

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes –August 9, 2007***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met August 9, 2007 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Ken Heinzmann, Steve McConnaughay, Mac Garrett, Roger Meyer and Duane Snow. Evelyn Bartley, Steven Donoho, Jack Holt and Ray Searby, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Laura Smithenry, Soil Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the agenda as mailed. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the July minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The July treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$5615.63 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$61428.23 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$34246.97 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$33379.27 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Ken Heinzmann motioned to approve the minutes, treasurer's reports and employee time sheets as presented. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employees reported that items still need to be addressed in the long range plan.

Mac Garrett motioned to waive the \$175 attorney fees on the delinquent accounts receivable if balance is paid by the end of August. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board and employees discussed Summer Conference surveys which were distributed with the board packet.

Roger Meyer, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, provided a report on the contract recommendations of the committee. They are recommending an increase of 60 cents for the administrative coordinator and 75 cents for the resource conservationist. They are also recommending keeping the retirement percentage at 6.5%; Sec 105 contributions at \$140 per month for the AC, \$280 per month for RC; \$500 Christmas Bonus and the Year End Bonus the same as 2007. The committee further recommends that employee's salary amounts continue at the 2007 rate until the state budget has passed. Once the state budget is approved, salary increases will be paid retroactive to Sept 1. In addition, year end bonuses can be affected by the state budget. Duane Snow motioned to accept the committee recommendations. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies reviewed information on the IDA-Enbridge agreement for the Patoka pipeline. Mac Garrett motioned to provide assistance on the project if requested. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and motioned to allow employees to provide assistance for one day at Conservation Fair. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Administrative Coordinator, Resource Conservationist and District Conservationist provided their reports as attached.

Duane Snow motioned to pay the AC \$ 348.11 and the RC \$258.26 for mileage expenses. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to cancel the cooperater agreement with Carl Gaston. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on September 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer