2022 November -McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on November 9, 2022, at the USDA Field Office in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:28 a.m. Directors present were Irvin Bane, Sally Breese, and Howard Heatherwick. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. NRCS District Conservationist Adam Wyant was also present.

~Financials/Minutes:

Irvin motioned to approve the September minutes as written. Sally seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve November checks, Howard seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Sally seconded. Motion carried. Howard motioned to pay NACD dues of \$775.00. Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

Adam gave the NRCS Report as written: For FY22 NRCS programs, McLean had 19 contracts totaling \$1,165,012.00 in obligations and 8,911.4 acres. 3 RCPP applications were preapproved in McLean County and 2 moved forward to obligation for a total of \$157,643.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: 350 Acres are signed up for the Lake Bloomington & Evergreen Lake Watershed Cover Crop Program, waiting on a potential 600 acres. Applying for a 319 grant to develop a watershed plan for Sugar Creek. BNWRD has agreed to contribute a 40% match for the plan.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Fall Fish sale had 36 orders netting \$2,646.00 in sales while Fall Tree sale had 48 orders netting \$1,601.00. New PFC cover crop & Strip TIII applications came in for fall planting for David Bussan (\$3200 est.), Johnson Jacobs Farms (\$2400 est.), and Arin Ziebarth (\$3200 Strip Till, (\$2000 Cover Crop). Irvin motioned to preapprove these applications for PFC funding. Sally seconded. Motion carried. Discussed 2023 director elections. Howard motioned to have an annual meeting at 9:00am following our January 11 board meeting. Irvin seconded. Motioned carried.

Ross gave the Watershed report as written: October & November E-Newsletter campaign distributed. Collected and sorted producers for CSP program in McLean & Livingston County. Created cover crop outreach and information list for NRCS. Updated year in review. McLean County Habitat Trailer is designed.

~New Business:

The next Board Meeting was set for December 14 at 10:00 a.m.