

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes –December 13, 2007***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met December 13, 2007 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve McConnaughay, Ken Heinzmann, Mac Garrett, Roger Meyer and Duane Snow. Jack Holt, Associate Directors; Laura Smithenry, Soil Conservationist; Elliot Lagacy, IDA Regional Representative; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the agenda, adding Locally Led Work Group. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roger Meyer arrived at 6:41 and assumed leadership of the meeting.

The board reviewed the November minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The November treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$6691.08 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$47259.57 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$13898.42 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$33887.21 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$57480.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the treasurer report, timesheets and minutes as presented. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The FY2008 IDA allocations were discussed. Debbie Holsapple reported that an update provided at the AISWCD quarterly boards indicated funds could be delayed as late as March 2008.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the Section 125 resolution and summary plan documents. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies reported on Conservation Practices Program payments and remaining balances.

The board discussed plans for the annual meeting. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve Neimergs as the caterer and to have Cyndi Young-Puyear or the World Bird Sanctuary provide entertainment for the evening. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Awards for the meeting were discussed. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the following award winners:

Conservation Farm Family – Shannon Hayes
Cooperator of the Year – Bill Hesel
Friend of Conservation – Marion County Farm Bureau
Conservation Teacher of the Year – Marilea Hunter
Special Recognition – Deep Rock Exploration
Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to table payment of AISWCD, NACD and AFA dues until district allocations have been received. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed their role as leaders of the Locally Led Group. Duane Snow motioned to table the discussion until the deadline to have the meeting could be determined. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Administrative Coordinator, Resource Conservationist and Soil Conservationist reviewed their written reports. Mac Garrett motioned to pay the RC \$189.34 and the AC \$356.96 for mileage expenses. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay for the RC's certified crop advisor fee and to pay for registrations to the U of I Corn and Soybean Classic and the SIU Crop Management Conference. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on January 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer