

2023 March -McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on March 8, 2023, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:32 a.m. Directors present were Irvin Bane, Sally Breese, and Jeff Mathews. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft.

~Financials/Minutes:

Irvin motioned to approve the Feb minutes as written. Sally seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve March checks, Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the Financials as written. Sally seconded. Motion carried.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Anticipated award notice for Sugar Creek Watershed Plan is July 2023. Met with BNWRD and Ecology Action Center regarding urban outreach and education. 25 potted Oak trees to be planted at Lake Bloomington on April 15th for the AISWCD grant. Local 4-H group & U of I extension to assist with planting.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Only one CPP FY22 application so far for cover crops. Spoke with Moe Davis and Arin Ziebarth for updates on their active spring contracts. Sent final application packet to IDNR for Jon Thompson CREP. Waiting to hear back from IDNR on easement approval to initiate Memorandum 1.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: March E-Newsletter campaign distributed. Going forward, Mailchimp will charge monthly fee of \$39.50 per month for outreach to our email list. Boater safety, Native seed sale, Tree/Fish information & Jim Rutherford Scholarship application were all added to this newsletter.

~Adam provided the NRCS report as written.

~New Business: Irvin made a motion to keep the organization of the board the same with Mike Kelley as Chairman, Sally Breese as Vice-Chairman, and Howard Heatherwick as Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff Seconded. Motion Carried.

The next Board Meeting was set for April 5th at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.