

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 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: Daniel Bullerdick, Aron Rhodes, Adam Beck, Jordan Gillenwater, Rachel Stine, Raoul Moore, Joyce Grimble, Brandy Layton, Dave Stanley, Lea Dick, Sam Lovold (via call).

Absent: -

Daniel opened the meeting at 8:03 AM

Partnership reports

Lea – Teen IMN planning is going smoothly, we have booked all of our speakers and locations. Lea will request a budget for this event at the next meeting. The bulk of the courses will be hosted at the 4H Fairgrounds. Lea plans to have registration open starting mid-July.

DJ Case is a communications firm that has been contracted to profile a few counties to make a plan to help with district outreach and communications. They will be visiting the Montgomery County office on July 24th to meet with Lea and Sam.

We have our website updated with information on the Brickyard Nature Park Project with a web page that details all the things people may want to know about the project. We met with Fawn Johnson and ArborTerra to discuss the timing and things to consider for the project. The invasives removal will begin in the first quarter of 2027.

Sam – The district held the Fall Gardening Talk at the Library on June 23rd. We postponed the initial date due to our speaker being ill, but it still turned out well and had a good turnout. Field Days planning is coming along. We have received the water bottles for this year and have confirmed all our presenters and most of our guides. Scheduled an invasive species site visit for next week. We received reimbursement from SICIM for surveys during this calendar year in the amount of \$2,023.33 for our Cisma fund.

Sam has spoke with Amanda Ingram about a summer project one of her students is working on building a “dead hedge” or using dead limbs to create attractive wildlife habitat. The student is hosting an event on the campus near Petty’s Patch on Tuesday, July 14th at 7pm. The district will help promote the event to the public.

Sam has done the preliminary site visits for the Garden Walk and will work with Lea to get the promotional materials out for that. The Garden Walk will be on Saturday, July 25th from 10am-12pm.

Adam – Crop certification needs to be done by July 15th. Adam is still acting in Clinton County. We are at 50% certification as of now. CRP re-enrolls go in later this year there are just over 200.

Brandy – Preapproved EQIP applications have been prepared to go through the QA process. CRP is Brandy's primary focus here after EQIP is caught up. There was an area meeting that talked a lot about how checking wetlands that Brandy will share some information about with Sam and Lea later.

Joyce – County Council meeting at the end of August is the initial budget hearing. The gas tax is going to be returned to the counties which will go into the road fund.

Jordan – Liz Rice is moving on to a new role from being the Director of the IASWCD. If anyone knows anyone who would be interested or might be a good fit they should reach out to Jordan and Marc.

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

Old Business

District Vehicle Purchase – Our vehicle has not yet arrived at the dealership. Lea spoke with the sales rep, and it seems our vehicle will arrive at the end of this month or August. Lea has reached out to our Farm Bureau Rep about adding the vehicle to our auto policy. We are waiting on a VIN # to get that added. We will need to add to our policy book who we want to be able to drive the vehicle, just staff and board members presumably. We will need to consider increasing the county budget line for our vehicle expenses with the need for insurance and maintenance for the new truck. Aron suggested raising the ask from \$1,000 to \$2,500. We are going to plan to have it wrapped as well but are waiting to get it first.

New Business

319 Grant Application – Lea has been speaking with Arion Consultants on the 319 Grant Application. Sara requires a contract for grant writing assistance. The 319 Grant Application is due September 1st. We have already sent out some letters of support requests. Jordan moved to accept and sign the application for Sara's help with writing the grant, Daniel 2nd. Motion approved.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:58 AM

Minutes approved August 6, 2026

Paul Moore

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Submitted by Lea Dick

