

2025 November McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on November 12, 2025 at the Towanda Township building, 19787 E 1900 North Rd, Towanda, IL due to the government shutdown. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:31 a.m. Directors present were Jeff Mathews, Garrett Conaty and Collin Loeffler. District employees present were Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft.

~Financials/Minutes:

September minutes, Jeff motioned, Garrett seconded. Motion Carried. Collin made a motion to approve the financials, Garrett seconded. Motion carried. Jeff made a motion to approve the November checks for payment. Collin seconded. Motion carried.

~Brett submitted the District report as written: See attached.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Received a letter from IEPA on September 24th confirming the Lake Bloomington and Evergreen Lake Watershed Plan has been approved. The current 319 grant draft report was submitted on July 15, 2025. Waiting for comments back from IEPA before submitting final report. Held a site showing on October 7, 2025, for the next reach of shoreline protection at Evergreen Lake. One contractor attended and submitted a bid. Boyle Excavating Inc's bid was \$114,000. Still waiting on \$12,000 payment from Purdue for work performed on ISA grant. Ag awards will be held November 20, 2025. Mike will present Conservationist of the Year award to The Wyant Family.

~ Ross gave the Watershed report as written: E-news for October and November were sent. Discussed ISA grant, to date 815 acres of cover crops have been signed up. 132 of those acres are outside of the watershed boundaries but were allowed to sign up due to the majority of the field being in the watershed. Currently waiting on bills and as applied maps from the producers.

~Old Business: None

~New Business: NACD dues. Collin motioned to pay \$775.00, Jeff seconded. Motion carried. The next Board Meeting was set for December 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center followed by Christmas lunch with board and staff. The meeting concluded at 8:13 a.m.