

Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes –December 14, 2006

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met December 14, 2006 in the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present were Roger Meyer, Steve McConnaughay and Duane Snow. Jack Holt and Ed Gerstenecker, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Directors Ken Heinzmann and Mac Garrett were absent.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. Duane Snow motioned to approve the agenda adding Federal FOIA Policy. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the November minutes, employee time sheets and Treasurer's reports as presented. The November treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$8361.31 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$55656.46 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$14346.93 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$32261.56 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the minutes, treasurer's reports and employee time sheets as presented. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned for the district to make a one-time 2% salary payment into both SWCD employee Section 105 accounts. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the long range plan was tabled until the January meeting.

The board reviewed the CPP prioritization report on the TMDL and Regular CPP funds. Duane Snow motioned to approve the ranked CPP applications as presented. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the annual meeting set for February 8, 2007. Duane Snow motioned to approve the following items

1. Award Winners: Farm Family- Ahlf Farms; Cooperator of the Year – Gilliland Farms; Jake Davis "Friends of Conservation – Steve Kern; Teacher of the Year – Randy Comer and Special Recognition – Harold Hunzicker
2. Food – Niemergs Steakhouse
3. Entertainment – Roger and Joy Perry - \$150 plus mileage
4. Keep meal ticket cost at \$6.00 and donations at \$25

Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay CoreDocuments \$69 to update the Section 105 plan documents. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tony Antonacci reported about the Federal FOIA policy. He reported that in all cases the federal policy supersedes the state policy because it is more restrictive. Based on discussion with Nancy Phalen, any information contained in cooperator case files will not be released through a FOIA request. The board discussed legal representation from the Attorney General's office and Debbie Holsapple will clarify this position on Friday.

Debbie Holsapple, Burke Davies and Tony Antonacci provided their reports as attached.

Duane Snow motioned to pay the RC \$178.31 and the AC \$229.80 for mileage expenses, to pay \$35 for the RC to attend the Corn and Soybean Classic, to allow the AC to attend the Region 4 AC meeting on January 11th, to provide 2 bundles of white pines to QU for door prizes and to prepare a newsletter for distribution in early January. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay the bulk mailing fee of \$160 to the Postmaster and to pay \$225 for rental of the Marion County Fair Exhibit Building. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried. \$50 of the \$225 rental fee is a cleaning deposit and will be returned after the meeting.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting for the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on January 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer