

**2024 November**  
**-McLean County SWCD Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on November 13, 2024, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:29 a.m. Directors present were Sally Breese, Jeff Mathews, Irvin Bane and Howard Heatherwick. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Cole Yoder, NRCS Acting District Conservationist was present.

**~Financials/Minutes:**

Irvin motioned to approve the September minutes as written. Sally seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve the November checks for payment, Sally seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the financials as written. Howard seconded. Motion carried.

**~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written:** No update yet from IEPA on 319 grant and 604b Sugar Creek Watershed plan. 1 bid was received for the Lake Evergreen shoreline project for \$112,000.00 from Jarrod Boyle. The project consists of 1500 ton of rock to be installed for shoreline protection. Lake Bloomington and Lake Evergreen watershed cover crop program had 957 acres signed up through 5 separate producers. Assisting NACD to host a drainage workshop at Davis Lodge on December 17.

**~Brett gave the District report as written:** Sam Deal CPP cover crop contract has been completed for a total of \$3543.75 in cost share. Howard motion to approve this payment, Irvin seconded. Motion carried. 3 CPP projects consisting of a waterway for Jack Pitts, cover crops for Eric Wahls, and WASCObS for Doug Horbert remain to be completed by year end. Fall Tree and Fish sales are complete with the tree sale netting \$1,391.00 in sales and the fish sale netting \$1,672.00 in sales. Completed certification for Level III planner status. Working with First Presbyterian Church in Normal and Bloomington First Church of the Nazarene for potential urban pollinator projects in 2025.

**~Ross gave the Watershed report as written:** October E-Newsletter campaign has been developed and distributed. Pond shocking in Danvers Township was conducted on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with 20 people in attendance. Ran the Skins and Skulls exhibit at Livingston County Ag Expo. Watershed Newsletter planned for January release.

**~Cole gave the NRCS report as written:** 166 total active contracts are in the district group. Application deadlines for FY25 are 02/28/25 for EQIP, 05/02/25 for CSP, and 05/30/2025 for EQIP ACT NOW. 9 FY2024 CSP renewals are currently preapproved for funding. McLean County has 1 burn plan left to complete for CRP Mid Contract Management.

**~New Business:** Jackie brought up NACD dues for 2025. Howard motioned to pay \$775.00 to NACD for dues. Sally seconded. Motion carried. Howard brought up the meeting with Illinois Peoples Action and suggested that the Board endorse a resolution for carbon well sequestration, echoing support of the McLean County Board October ruling. Jackie will check with IDOA on how the board can approach a stance on the matter. The next Board Meeting was set for December 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.