

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 25, 2022  
MEETING #876

Present:

Scott Ryan, *Chairman, Grange Member*  
Brian Holloway, *Vice Chairman, Farm Bureau Member*  
Martin Kelly, *Legislative Rep*  
Richard Kennedy, *Member at Large*

Corey Nellis, *District Manager*  
Karen Klemczak, *District Clerk-Treasurer*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER @ 7:20 PM

MINUTES of the June 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Martin Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Brian Holloway. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of July 25, 2022

District Checking:	92,984.80
Building Acct:	179,460.10
MCSWCD Savings (Grants)	115,226.12
Trumbull C701373	577.86
Bolster CRF C012140	64,165.90
Water Quality	990.29
Saltsman C701372	76,467.10
Kelly CAFO C012082	944.96
Holloway C012182	953.78
Hoefele C012183	61,149.16
Fisher C012181	580.85
AEM	18,846.88
Ridgedale C701426	90,411.35
Crowe T012325	4,344.35
Undeposited Funds	
Total in all accounts	\$ 707,103.50

Review of disbursements (check register 6/27/22 through 7/25/22)

Review of outstanding accounts

Bills to be paid: None

Brian Holloway made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, pay all audited bills, approve all salary payments for the next month and/or the next board meeting, seconded by Martin Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1.) **Field Work** – Field work at Ridgedale Farms is set to begin. They need to get the geologist onsite and then the digging can begin for the manure storage. All the field work practices are done and the CREP practices are ready to be installed.  
A few more designs need to be completed. It is gearing up to be a busy fall.

New Business:

- 1.) **Pank** – Corey met with Alan Dean to see if they can get the VTA up and functioning so Ryan, the planner, will sign off on the CAFO plan. Alan Dean should be able to get there on Wednesday to start the construction. If Ryan does not sign off on the plan, DEC will be forced to give a consent order. A consent order fine would start at \$2500 and increase from there. Corey is working with DEC to and the farm owners to try and resolve the issues.
- 2.) **Part C**
  - The new No Till Drill was purchased. It will be delivered Thursday and there will be a training at the Fonda Fair Grounds that morning. The drill will be ready for use on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - The trail work at Marie Curie School will start tomorrow.

- 3.) **Budget** – *We have not received our budget request yet. Corey does not plan on asking for any additional appropriations for next year's budget.*
- 4.) **AEM Contracts** – *We received the AEM yr 17 contract and the district will be getting the 25% advance payment. A motion was made by Brian Holloway to change the project that was lined up for Rusnica's Farm to do a project on Schuster's farm. Rusnica is selling his cows, therefore their project would not be able to be done. Richard Kennedy seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.*
- 5.) **Sale of No Till** – *Brian Holloway made a motion to put the No Till Drill up for bid at a minimum bid of \$15,500. That motion was seconded by Richard Kennedy, all in favor, motion carried.*
- 6.) **Building** – *There was a plugged sewer line at the office. Bob Paraskeva came and pumped out the septic tank and checked the lines from the outside. He was unable to fix the problem from outside and he doesn't do interior work. Corey called Mattice Mechanical, and they cleaned out the sink and the sewer drains. In the process they damaged the wax ring on the men's toilet and had to take the toilet up to fix it. On the bill they charged \$340.00 to remove and then reset the toilets. Corey is willing to pay the service fee and 2-hour labor charge but is going to dispute paying the \$340.00 to reset the toilets. Mattice Mechanical also installed the furnace last year and there were 3 leaks this year because of the installation. Those leaks damaged the ceiling in Sandy's office and the ceiling in the men's room. They are coming back to make those repairs.*

### **Committee Reports:**

**NRCS: No Report**

**FSA: No Report**

**AED:**

- Farm to Table Tour- We have spots on spectrum tv, WNYT 13, WENT radio, Recorder, Leader Herald and Gazette. Plus, social media campaigns. I will have more numbers on sales increase and number of people attended next meeting.
- Want to update and re-design the fair display to help promote the CRF practices. Looking to maybe do soil horizons and show how cover cropping helps with soil health.
- Sundae On the Farm –Have the 5-K flyer made and distributed for getting registrations out. Meeting next week and start buying the equipment and video footage has started.
- Workshop Series – Did not receive grant but still want to do the series just will have to charge farmers to help cover cost. Will advertise in September want to run it

**Becky Ferry**  
**Ag Economic Development Specialist**

**AEM:**

- Round 17 contract received Claim for payment sent to State for 25 % “advance” payment and 90% of implementation costs for Valentine.
  - Eck would like to build next year.
  - Rusnica has decided to sell his cows so we will not be doing a project there.
  - Board approval for Art Schuster. Milk house waste

**Joseph Slezak**  
**Resource Conservation Specialist**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:48 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** August 28, 2022 @ 7:30 PM

**Respectfully, Karen Klemczak**