

2025 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 9, 2025, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:34 a.m. Directors present were Irvin Bane, Jeff Mathews, Garrett Conaty, and Collin Loeffler. District employees present were Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Allan Hertzberger of NRCS was present.

~Financials/Minutes:

Irvin motioned to approve the June minutes as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Collin made a motion to pre-approve shoreline bills of \$13,700 before the next meeting for an additional 139 Tons of rock for shoreline placement at Lake Evergreen. Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve the July Checks as written. Garrett seconded. Motion carried. Irvin made a motion to approve the financials as written. Collin seconded. Motion carried.

~Allan gave the NRCS report as written: CSP Funding decisions have been completed. No applications were selected for funding in McLean County. CRP re-enrolls are underway with a plan in place with SWCD for completion.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Lake Evergreen Shoreline Project had 1200 Linear feet completed. Considering applying for another 319 at Lake Evergreen. No funding decision yet for Sugar Creek Watershed Plan. ISA Grant was awarded for second year of funding. New Funding level includes \$40,000 for project admin and management. Identified 20 spots for SWCD road signs that would be made and installed by IDOT. Cost is \$100 per sign and order needs to be made by September 1.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Received FY25 IDOA Grant amendment for FY25 Cost share amount of \$23,830.34. Collin motioned to approve the IDOA grant amendment. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Visted First Church of the Nazarene and made a management plan for for Pollinator site establishment. visited First Baptist Church pollinator site and First Presbyterian for site preparations for current and new seeding project. CRP establishment reviews are completed, waiting for FSA approval for FY25 Re-enroll Contracts.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: July E-news created and distributed. Gave an update regarding Jim Rutherford Conservation Scholarship Golf Outing. 6 teams have signed up so far we 3 sponsorships underwriting scholarships. Flyer was sent to past sponsors and participants. Family Twilight Pollinator Event scheduled for August 7 at First Baptist Church. August 14th 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 August 13 at 7:30 AM at the USDA Service Center. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 AM.