

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 25, 2023

MEETING # 886

Present:

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

Joseph Slezak, *Resource Conservationist*
Karen Klemczak, *District Clerk-Treasurer*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER @ 7:26 PM

MINUTES of the August 28, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Richard Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Martin Kelly. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of September 24, 2023

District Checking:	35,524.29
Building Acct:	267,663.92
Canjo 27 (Michalak) C701470	565,130.31
Canjo 28 (Ulman) C701511	171,026.80
Water Quality	1,007.51
Hill Side Farm (Lipiec) C701471	39,029.31
Hoefele C012183	23,394.38
Fisher C012181	590.94
AEM	91,538.74
Ridgedale C701426	274,015.67
Crowe T012325	357.77
Crowe Irrigation CRF C012432	377,342.50
Slate Creek Farm T00335GG	1.16
Part C:	134,269.75
Undeposited Funds	726.60
Total in all accounts	\$ 1,980,893.05

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, carried.

Old Business:

- 1.) **Field Work** – Lipiec should be finished this summer. He built a covered barnyard. Ulman has gotten started with the silage ag bag pad. The only other field work is Andy Crowe. Hoefele is wrapping up his project as well.
- 2.) **Kelly CAFO final payment update** – The concerns about the final payment to be made to the contractor has been resolved. The contractor was paid, and the project is completed.
- 3.) **Part C trailer bid** – We put a bid in on the trailer of \$2810 but we did not win the bid. The trailer sold for over \$4000.
- 4.) **Sexual Harassment Training – Martin and Bob** – Martin Kelly confirmed at the board meeting, and Bob Headwell confirmed over the phone that they had watched the NYS Sexual Harassment video, an annual requirement for all board members.

New Business

- 1.) **Sundae on the Farm** – 2400 people attended this year's Sundae on the Farm. Overall things went well, and the event was successful.
- 2.) **Round 29** – The district did not receive funding for the two grants that were submitted for round 29.
- 3.) **Tire Recycling** – The district will be having their annual tire recycling for cars and small truck tires October 14th from 8 am to 10 am at the transfer station in Randall. There are already over 1600 tires registered for the event.
- 4.) **Elam Fisher Closeout** – There is one outstanding invoice to a contractor that needs to be paid in order to close out the grant. Elam Fisher is owed approximately \$15k at closeout. Corey asked the board to allow them to use Part C money to issue a check to Elam for the money that he is owed so he can pay the contractor. Corey can

then complete the closeout of the grant. When the final claim for payment is submitted and we receive the money for the final payout we would deposit the money back into our Part C account. **Brian Holloway made a motion to allow the district to pay Elam Fisher prior to the claim for payment being submitted, seconded by Richard Kennedy, Martin Kelly was opposed, two board members in favor, 1 nay, motion carried.** Discussion on how to handle payments going forward was tabled for the October meeting.

- 5.) **Trucks** – Two of the district trucks were involved in minor accidents and need repairs. Estimates were done on both trucks and the estimates for damages were both over \$1000 so the claims will be submitted to the county along with an incident/accident report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Martin Kelly made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:30 PM to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Richard Kennedy, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Martin Kelly to reenter the regular meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Richard Kennedy, all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

AEM:

3 Tier 4 Project are under way:

- Ragozzino – Grazing system that included fencing, a laneway, and a waterline. His contract was for \$30k. It will be closed out in about a week.
- Bo Eck – Still interested in completing his project. It is scheduled for October.
- Art Banewicz – Working on a couple heavy use areas.

FSA: No Report

AED: No Report

NRCS: No Report

Adjournment:

Richard Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Martin Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @9:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2023

Respectfully, Karen Klemczak