

2021 February -McLean County SWCD Minutes
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The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on February 10th, 2021 at the USDA Service Center, 402 N. Kays Drive, Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:35 a.m. Directors present were Irvin Bane, Howard Heatherwick, and newly elected Jeff Mathews. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Pheasants Forever farm bill biologist Ben Wilson was present. Jancy LaFollette, manager at McLean County Chamber of Commerce, was also present.

~Jancy gave a report on the McLean County Chamber of Commerce: Ag Awards Dinner has been postponed to November 18th. Virtual Ag Awareness Breakfast tentatively scheduled for March 18th.

~Financials/Minutes:

January minutes, Irvin motioned, Mike seconded. Motion Carried. Irvin made a motion to approve February checks, Howard seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Howard seconded. Motion carried. Jeff Mathews was successfully elected at the January 13th General Election of Directors. Howard Heatherwick filled Mikel Fonger's vacancy as Treasurer. Mike Kelley remains Chairman and Sally Breese remains Vice Chairman.

~Ben gave the farm bill biologist report: Currently writing burn plans for MCM CRP contracts and working with landowners through General CRP sign-up.

~Ross gave the District report as written: Continuing to update website. Promoting a virtual prescribed fire workshop with a field demo on March 17th

~Brett gave the District report as written: Became STAR reviewer for McLean County through PCM portal. Putting together print newsletter for spring.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Lake Bloomington shoreline project planned for spring 2021 due to rock shortage. Draft of watershed plan for 319 grant is 65% complete. Site showing for next project area scheduled for early spring.

~Adam (not present) provided the NRCS report as written: 6 out of 26 CSP renewals for district group were obligated to new contracts. EQIP applications are in planning and ranking status.

~Old Business: General Election of Directors was January 13th.

~New Business: The next Board Meeting was set for March 10th at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center. The meeting concluded at 8:31 a.m.