide for next time. Kenny was thankful to all who helped make it happen.

NRCS Contribution Agreement – Lea resent the agreement to the board to review. The terms of agreement are the same as the last contract, with updated salaries. Danielle will need 2 people on our end named on it. Rachel moved to approve, Raoul 2nd, motion carried.

New Business

Select Election Committee – We need to select a committee for the position of Raoul's board position as he is up on his term for this year. We need 3 people who are county residents to be part of it. Daniel will be the chairman of the committee, Kenny and Marc will be the other two members of the committee. Lea will communicate with the committee on what they need to do.

Upcoming Bills – Insurance and other bills. Raoul motioned to approve to pay bills as listed, Rachel 2nd, motion carried.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM

Minutes approved 11/6, 2025






