

2023 July -McLean County SWCD Minutes
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The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on July 12, 2023, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:31 a.m. Directors present were Irvin Bane, Sally Breese and Jeff Mathews. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Ben Wilson of NRCS was present. Precision Conservation Management specialist Aidan Walton was also present.

~Financials/Minutes:

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

~Aidan provided an update on PCM: Updating producers and acres on PepsiCo Incentive program. Working with a potential new cooperator for the PCM program.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Seawall repair is complete on Lake Bloomington. Installation of 1009.57 tons of RR4 on 925 feet of shoreline near Timber Pointe is also complete. FFA Soil Judging Contest to be held at ISU Farm on September 26.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Contacted 3 CPP applicants about summer construction projects. Provided an update on CRP re-enrolls. 2 applications for Vegetative Filter Strip Tax Assessments came in for Carl Anderson. Irvin motioned to approve the applications. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: July E-Newsletter campaign has been distributed. Jim Rutherford Scholarship Golf Outing is planned for August 8 at Crestwicke Country Club. Management plans have been created for pollinator areas in the Lake Bloomington/Lake Evergreen watersheds. A Pollinator workshop is planned near Moraine view, date TBD.

~Ben gave the NRCS report as written: IRA obligation deadline is August 25. 7 applications are pre-approved in McLean County for IRA-CSP and 4 are pre-approved for IRA-EQIP. New NGRREC Specialist Mallory Shaw coving Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, McLean and Livingston counties starts on July 17.

~New Business: The next Board Meeting was set for August 9th at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.