

Montgomery County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 3rd, 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, Brandy Layton, Daniel Bullerdick, Michael Hill, Marc Roberts, Rachel Stine, Aron Rhoads, Lea Dick, Sam Lovold

Absent: - Jordan Gillenwater

Daniel opened the meeting at 8:14 AM

Partnership reports

Lea – 319 application deadline was a couple of days ago. Sara Peele worked with Lea and the application looks good. We will know the decision by Halloween on whether we receive the implementation funds or not. County Budgets were due last week, Lea presented it at the County Council meeting last week. There weren't many requested changes other than our vehicle maintenance line. Our Teen IMN classes begin next Thursday. We will have a session each week until November 12th.

Sam – Field Days went according to plan. Sam was out sick for them, but Lea was able to execute well with the whole team. We were well under budget as well and after reimbursements our total expenditure was \$1050.81. Sam will work with the Cains to spend some of the leftover budget on improvements to the trailers and tents. The plywood and tent pieces need some updating. Upcoming this month Sam is going to host a Hoosier Riverwatch event, date TBD. Sam is also planning an invasive species hike at the Brickyard Park, likely in October when it is a bit cooler. This event will satisfy the educational portion of our Community Foundation Grant. Sam is also working with our Pheasants Forever Biologist to form a burn plan for the Brickyard Prairie. He will do so later today. Ecdysis had two pilot farms do their own sampling here in the county. We helped do the sampling at the Cain's farm and Marc did his own with the help of CCSI. We housed the samples here and shipped them back to South Dakota for analysis.

Brandy – Brandy has been working on CRP documentation here; there are around 100 contracts left to go on her list. Danville has hired a DC, Brandy is still supervising over in Kokomo lately this week. Warren and Clinton counties DCs are going to be helping with the CRP load here.

Michael – Michael's prairie project is growing well. His CREP program contract is moving forward.

Raoul – Sycamore Trails RC&D meeting coming up on the 16th.

Marc – The IASWCD is still on the search for an Executive Director. There is one potential one pending. Marc wants us to think about nominating someone for River Friendly Farmer for next year. The annual meeting will be held again this year in January on the 24th-26th at the Westin in Indianapolis.

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

Old Business

District Vehicle Policy – Lea has made edits from the earlier version reviewed at the last board meeting. Aron moved to accept the policy as presented, Rachel 2nd. Motion approved. Our vehicle has yet to arrive, with no word on whether or not we will receive it by October when we really need it. We will confirm whether or not this truck is actually coming or not and explore other options to get a truck here soon.

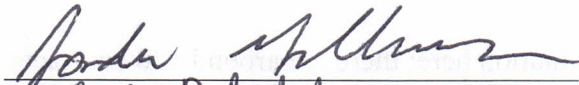
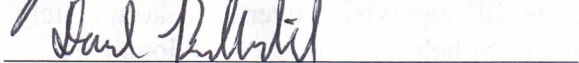
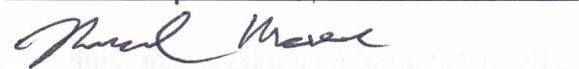
New Business

Microsoft 365 License – Our Microsoft license comes through our website hosting vendor and we were partially locked out this week. We were able to get back into it with the help of our County IT service. We also learned we can get our Microsoft license through our IT Service, Edge, and for around \$100 cheaper than what we are currently paying. Raoul motioned to switch to Edge's Microsoft 365 license from the Bluehost one. Aron 2nd. Motion carried. Lea will also begin researching new laptops to get since our current ones are getting older and the batteries are wearing out.

Upcoming Bills – Daniel motioned to pay the bills for insurance, website, and consulting with Arion as presented. Rachel 2nd. Motion carried.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 9:11 AM

Minutes approved Sept 28, 2026

Submitted by Lea Dick