

<b>2025 August</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 August 13, 2025, 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, Jeff Mathews, and Garrett Conaty. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Allan Hertzberger of NRCS was present. Aidan Walton of PCM was present.

***~Financials/Minutes:***

Irvin motioned to approve the July minutes as written. Garrett seconded. Motion carried. Garrett made a motion to approve August checks with a correction of McLean County SWCD Foundation golf outing transfer of \$868.35. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Jackie noted that Lake Evergreen shoreline project was \$9319.91 over budget for this year. This balance will be carried on the watershed account and will be reimbursed on the 2026 shoreline project. Irvin made a motion to approve the financials as written. Garrett seconded. Motion carried.

***~Aidan gave an update on PCM:*** Currently working on 2025 data collection and new program enrollment. Close to capacity for this region for new enrollment. PCM is looking to hire new positions to accommodate program demand.

***~Allan gave an update on the NRCS:*** Currently working on CRP plans and CSP acre checks for current contracts. Not much information from the state office for future program funding & enrollment guidelines.

***~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written:*** Everything is completed for 319 Implementation Grant and all documentation has been sent to IEPA. Draft report has been submitted, waiting for comments from IEPA. No news on Sugar Creek Watershed Plan. Grant application was submitted in November 2023. Invoiced Purdue for \$12,000 for work performed last year for ISA grant. Continuing to conduct bi-weekly calls with the team.

***~Brett gave the District report as written:*** Doug Hoerbert sent in final bills for WASCOB PFC project for \$1455.45 in cost share. Waiting on IDOA approval. 4 PFC applications were received for fall cover crops totaling up to \$20,081.77 in estimated cost share. Garrett motioned to pre-approve these applications for cost share. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Dave Kennedy completed a Strip Till PFC contract (24005) from this Spring but included 1 field in Livingston County that is unable to cost share in our county. Garrett made a motion to transfer FY24 PFC dollars of \$2,361.00 to Livingston County to finish cost share for this strip till project. Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

***~Ross gave the Watershed report as written:*** August E-news created and distributed. Due to the weather, the Jim Rutherford Scholarship Golf Outing was canceled. Sent a Golf voucher certificate to all players from Crestwicke Country Club for a free round of golf. 4 Scholarships were underwritten this year with \$8200 in donations. With \$2600 in green fees paid to Crestwicke, this netted \$5600 for the golf outing. Sent producers in ISA Lake Bloomington hot spot areas personal letters and maps for acres that qualify for cover crop cost share assistance this fall. So far 3 producers have signed up with 425 acres. Goal is to get 950 acres of cover crops this fall. Family Twilight Pollinator Event at Baptist Church was a success with over 40 participants. August 14<sup>th</sup> will be a drone demo day hosted with Birkeys from 9-11:30am at the Mini Expo at the McLean County Fairgrounds.

***~Old Business:***

**~New Business:** The next Board meeting was set for September 10 at 7:30 AM at the USDA Service Center. The Board went into closed session to discuss yearly employee evaluations. The Board came out of closed session and conducted employee evaluations. The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.