

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 24, 2023
MEETING # 883

Present:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER @ 7:30 PM

MINUTES of the March 29, 2023 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 April 21, 2023

District Checking:	68,994.36
Building Acct:	337,114.98
Grant Savings	.00
Canjo 27 C701470	558,179.89
Bolster CRF C012140	64,479.22
Water Quality	995.12
Hill Side Farm C701471	186,203.69
Kelly CAFO C012082	949.58
Holloway C012182	958.44
Hoefele C012183	153,058.06
Fisher C012181	583.67
AEM	90,687.16
Ridgedale C701426	272,964.69
Crowe T012325	998.01
Part C:	181,747.96
Undeposited Funds	.00
Total in all accounts	\$ 1,917,914.83

Review of disbursements (check register 3/17/23 through 4/21/23)

Review of outstanding accounts

Bills to be paid: None

Martin Kelly 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 Brian Holloway. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1.) **Field Work** – *Nothing new to report. Field work will begin soon.*
- 2.) **Farm Implement tire recycling** – *The farm implement tire recycling program started and will run from April 24th – May 6th. We have 26 people registered already to bring in their tires. We are getting a steady stream of calls to take advantage of the program.*

New Business

- 1.) **Maternity Leave/John VanDerwerken** – **Martin Kelly made a motion to approve John VanDerwerken using sick leave to care for his wife and child after their baby is born. The motion was seconded by Brian Holloway, all in favor, motion carried.**
- 2.) **FDIC Insurance** – *Government accounts are secured separately above and beyond the \$250,000 FDIC insurance. Jim Sullivan would be willing to come talk to the board if there are ever any questions.*

- 3.) **Tree Sale** – We had another successful tree sale. We made \$1,776.11 the day of the sale. We made a profit of \$6,467.19 for our 2023 tree sale.
- 4.) **Grant Closeouts** – Holloway grant has been closed out. The voucher has been submitted for the final payout. Joe has been working on Bolster and that is just about finished. The money for that grant will need to go back to Ag and Markets. Corey thought it was all set. He will check with Joe this week to get an update on the progress. Corey will begin working on Kelly and then Fisher closeouts.
- 5.) **AED Fulton County Partnership** – Fulton Co paid \$10,000 toward Becky's AED position. That allowed their farms to be participants in Harvest Connect and Farm to Table. After this year we will continue to build on Harvest Connect but Farm to Table will be on their own. Corey would like to see Harvest Connect, Farm to Table and Harvest Tour all consolidated onto the Harvest Connect website. Farm to Table right now would like to remain independent so they will be on their own after 2023.

NRCS: No Report

FSA: We are getting ready for acreage reporting so if you have picked up new land, please let us know asap. We have had several inquiries about doing loans for cold storage or other storage loan. Remember if it is under \$25,000, we do not have to do a financial review and if under 100,000 we do not need to take a mortgage. Contact the office with any questions on what is eligible.

We are hiring a temporary employee for the office so if you know anyone that would be interested, please have them contact me.

Sandra L. (Ferry) Scott
County Executive Director
Montgomery, Fulton, & Hamilton
Montgomery Service Center

AED:

- The Beef Quality Assurance Class is on Saturday April 29th. This allows more farms to apply for NY Grown & Certified grants.
- May 7th will have a booth at the Tractor Pull for Harvest Connection and Farm To Table.
- Grants – Working on talking with farmers on being ready for other grants with Rural Development, HVADC, AG & Markets, and NE-DBIC. Topics are: Value Added Grants, Energy Efficiency, Processing Grants etc. Currently working with: Hutchinson Harvest, Fieldridge, Dygert, Ouderkirk, Brad Jones, and Appleridge.
- The County micro-enterprise grant pre-application has been announced and due May 19th. Working with a few farms on the pre- application and will work with more outreach as well.
- Farm To Table – Deadline for Farms to sign up is May 1st.
- Harvest Connection – Working on some technical issues with website and development of marketing campaign.
- Ag Ball- was a success we raised \$1800 for Farm to Table. There are some things we want to do a little differently, but overall people seemed happy to enjoy fellowship.

Becky Ferry
Ag Economic Development Specialist

AEM: No Report

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 7:56 pm

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2023

Respectfully, Karen Klemczak