

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 26, 2024

MEETING # 890

Present:

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

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

Public Comment: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER@ 7:35 PM

MINUTES of the January 22, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Martin Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Richard Kennedy. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of February 26, 2024

District Checking:	35,054.97
Building Acct:	85,670.29
Canjo 27 (Michalak) C701470	572,272.85
Canjo 28 (Ulman) C701511	148,739.48
Water Quality	1,020.24
Hill Side Farm (Lipiec) C701471	337.82
Hoefele C012183	243.89
Fisher C012181	1.10
AEM	170.48
Ridgedale C701426	57,821.29
Crowe T012325	362.29
Crowe Irrigation CRF C012432	185,435.17
Slate Creek Farm T00335GG	4,475.60
Part C:	123,679.96
Undeposited Funds	.00
Total in all accounts	\$ 1,215,285.43

Review of disbursements (check register 1/21/24 through 2/26/24)

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 Richard Kennedy, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1.) **Field Work** – *Once field work begins it will be busy, there are a lot of projects to get off the table this year. Corey has a meeting with NRCS to have one of the farmers EQIP applications, that had been withdrawn, reinstated. He will be meeting with Kate and Carrie in the morning before they go out to the farm. Corey wants to make sure the application stays in and gets ranked. Corey doesn't think it is fair to take them out of the ranking pool.*
- 2.) **Truck Bids** – *Martin Kelly made a motion to purchase two extended cab Chevy trucks from Mohawk Chevrolet and put the two truck we have up on Auctions International with a \$22k and \$24k minimum, seconded by Brian Holloway, all in favor, motion carried.*
- 3.) **Legislative Days** – *Scott Ryan and Scott Davis will be attending Legislative Days this year. Any other directors that are interested in attending are welcome. They have 8 meetings scheduled with Legislators.*

New Business:

- 1.) **Scott Davis/new computer** – *Brian Holloway made a motion to approve the purchase of a new computer for Scott Davis, seconded by Richard Kennedy, all in favor, motion carried.*
- 2.) **Employee Evaluations (Joe, Scott, John, and Becky)** - *Corey's recommendation was to move Joe, John, and Scott up one step. The board discussed and the following recommendations were made... Upon their reviews, Scott*

was moved to a GS 9-3, Joe was moved to a GS 9-8 and John was moved to a GS 6-4. Becky will remain at 8-3 and be reevaluated in June. **Martin Kelly made a motion to approve the raises and recommendations, seconded by Brian Holloway. All in favor, motion carried.**

- 3.) **Fisher Closeout** – In the October 2023 minutes it was stated that the final paperwork for the Fisher grant had been submitted, which was incorrect. Corey did get the paperwork in for the closeout this month and the final voucher has been submitted.
- 4.) **Annual Reports** -The annual reports for 2023 are complete and Brian Holloway took the reports home to do the annual audit. Once Brian is done with the reports Bob Headwell will also review them.
- 5.) **AEM Year 18 ranking list** – **Richard Kennedy made a motion to fund all the projects discussed at 87.5% seconded by Brian Holloway, Martin Kelly abstained from the vote. Motion carried.**
- 6.) **AEM tier 4 payouts** – AEM year 17 projects were completed, and the farmers were paid in full. The state paid 90% of the project with the 10% to be paid when the district does the final closeout. The district used their own funds to pay the 10% to the farmers. The closeout for year 17 voucher has been submitted and we will get reimbursed for that money.
- 7.) **2024 Director Training – Module 6 – Freedom of Information Law** - The directors were given the FOIL module 6 to do their annual training required for Performance measures 2024. All directors that were present at the meeting confirmed that they did the training. Robert Headwell was not at the meeting. His training will be confirmed at the next meeting he attends.

Committee Reports:

NRCS: No Report

AED: No Report

FSA:

We are finishing up sign up for the ARC/PLC corn base program. The deadline is March 15th. We will be doing DMC (dairy margin coverage) sign up for 2024 dairy producers starting Wednesday. We have training on Tuesday for DMC so hopefully everything is up and running for Wednesday.

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

AEM:

- AEM year 17 Close out completed claim for payment submitted to the State for \$126,142.93
 - Total earned over 2 years \$222,080.00
 - AEM deliverables completed for this report
 - Tier 1 – 27
 - Tier 2 – 20
 - Tier 3a – 4
 - Tier 3b – 2
 - Tier 4 – 4
 - Tier 5a – 5
 - Tier 5b – 5
- AEM Year 18 Tier 4 Ranking
 - \$200,000 available. Max of \$50,000 per farm
 - 5 applications received, a 6th application was not completed by Jim Haman, field visit to view the project.
 - Listed on spreadsheet
 - A 7th project was discussed for Dygert Farms to repair the VTA.
 - One scenario funding each project with 87.5% from the State and 12.5% from the landowner will fund all the projects to the available funding limit. This includes Jim Haman.
 - Another scenario funding every project at 75% but Nare farms at 87.5% will fund all seven projects.

Joseph Slezak
Resource Conservation Specialist

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 PM
NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Respectfully, Karen Klemczak