

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7th, 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: Marc Roberts, Brandy Daggett, George Reger, Adam Beck, Raoul Moore, Michael Hill, Daniel Bullerdick, Jordan Gillenwater, Kenny Cain, Aron Rhoads, Lea Dick, Sam Lovold

Absent: Rachel Stine

Daniel opened the meeting at 8:06 AM

Partnership reports

George – ISDA finished up with soil sampling and will start that up again in the fall. ISDA is business as usual, nothing major to report at this time.

Brandy – EQIP has 9 active contracts with 20 applications and 4 preapproved contracts. Brandy is working on Quality Assurance and getting things tightened up in those contracts. There are 3 active CSP contracts and 4 new applications. Assessment and ranking for those is due at the end of the month. In the last CRP contract 160 re-enrolled, Brandy has asked an NRCS staff member in Frankfort to assist with those contracts. Rob Miller has been working a lot on wetland determination requests and has been busy in the Tipton and Howard County areas. Brandy is still acting in this county and has been here for over a year now. One engineer on our Lebanon area tech team has moved on to another job, leaving only 2 engineers in the area.

Adam – Will be mailing out certification maps to producers tomorrow. FSA have spent the past few days organizing them and getting them in mailers for all the county producers. FSA have been working on the “historic dig” as they have termed it. They are going back into old files and reallocating base acres for farms. They pulled 750 farms from folders and put those in the computer. There is an active CRP Grassland program going on. There are no active contracts in the county, the rental rate is only \$40/acre. This specific contract is more common on grazing land out west. Adam is still spending a day each week in Clinton County, with no concrete end date for that in sight.

Lea – Plant Sale has come and gone. We sold all plants except 5. Earlier in April we met with the Community Foundation at the Brickyard Park and told them about our invasive species project. Teen Indiana Master Naturalist is a program we will be working on with a Extension and a local home schooling group. W4L Learning Circle is on May 19th, Lea and Hanna will be there with Aimee Bagin and Geneva Tyler.

Sam – Community Growers held a meeting in April, discussed plans for Fall Gardening talk and Garden Walk. Sam has tentatively planned a weed wrangle with Nucor Steel in the fall at one of the parks, details and time TBD. War of the Weeds was successful at Bachner this year. Held a Weed Wrangle with Pack 909 at the Brickyard Nature Park last night, pulled lots of garlic mustard and cleaned up 2 bags worth of trash. Attended Arbor Day celebration at the Courthouse, Soil and Water assisted Crawfordsville Main Street with a soil test which helped them select a flowering dogwood to plant as well as choose the proper soil amendments for the site. Sam performed 2 site visits with Rob Miller concerning streambank erosion. Rob assisted in providing guidance and direction to how the landowners can proceed. Purdue Extension Ag Days went well, we borrowed our activity from Clay County SWCD through our RITA Tech Hanna Garriott.

Kenny – No report to share from SSB.

Raoul – The next RC&D meeting is May 19th south of Brazil. There are bundles of oaks Raoul has on hand as well

Michael – Finally getting started with the CREP program. Have as much water on the ground as all of last year currently.

Marc – IASWCD has been working on forming a legislative strategy for next year, with a very active invasive species subcommittee. There is a meeting on May 15th that board members and district staff can chime in on about it.

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

Old Business

District Transportation – Lea spoke with Nathan Stoelting about purchasing vehicles. There was no exact amount of bids we needed to collect on trucks, we just needed to do our due diligence in collecting quotes. Lea asked if we were able to purchase outright from Enterprise, but they retain the title on the car for the duration of the contract. Lea has collected more truck quotes from area dealerships. One in Lafayette and one here in Crawfordsville. We honed in on an F150. Lea will collect quotes from other dealers on that truck and make a decision next month.

New Business

4th Grade Field Days – Sam and Lea are beginning to plan out Field Days this year. Sam will be reaching out to presenters and schools with scheduling. Field Days will take place on August 20th and 21st this year. Sam wanted to get ahead of straw bales for Field Days this year. Hoover had talked about wanting to come out all on 1 day. Sam will reach out to them and confirm their

preference and try to make it work. There is the possibility if enrollment numbers increase that it would make sense to add a station to field days. This would require adding a new tent and finding a new presenter and additional straw.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM

Minutes approved June 4, 2026

Ronald Dwyer

Paul Bellini

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Submitted by Lea Dick

