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| <b>2026 June</b><br><b>-McLean County SWCD Minutes</b> |
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The Board of Directors of the McLean County SWCD had their regular board meeting on June 10, 2026, at the USDA Service Center in Normal. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelley at 7:29 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. Mitchell Killough of Illinois Department of Agriculture was present.

***~Financials/Minutes:***

Irvin motioned to approve the April minutes as written. Collin seconded. Motion carried. Collin motioned to approve the June checks as written. Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Garrett made a motion to approve the financials as written; which included financials from the months of March, April, and May. Collin seconded. Motion carried.

***~Aidan gave an update on PCM:*** PCM footprint expanding to Nebraska with help from Nebraska Corn Growers. Summer Grower meetings are underway. 2025 PCM data available in June Prairie Farmer Magazine.

***~Allan gave an update on NRCS:*** All EQIP ranking is completed. 15 applications were pre-approved for funding in McLean County totaling 1.3 million in obligations. HEL compliance spot checks are underway. CSP ranking deadline set for June 26.

***~Mitchell gave an update on IDOA:*** Introduced himself to the board as our IDOA regional representative. Gave an update on district grant agreements moving to online application system (amplifund). Gave updates on CPRG and I-COVER programs. I-COVER will be using FY26 PFC cost share dollars to fund contracts. Should not affect future PFC cost share funds moving forward.

***~Jackie gave the Watershed report as written:*** Evergreen Lake Shoreline Stabilization project has been postponed until June 15. Project is estimated to take 2 weeks to complete. Submitted final report to IEPA for 319 Watershed Plan Implementation Grant. IEPA sent new grant agreement for Sugar Creek Watershed Plan. Final reporting has been sent for Ross's TA grant. Trees were planted on May 13 at Lake Bloomington for the AISWCD Tree Planting Project. Discussed Summer Conference moving to East Peoria this year and the Annual Meeting of Directors being held on Wednesday, July 15. Mike Kelley will represent McLean SWCD as our voting delegate and Garrett Conaty will be the alternate.

***~Brett gave the District report as written:*** PFC FY25 Strip Till Application 25001 has been removed due to receiving EQIP contract. PFC waterway application 25005 is willing to build waterway with remaining FY25 unobligated funds (\$5328.25). Collin made a motion to preapprove this PFC application for funding. Garrett seconded. Motion carried. Will request more funds from IDOA for \$10,000 cost share as project is estimated to hit this threshold. CPRG spot checks are completed, waiting on 2026 payment procedures. Spring Tree and Fish sales are completed with \$4155 in net fish sales and \$3888.25 in net tree sales.

***~Ross gave the Watershed report as written:*** Mail Chimp Campaigns have been created and distributed. CSP Status reviews ongoing for No-Till/Strip-Till Practices. Pond Management and Shocking Demo will be rescheduled due to weather. Summer planning is underway for ISA with a meeting planned for this summer.

***~Old Business:*** Alex Strand with the Maizing company was unable to make it to our meeting to discuss using corn stover from local Illinois farmers to create industrial products.