

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5th, 2026, 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 2026 – Q1 2029
Elected

Aron Rhoads
Q1 2024 – Q1 2027
Appointed by SSCB

Rachel Stine
Q1 2025 – Q1 2028
Appointed by SSCB

In attendance: Raoul Moore, George Reger, Brandy Daggett, Adam Beck, Daniel Bullerdick, Matt Williams, Raoul Moore, Aron Rhoads, Jordan Gillenwater, Rachel Stine, Lea Dick, Sam Lovold

Absent: -

Jordan opened the meeting at 8:04 AM

Partnership reports

Adam – The Bridge program for producers has pushed out 6.2 million dollars to folks here in the county alone. Adam has been giving a day each week to Clinton County due to there staff shortage. There is a new district director for this area of FSA offices that starts later this month. The federal hiring freeze is still in effect so there is no sign of that office being fully staffed anytime soon. The federal system that allows CRP re-enrolls to be processed has not worked for over a week. The deadline for this is March 20th. This puts a lot of strain on the FSA staff to get these done. Many landowners have decided not to re-enroll their acres, resulting in about 700 acres of CRP going out in the county. The Specialty Crop payment rates for the Bridge program will be known later this month.

Brandy – EQIP is the biggest thing here in the county Brandy is working on. 20 new applications here she is working through. Ranking deadline is April 17th. 3 individual payments are about to go out for some NRCS programs. Continuous CRP is open right now. ISDA is assisting with suitability and feasibility for CRP here in the county. Conservation Technical Assistance, or just general questions/help for the public, requests come in regularly and the SWCD fields a lot of those questions. Rob Miller is still here and working on Wetland determinations.

George – ISDA soil sampling sign up is still open, can sign up 100 acres to be tested. George will assist us with the Tillage Transect on the 23rd and 24th later this month.

Matt – Matt has been in and out here in the office working on suitability and feasibility for CRP here in Montgomery County.

Sam – Have a planned viewing of a soil health film at the Library at the end of the month through CGMC. Will begin advertising that a couple of weeks before. CISMA Meeting coming up at the end of the month. The NACD conference was a good learning experience, Sam heard

talks from people all over the country and heard about their conservation programs, statewide initiatives, and what is happening on the national level.

Lea – We need to sign the oath of office from the Annual Meeting. Lots of positive feedback from the meeting. We came in under budget so that remaining money will go back into the fund. The AFR has been submitted, our CWI money should come in soon to the district.

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

Old Business

FFA Tent Request – Ag Safety Day is March 18th, we are waiting to confirm when they want to set those up. We may need a couple of helping hands for that so be on the lookout.

NRCS MOU – There is an additional step in the process for this agreement. More news to come.

Plant Sale and Garden Show – Plant Sale order has been placed, Sam is working on updating the sale website and will have that open up at the beginning of April. Plant Sale will occur during the Master Gardener’s plant and garden show on May 2nd.

New Business

Elect Board Officers – We need to select new officers for this year. We can choose to rollover positions or switch it up. Raoul moved to switch board chair and vice chair between Daniel and Jordan, Aron 2nd. Motion carried. Board officers this year are Daniel Bullderdick as Chair, Jordan Gillenwater as Vice Chair, and Raoul Moore as Secretary/Treasurer.

2026 Montgomery County 4-H Soil and Water Award – \$25 to support the Soil and Water 4-H Award. Raoul moved to give \$25 to sponsor this award, Aron 2nd. Motion carried.

Brickyard Nature Park Invasives Project: MCCF Application – We received another quote from a contractor for invasives removal at the park. Raoul moved to request \$12,660, or \$8,500 if only partial funding is available, from the Montgomery County Community Foundation to help fund the Brickyard Nature Park Invasive Removal Project. Daniel 2nd. Motion approved.

CGMC Plot at Community Garden – Sam and Lea will meet with Sue Lucas to discuss holding a plot at the community Garden to use as an educational resource

Upcoming Bills – The IAWSCD dues are \$4,413.08 if we want to continue as a Gold level member. Raoul moved to approve to pay the gold membership by the due date. Rachel 2nd. Motion approved.

Jordan adjourned the meeting at 9:07 AM

Minutes approved April 2, 2026

Paula Rose

Paul Burkhardt

A. Rhoads
[Signature]

Submitted by Lea Dick

