

2021 April
-McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on April 14th, 2021 at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:33 a.m. Directors present were Sally Breese, Irvin Bane, and Jeff Mathews. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. NRCS employee Adam Wyant was also present.

~Financials/Minutes:

March minutes, Irvin motioned, Sally seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve April checks, Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve applications for the Jim Rutherford Scholarship from Teresa Birsa and Emerson Tarr (500 Dollars each). Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

~Ross gave the District report as written: Monarch Mix sale totaled 10 landowners buying 13 acres worth of Monarch friendly pollinator mix. Worked on NFWF grant with Jackie for EQIP promotion in major watersheds.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Craig Nafziger waterway was surveyed on 3/22/21 for CPP Program. Sally motioned to pre-approve cost share in the amount up to \$7,026.74 for FY20 CPP funds. Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Girl Scout shoreline project to begin next month. Interloop Road project received 2 bids with Boyle Excavating being the low bid at \$138,988.00. Irvin made a motion to approve Boyle Excavating's bid. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

~ Adam gave the NRCS report as written: CSP Application deadline set for May 7, 2021 with 29 applications currently for Mclean County. Out of 46 EQIP applications in the county, 13 were selected for funding. Adam provided each board member with the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist which was reviewed and signed by each board member. Each board member was also provided a copy of the NRCS Civil Rights training materials and information from the IL Civil Rights Advisory Committee. The below listed documents were reviewed:

- Civil Rights Checklist - training needs
- Civil Rights Compliance in Program Delivery
- EEO Counseling, Mediation, and Complaints
- Employee Assistance Program
- Instructions and use of the EO Statement
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Program Complaint Process
- Fact Sheet: Sexual Harassment
- NRCS Mentoring Overview
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOU)

~New Business: The next Board Meeting was set for June 9 at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center. The Local Work Group meeting was set for June 9 at 9:00am at the USDA Service Center. The meeting concluded at 8:15 a.m.