

2022 March
-McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on March 9, 2022, at the USDA Field Office in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:34 a.m. Directors present were Sally Breese, Howard Heatherwick, and Jeff Mathews. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Adam Wyant of NRCS was present as well as Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist Broddie Eddington.

~Financials/Minutes:

Jeff motioned to approve the February minutes as written. Howard seconded. Motion carried. Sally made a motion to approve February checks, Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Howard seconded. Motion carried. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. A motion by Jeff was made to approve the IDOA FY22 Grant Agreement and to keep district cost share the same as FY21 (60%) for the CPP Program. The Board also read and signed the Annual Sexual Harassment Training.

~Jackie gave the District report as written: Still waiting on comments from IEPA on Lake Bloomington Watershed Plan and Clinton Lake Watershed Plan. Site showing is scheduled for March 22nd for a Lake Bloomington Starkey Project that is 1350' long. Partnering on a Nutrient Stewardship grant to host a watershed field day in July with Mclean County Farm Bureau.

~Brett gave the District report as written: CPP sign-up was posted with a deadline for March 4th, 2022. One new application was received (Moe Davis waterway). CREP site visits for 3 year monitoring are underway.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: CRP Newsletter is complete and with FOIA for mailing list. Starting and promoting a native seed sale at the office. Drills are being prepared to seed I-55 Pollinator project with IDOT.

~ Adam gave the NRCS report as written: Finished up CSP payments in Mclean and have 1 left in Livingston. EQIP obligation deadline is April 1. Adam provided the Civil Rights Responsibilities Checklist for the board to read and sign.

~ Brodie gave a report on the PF Farm Bill Biologist Position: Working on Burn Plans for CRP Mid Contract Management for CRP contracts in his assigned counties.

~New Business: The Board decided to keep the 2022 Organization of the Board the same as it was in 2021 with Mike Kelley as President, Sally as Vice President, and Howard Heatherwick as Treasurer. The next Board Meeting was set for April 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.