

2021 January
-McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on January 13th, 2021 at the USDA Service Center, 402 N. Kays Drive, Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:36 a.m. Directors present were Sally Breese, Mikel Fonger, Irvin Bane, and Howard Heatherwick. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. NRCS employees Adam Wyant and Matt Bell. Pheasants Forever farm bill biologist Ben Wilson was also present. Jeff Mathews, who was nominated in the 2021 Directors Election, was also present.

~Financials/Minutes:

December minutes, Howard motioned, Irvin seconded. Motion Carried. Mikel made a motion to approve January checks, Howard seconded. Motion carried. Mikel made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Sally seconded. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mikel to approve cost share checks for Bray Creek Cover Crop Initiative (funded by TNC) for \$2320.00 to Mike Kelley and \$2534.10 to Brian Wilson. Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

~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. Milkweed in the classroom and CSP, CP-43 initiatives are underway.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Gave a rundown on the status of CPP funds and applications. Updates on fall Fish and Tree sales and interim planner status.

~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. Applied for NACD Friends Grant for McLean County Monarch Campaign.

~Adam gave the NRCS report as written: 41 contracts obligated in Mclean County for fiscal year 2020 for a total of \$2,596,802 on 26,503.6 acres.

~Old Business:

~New Business: The next Board Meeting was set for February 10th at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center. The meeting concluded at 8:28 a.m. The General Election of Directors started at 7:00am and was ongoing until 5:00pm

AMENDMENT: This was Mikel's last meeting as Director. He served on the board for 28 years.