

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**June 26, 2023
MEETING # 884**

Present:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER @ 7:37 PM

MINUTES of the April 24, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Brian Holloway made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Richard Kennedy. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of June 25, 2023

District Checking:	19,640.90
Building Acct:	248,705.46
Canjo 27 (Michalak) C701470	560,878.45
Canjo 28 (Ulman) C701511	1.00
Water Quality	999.93
Hill Side Farm (Lipiec) C701471	187,103.91
Kelly CAFO C012082	954.18
Holloway C012182	963.08
Hoefele C012183	153,798.03
Fisher C012181	586.49
AEM	90,911.13
Ridgedale C701426	274,261.57
Crowe T012325	1,000.84
Part C:	177,726.18
Undeposited Funds	4,631.84
Total in all accounts	\$ 1,717,532.15

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

- *Scott did fish deliveries over a 2-day period due to lack of minnows and small bass from Hickling's this Spring. 24 ponds on the first day and 8 more ponds on the second day*
- *John Valentine's design has been signed since April 5th, but he decided today that he could not move forward with the HUAP this year.*
- *Bo Eck has worked with Double O Builders on getting a building design packet for his HUAP, then we will get the concrete design work finalized and get that AEM project underway.*
- *Chris Hoefele finished pouring the Manure Storage Walls on 6-21, and will begin tidying up that project soon, and will be working on the barnyard in order to finish before the end of the year.*
- *Working on Wayne Conard's Manure Storage currently, and now waiting on numbers from Engineer to finish up the design.*
- *Joe Lipiec's barnyard design was finalized and signed today. He hopes to begin construction right away and plans to do the construction himself. The pasture fencing section of the project was completed today as well.*
- *Scott successfully got a nomination in for The Dygert's for the NY Leopold award, and they were named as finalists.*
- *The incineration toilets were installed at Burbine, and one is working great, while the other one is having technical issues. Waiting to hear back from the company on what it might be (most likely sensor). Final*

step will be working with the County on getting a permanent propane solution.

- *Joe and John put in a riparian forest buffer at Ridgedale for CREP. John, Joe, and Scott watered the trees a few times because it had been so dry.*
- *Tree sale went well, and the Farmers Market idea was well liked by the customers. Hopefully a second year can make it even bigger.*
- *Had quite a few perc tests, pond surveys and assistance, and many drainage visits as well*

- 2.) Part C - Ag-Tire recycling event was a hit once again- nearly 85 tons on 5 tractor trailer loads. A few comments were made about the longevity of the tires being at the facility. There were mentions again about maybe shortening the event as the tire pile does get a bit large at times.**

New Business

- 1.) Employee Evaluations – Karen/Corey - The board moved Karen up to a GS 7-4. They moved Corey up to a GS 12-10. Martin Kelly made a motion seconded by Brian Holloway, all in favor, motion carried.**
- 2.) Rental agreement/building addition – The rental agreement will be expiring in Sept 2025. FSA came to tour the facility and they would like to rent an additional 300 to 500 ft for a conference room. There is limited space now in the building with the staff that we have. Corey discussed with the board putting on an addition. The board did agree with Corey that an addition would be necessary if they were going to add a conference room.**
- 3.) Baby announcement – John and his wife had a new addition to their family, JR VanDerwerken. Scott Davis and his wife also had a new addition, Jayson Davis. They both took two weeks of paternity leave, using their sick leave pay.**
- 4.) Ag Plastics – Scott has been working with the County and Gotta-Do, and we should be able to ship out the plastic this week. The options that we have used in the past are no longer available. We will not be continuing our Ag Plastic program going forward.**
- 5.) Round 29 – Two applications were submitted today for round 29 Ag Non-Point source grants.**
- 6.) CRF – We have some good applications lined up for this year. The program will be increasing the funding from 8 million to 14 million.**
- 7.) AEM - AEM Yr 18 is increasing their funding from \$100k to \$200k. The board did think that we should advertise so everyone in the county is aware that this money is available and have a ranking list for the farms that want to apply. John Valentine was lined up to have his AEM yr 17 project begin and today he pulled out. Robert Headwell, Jr made a motion to make a landowner change, seconded by Martin Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

AEM: No Report

AED: No Report

FSA: No Report

NRCS: No Report

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: August 28, 2023

Respectfully, Karen Klemczak