

2026 February
-McLean County SWCD Minutes

The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on February 11, 2026, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. 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 Brett Irwin, Ross Fogle and Jackie Kraft. Allan Hertzberger of NRCS was present. Aidan Walton of Precision Conservation Management was present.

~Financials/Minutes:

Jeff motioned to approve the January minutes as written. Collin seconded. Motion carried. Garrett motioned to approve the February checks as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Collin made a motion to approve the financials as written. Garrett seconded. Motion carried.

~Aidan gave an update on PCM: Working on 2025 reports. 2 new hires in Illinois resulting in PCM expansion west of Illinois River.

~Allan gave the NRCS report as written: EQIP ranking deadline for 2026 applications is March 20. CSP ranking deadline is May 15. Payment scenarios have changed significantly compared to prior years, separate funding pool for new Regenerative Ag program.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: 319 Implementation Grant report approved. Submitting final invoice to close out grant. Sugar Creek Watershed Plan 604b has been funded for \$105,000. Plan to be completed by June 30, 2027. State of the Lakes meeting scheduled for March 10 at Davis Lodge.

~Brett gave the District report as written: Final PFC cover crop contract for John Burkhart 24010 is now complete for \$3935.07 in cost share. Collin motioned to pay cost share for this contract once we receive IDOA payment authorization. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Initial list of Applicants in Mclean County accepted for CPRG is 36 individuals totaling almost 20,000 acres.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: February E-news created and distributed. District Newsletter has been completed and mailed. Passed out the 2025 Year in Review for the Board. ISA Filed Day is set for April 9.

~Old Business:

~New Business: The next Board meeting was set for March 11 immediately following the LWG meeting at 7:30 AM at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 am.