

Board Report  
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## **Water Initiatives**

### **Natural Resources Initiatives**

#### **Farm Land Initiatives**

Surveyed and Designed John Leishcner waterway, it is now ready for approval.

Charming Acres waterway is ready for Board Approval.

Stan Foley's waterway is requiring me to bring in a NRCS Engineer to get the project approved.

The two terrace and two waterways for Bruce Stoddard have Design approval and he thinks they put the tile in this winter and build them next spring.

Larry Simonton and Sam Brandenburg have a waterway rebuild that has been Surveyed and designed. They may begin work on them yet this fall.

Linden Robinson has both his waterways completed and ready for Board approval.

I have also surveyed John Gyorr's waterway rebuild project and it may get built this spring now.

Tim Menacher has lined up a tiller to begin putting in the tile this fall.

Steve Catlin is fixing his waterway; they have crushed the old tile and should be putting in new. He is going to hot wire the waterway off from now on. IDOA has said it is ok to pay him this one time.

I did a 7 NRI letters for November zoning meeting.

I have also completed the NRI for Kenney & Theresa Allen. It is for the City of Monticello and had a Low ranking for protection.

The NRI are changing due to changes in the materials that we base them on.

The LESA will need some small changes to match new material.

#### **Education Initiatives**

The FFA Soils judging went smoothly. They were on the last pit before the rain came down. Monticello did well with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish out 10 schools. Audrey Head finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall as an individual.

Dive In took place in McLean County this was an education day about water for all the fourth graders in McLean County. McLean County is really coming together with its Soil and Water District, Parks and other organizations.

#### **District Operations Initiatives**

Fish sale went well and thank you to Terre Zeigler for cover the day of pick up for me. Logan Hallow donated the fish again to the High School.