

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 22, 2024
MEETING # 892

Present:

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

Scott Davis, *Technician*
Karen Klemczak, *District Clerk-Treasurer*

Public Comment: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER@ 7:30 PM

MINUTES of the March 25, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Richard Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Brian Holloway. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of April 22, 2024

District Checking:	16,660.64
Building Acct:	265,685.36
Canjo 27 (Michalak) C701470	575,098.49
Canjo 28 (Ulman) C701511	149,473.89
Water Quality	1,025.28
Hill Side Farm (Lipiec) C701471	339.49
Hoefele C012183	1.00
Fisher C012181	1.10
AEM	171.33
Ridgedale C701426	58,106.79
Crowe T012325	364.08
Crowe Irrigation CRF C012432	185,725.77
Slate Creek Farm T00335GG	4,497.70
Part C:	328,183.89
Undeposited Funds	1,498.40
Total in all accounts	\$ 1,585,334.81

Review of disbursements (check register 3/25/24 through 4/22/24)

Review of outstanding accounts

ABSTRACTS #4-2024: Bills paid, to be paid and transfers. Motion: by Robert Headwell, Jr to approve Abstract #4-2024, 2nd by Richard Kennedy, motion carried.

Robert Headwell, Jr. 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 Richard Kennedy, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1.) **Field Work** – *Field work is picking up.*

- *Bunkers had some test holes dug and some tile lines.*
- *Conard's is moving along slowly.*
- *Ulman wanted to put in a free stall barn, but the quotes came back high, and he is changing his ideas of what he wants to do.*
- *There have been a couple pond site visits and resident's needing help with drainage on their property.*
- *Work on the AEM projects will begin soon.*
- *Joe and John were at Holloway's today for hydroseeding.*

2.) **Solar** – *There was a brief discussion regarding the district's position on solar. Corey was not in attendance for the discussion, so it was tabled again until the June meeting.*

New Business:

- 1.) **Otsego County Audit** – *Scott Davis shared a report that was sent out to all the districts that highlighted the findings of a recent audit done at the Otsego SWCD. The results found that the District officials made over payments, unsupported payments and unnecessary payments at the taxpayers' expense. It was a reminder to other districts that the District board of directors along with the District manager need to be vigilant in their oversight of district grant funds and all disbursements made. Bob Headwell suggested we consider opening a separate checking account that would be used for all the disbursements of grant funds specifically. It would add a layer of protection and oversight on the grant money that our district receives. The grant money would never be comingled with the district operations money.*
- 2.) **Tree Sale** – *The district is wrapping up their 2024 tree sale. We had 145 orders which is a little less than past years but not by much. It was pretty much an average year.*
- 3.) **Ag Tire Recycling** – *Our spring Ag tire recycling began today and will run through May 4th. We were telling people that we will only take off road tires (tractor, implement, skidsteer tires, etc.). Robert Headwell, Jr made a motion to take all tires other than small truck and car tires (we take those tires in our fall tire recycling program), seconded by Martin Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.*
- 4.) **Hoefele Close Out** – *Hoefele's closeout has been sent to Scott Fickbohm. Scott did look it over and there were a few things to fix but overall, he was happy with the closeout packet.*

Committee Reports:

AED: No Report
FSA: No Report
AEM: No Report
NRCS: No Report

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:18 PM

NEXT MEETING: June 24, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Respectfully, Karen Klemczak