

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4th, 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: Daniel Bullerdick, Rachel Stine, Raoul Moore, Joyce Grimble, Adam Beck, Brandy Layton, Michael Hill, Lea Dick, Hanna Garriott, Sam Lovold.

Absent: Jordan Gillenwater, Aron Rhoads

Daniel opened the meeting at 8:06 AM

Partnership reports

Lea – We were awarded \$12,660 from the MCCF for our Brickyard Invasives project. We will be meeting with the contractor and Parks and Recreation to line out our plan for treating invasives in the park. Sam and Lea will develop educational materials to let people know what will be going on in the park as well as create deliverables to the neighbors of the park. Our contribution agreement was also greenlit so we will be able to check CRP again this fall.

Sam – Conducted 2 invasive species site visits and a soil health test this past month. Held Cisma meeting this past month as well, plans were made to begin spraying Japanese Stiltgrass in the Brickyard park this summer. Our Women’s Learning Circle on Forestry was well received. Sam also participated in Parke County SWCD’s Sugar Creek cleanup earlier this week. Preparing now for our Fall Gardening Talk on the 16th at the Library from 6-7:30pm. Staff will be working in the Community Garden today planting the Community Growers plot. Field Days planning is moving along, most presenters have been confirmed. There will be a celebration of life for Melissa Cain on Saturday June 20th at North Montgomery High School from 12pm-4pm.

Raoul – Raoul spoke with some Cisma folks about forming a more directed Parks friends of group to grow that base of volunteers acting on their own. It will be brought up with our Teen IMN group as a way to gain volunteer hours.

Hanna – Hanna brought a new RITA tech Gabriel who just graduated from Iowa State with an agronomy degree. He will be covering the Northwest Region and starting up there next week. RITAs will get Conservation Desktop training sometime later this month.

Adam – Certification for crop maps is going heavy right now for FSA. Adam is still spending 1 day a week in Clinton County. There is 1 temp in Clinton now which will help. There is a new facilities loan program in our office for those interested. There is a new login.gov program that is coming out soon for producers to be able to handle some business remotely without having to

come into the office. Adam has been assisting 6 other counties with measuring their grain bins lately as well.

Brandy – EQIP has 6 active contracts and 20 new applications with only 4 being preapproved. Brandy is working on QA for these 4 at the moment. Brandy is working on processing payments and keeping some contracts within compliance or that need extension. 3 active CSP contracts as well as 4 new applications, 2 have been deferred and 2 are being processed with help from another county. CRP 2026 cost lists have yet to come out yet. Rob Miller has been steadily working on determination requests. There is only 1 tech team leader now, the Lebanon team will be overseen by the Rensselaer team.

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

Old Business

District Vehicle Purchase – Lea has gathered 3 bids from area dealers on F150s as well as F250s. Rachel motioned to approve up to \$47,000 dollars to purchase a district truck and needed tow package/accessories. Raoul 2nd. Motion approved.

New Business

319 Grant Application – Lea submitted an NOI for this years round of 319 watershed grants. Our watershed is still not a priority watershed. IDEM was unable to explain why that is the case. Rachel motioned to direct the staff to apply to this grant and pursue 319 implementation funds. Raoul 2nd. Motion carried. We will work on our application and submit it later in the year.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM

Minutes approved July 2, 2026

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J. Ellenrotter
Aj Rhoads

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Submitted by Lea Dick