

2025 September McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD held their regular board meeting on September 10, 2025 at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:30 a.m. Directors present were Irvin Bane, Jeff Mathews, and Garrett Conaty. District employees present were Jackie Kraft, Ross Fogle, and Brett Irwin. Allan Hertzberger of NRCS was present.

~Financials/Minutes:

Irvin motioned to approve the August minutes as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Jeff motioned to approve September checks for payment. Garrett seconded. Motion carried. Irvin motioned to approve the financials as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Irvin motioned to vote on the Comptroller report. Garrett seconded. All directors voted "I" for approval of the Comptroller report. Irvin Motioned to pay \$1455.45 for completed Doug Hoerbert PFC WASCOB project. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

~Allan gave an update on the NRCS:

CRP is wrapping up in Mclean and Livingston counties. All plans completed in Mclean, just waiting on signatures from several producers.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written:

Draft report has been submitted to IEPA for 319 grant. Still waiting on comments back from IEPA. Final Report is due September 15. Discussed sending a formal letter from the SWCD Board asking for updates on Draft report comments. Invoiced Purdue \$12,000 for work performed for ISA Grant last year, still waiting on payment. The Conservationist of the Year nominee was discussed for 2025. McLean County Chamber of Commerce Ag Awards Banquet scheduled for November 20. Presented the Board with the FY26 Budget. Jeff motioned to approve the FY26 Budget as written. Garrett Seconded. Motion carried.

~Brett gave the District report as written:

All 2025 CRP plans have been built (198). 78 plans left to sign as of September 4. Received 2 additional PFC applications this fall totaling \$11,425.00 in est. cost share (24010- \$4000, 24011- \$7425.00). Garrett motioned to pre-approve these PFC applications. Irvin Seconded. Motion carried. Brett brought up potential dates to host the 2026 Annual Meeting. Irvin Bane, Garrett Conaty, and Collin Loeffler are up for election. Jeff motioned to have the Annual Meeting on January 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the Normal USDA Service Center. Garrett seconded. Motion carried.