

2022 December -McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on December 14, 2022, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 10:03 a.m. Directors present were Sally Breese, Jeff Mathews and Howard Heatherwick. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. NRCS District Conservationist Adam Wyant was also present.

~Financials/Minutes:

Howard motioned to approve the November minutes as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve December checks, Sally seconded. Motion carried. Sally made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Howard seconded. Motion carried.

~Adam gave the NRCS Report as written: 2 CSP payments are left in McLean before the end of the calendar year. The CSP-GCI preapproved application has been canceled by the applicant. 2 RCPP contracts have moved forward with obligation. 2 mailers were sent out by the SWCD for EQIP MRBI/NWQI program promotion. SWCD is keeping track of interest & applications generated from this direct mailer.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: 500 Acres are signed up for the Lake Bloomington & Evergreen Lake Watershed Cover Crop Program. Submitted a 319 grant for \$200,000 to develop a watershed plan for Sugar Creek. Matches pledged by BNWRD (\$80,000), City of Bloomington (\$25,000), Town of Normal, Illinois Farm Bureau and McLean County (\$5,000 each).

~Brett gave the District report as written: All CPP fall projects are complete. Waiting on bills from CPP applicants to finalize payments. Likely getting some unspent FY21 funds from other counties to help fund these projects. Howard made a motion to pre-approve CPP payments for outstanding FY21 projects before the next board meeting. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. A new CREP contract has been signed by Jon Thompson in Dale Township. Working with FSA and IDNR on next steps for contract obligation. Jeff made a motion to approve Vegetative filter strip tax reductions for Robert Kruger on tracts 38802, 39710, 2063, 953 and 939. Sally seconded. Motion carried.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: December E-Newsletter campaign distributed. Presented Conservationist of the Year to Eric and Jenny Mennenga at Ag Awards. McLean County habitat trailer is finished and will be used to house broadcast seeders and other planting parts/equipment.

~New Business:

The next Board Meeting was set for January 11th at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The Annual meeting will be at 9:00am at the USDA Service Center in Normal.