

**2025 January**  
**-McLean County SWCD Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on January 8, 2025, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:45 a.m. Directors present were Sally Breese, Jeff Mathews, Howard Heatherwick and Associate Director Garrett Conaty. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Cole Yoder, NRCS Acting District Conservationist was present. Aidan Walton of Precision Conservation Management was present. Collin Loeffler of Stanford was present.

***~Financials/Minutes:***

Sally motioned to approve the December minutes as written. Howard seconded. Motion carried. Sally made a motion to approve the January checks for payment. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Howard made a motion to approve the financials as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

***~Aidan gave an update on PCM:*** Gearing up for busy season of farmer reporting. PCM has 9 years of data collected since to program started in 2015. New PCM Data Summary brochure will be posted in the June issue of Prairie Farmer.

***~Cole gave the NRCS report as written:*** February 10 is official start date for new District Conservationist in Mclean/Livingston District Group. EQIP ACT NOW first ranking deadline is February 13.

***~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written:*** Still waiting on \$121,000 payment from IEPA for September invoice submitted for 319 implementation grant. Rain Garden still needs to be constructed this spring. NACD TA Grant of \$65,000 was awarded. Bi-weekly calls conducted with team for Illinois Soybean Association Grant. New estimated cost for storage shed repair is \$8218.00 with work to begin Summer 2025. Local Work Group Training planned for next week.

***~Brett gave the District report as written:*** Doug Hoerbert WASCOB scheduled for Spring 2025 completion, received 2 applications for Strip Till PFC cost share for Spring 2025. 12 townships completed for CRP Establishment reviews for 2022-2024 contract years.

***~Ross gave the Watershed report as written:*** 16 sponsors have signed up so far for 2025 Newsletter, E-News, and website advertising. McLean Co. SWCD Foundation 501c3 established and new logo will be created. Working on Spring Newsletter for distribution in mid-February.

***~Old Business:***

***~New Business:*** The next Board meeting was set for February 12 at 7:30 AM. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 AM.