

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2nd, 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, Daniel Bullerdick, Aron Rhoads, Marc Roberts, Jordan Gillenwater, Brandy Daggett, Rachel Stine, Kenny Cain, Hanna Garriott, Lea Dick, and Sam Lovold

Absent: -

Daniel opened the meeting at 8:04 AM

Partnership reports

Brandy – The EQIP program is in the middle of processing. Ranking deadline is April 17th. 4 CSP contracts active in the county right now. Still waiting on new guidance and training for this program. CRP sign up deadline was on March 20th and there were 230 contracts that were expiring, about 70 contracts chose not to renew. Conservation Technical Assistance is the basic advice program for those looking for conservation help. Rob has helped a lot with these as well as the SWCD staff, fielding questions for any callers or walk-ins. On Monday the NRCS assistant chief and a deputy chief came through Indiana and visited many places around including the Cains farm.

Marc – The IASWCD sent delegates to Washington DC last week to talk with NRCS folks. A group talked yesterday about invasives within the IASWCD committees. There was some talk in the legislature that wanted to move the Indiana Invasives Initiative to the ISDA. IASWCD wants feedback from the districts on where we want to go moving forward with who oversees the III.

Kenny – SSB has been going over plan of work for the year. CWI grants are ranked and awarded as of now. SSB is continually looking to increase funding for districts.

Hanna – There are two openings available in RITA right now open until the middle of the month. One position in NW Indiana and NE Indiana.

Lea – Tillage transect was completed with the help of George Reger recently. We have decided to move our newsletter to an online only format due to increasing printing costs. We sent a sign up code for moving onto our online list in our last mailing. Held CGMC movie screening on Monday evening as well, it was well attended. Lea can send a link to Symphony of soil if anyone is interested.

Sam – Went to SICIM Conference on Monday, specifically sat in on sessions to learn about stilt grass management. CISMA meeting was held last week as well. War of the Weeds is the next wrangle on the horizon on April 10th. Sign up is online. We are participating in 4H Ag days at the end of the month. Hanna has brought an enviroscape table for us to use for this event. Our plant sale page is now live and plants are available to preorder. Pick up will be at the 4H fairgrounds on May 2nd during the Master Gardeners Plant Sale.

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

Old Business

Brickyard Nature Park Invasives Project: MCCF Application – The Community Foundation application can be submitted as soon as minutes from the last meeting are signed. Lea once again reached out to the Whistler Foundation and learned that applications will be reviewed in January for projects to be done in 2027. The MCCF application deadline is April 9th. Jordan suggested reaching out to Weaver Popcorn to talk about funding a community project.

CGMC Plot at Community Garden – Sam and Lea met with Sue Lucas to talk about renting a plot at the Community Garden. Jordan motioned to approve Lea and Sam spending half a day a week at the Community Garden for the purposes tending a demonstration plot for educational purposes. Aron 2nd. Motion carried.

New Business

District Transportation – The NRCS truck that was leased to this office was sold. We now no longer have access to a truck to use our trailer and Polaris for district activities. Lea has looked into leasing a new truck for the district. There are 2 avenues we can go down. We can either buy a truck outright, getting 3 quotes for approval. We could also lease through the county's agreement with Enterprise for 5 years, with the potential to lease to own. It is possible to buy the truck at the end of the lease. Lea will speak more with Nathan Stoelting about a district's ability to finance. Lea will investigate more pricing for trucks to purchase outright. Raoul motioned to earmark \$300 to transport plants for the plant sale on May 1st and 2nd. Aron 2nd. Motion carried.

Teen Indiana Master Naturalist Program – Lea has spoke with an interested home school group about running a Teen IMNP, we have decided to try and hold it in the fall. We want to advertise it to all school groups in the county. We can either do a one class a week for eight weeks format or twice a week for a month. We would have an admission fee to cover a few items for the students. We would recruit speakers and presenters for this as well. No motion is required at this time but more information will be gathered in the meantime.

Jordan Gillenwater has stepped down from Board Chair position and Daniel Bullerdick has been promoted to Board Chair. Daniel motioned to remove Jordan Gillenwater from the HHSB

account and to add Daniel Bullerdick, SWCD Board Chair, to the HHSB account. Raoul moved to approve, Aron 2nd. Motion approved.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 9:58 AM

Minutes approved May 7, 2026

Raoul Aron
Aron 2nd

Daniel Bullerdick
SWCD Board Chair

Submitted by Lea Dick

