

2026 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 8, 2026, 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, 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 PCM was present.

~Financials/Minutes:

Irvin motioned to approve the June minutes as written. Collin seconded. Motion carried. Garrett motioned to approve the July checks as written. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Collin made a motion to approve the financials as written. Irvin seconded. Motion carried.

~Aidan gave an update on PCM: Farmer meetings are underway. Passed out PCM data booklets featured in June Prairie Farmer Magazine. PCM has 11 years of consecutive data starting in 2015.

~Allan gave an update on NRCS: Currently obligating approved EQIP applications. 4 CSP applications were selected for funding in McLean County. Conducting wetland compliance reviews and getting fall CSP payments ready for obligation.

~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written: Started Evergreen Lake Shoreline Stabilization project on June 29. Project is currently over 50% completed. 319 Watershed Plan Implementation Grant is completed. A livestock inventory assessment is planned for this summer for the Sugar Creek Watershed Plan Grant. Ross's TA grant funding announcement has been delayed until summer. Summer Conference is July 12-15 in East Peoria. Mike Kelley will be representing the District at the Annual Meeting of Directors on July 15.

~Brett gave the District report as written: FY26 PFC grant has been received from IDOA. The District will receive \$36,853.71 for FY26 cost share, but this amount will be used exclusively to fund the 1st year payment for the I-COVER program contract. Collin made a motion to approve the agreement. Garrett seconded. Motion carried. FY25 PFC balance stands at \$14,444.61 and is 100% obligated. Completed job sheets for I-Cover funded applicant, official contract documents should be coming soon from IDOA. CRP re-enrollment plans are underway with 71 plans ready for signature and 7 plans completed for FSA.

~Ross gave the Watershed report as written: Mail Chimp July Campaign has been created and distributed. CSP Status reviews for No-Till/Strip-Till Practices have been completed. Pond Management and Shocking Demo has been canceled. Summer planning is underway for ISA with a cover crop meeting planned for this summer. Working on prescribed burn training through NRCS and IDNR online programs.

~Old Business:

~New Business: The next board meeting was set for August 12, 2026, at 7:30 am at the USDA Service Center in Normal. Employee Reviews will be conducted following the August meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 am.