

<b>2023 November</b> <b>-McLean County SWCD Minutes</b>
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The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on November 8, 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 Howard Heatherwick. District employees present were Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Adam Wyant and Devin Jefferson of NRCS were present along with guest Garrett Conaty.

***~Financials/Minutes:***

September 2023 minutes were presented, Irvin motioned, Sally seconded. Motion Carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the financials, Sally seconded. Motion carried. Howard made a motion to approve the November checks for payment. Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the PFC payments to Scott Kiefer, \$400, Marilyn Moody, \$5752.50 and Jack Pitts, \$234.75, Sally seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to pay NACD dues, \$775, Howard seconded. Motion carried.

***~Brett submitted District report as written:*** see attached report.

***~ Adam gave the NRCS report:*** Acting detail for Area 1 ASTC has ended. He discussed fiscal year numbers and introduced Devin as the new soil conservationist in the office.

***~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written:*** Still waiting on comments from IEPA on the Lake Bloomington/Evergreen Lake watershed plan. Progress is being made on designs for the 319-implementation grant. Still waiting for notice of NACD TA grant. Jackie is applying for a 604(b) grant for the Sugar Creek watershed plan in the event the 319 grant for Sugar Creek isn't funded. Discussed possibly applying for a RCPP grant for Lake Bloomington and Evergreen Lake watersheds.

***~Ross gave the Watershed report as written:*** The website has been updated to include the new plat books and SAFE information. The E-newsletter has been sent out for October and November. He spoke at the Soil & Water Conservation Society meeting in Lexington and at the Franklin Farm.

***~Old Business:*** Mikel Fonger will be awarded Conservationist of the Year at Ag Awards dinner.

***~New Business:*** Howard made a motion to approve and sign IDOA grant agreement, Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Annual meeting was set for January 10, 2024. Irvin, Sally and Howard are up for re-election. The CO2 pipelines were discussed. The next Board Meeting was set for December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center. The meeting concluded at 8:35 a.m.