

*Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes –June 14, 2007*

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met June 14, 2007 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Mac Garrett, Steve McConnaughay and Duane Snow. Jack Holt and Ray Searby, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Board members Ken Heinzmann and Roger Meyer were absent.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the agenda as mailed. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the May minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The May treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$4647.81 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$75841.04 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$28277.67 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$33099.98 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the minutes, treasurer's reports and employee time sheets as presented. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A draft long range plan was provided to the meeting attendees. Board members and associates were asked to review the plan as several items in the long range plan will still need to be addressed.

Debbie Holsapple reported that AISWCD approved the long and short term disability quote from Standard insurance. At the AISWCD board meeting, it was reported that IDA will probably pay the cost of the long term insurance with the districts deciding on the short term insurance. The annual cost to provide short term insurance for the AC would be \$174.52 and it would be \$220.36 for the RC.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to hire Hunter Law Firm to prepare collection letters for both Kent and Irene Donoho regarding the past due invoice for drill rent. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the 2008 CPP Avg Cost Share List and to revise the 2007 CPP Avg Cost Share List as presented. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the amendment for Steve Burroughs and to approve 2008 cost share applications for Matt Pokojski (2), Larry Loy, Dale Kaegi and Max Bunnell. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned for Duane Snow and Burke Davies to attend the IEPA press event to be held at Giant City State Park on June 22. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to offer the GPICES board a new cash lease starting 10/1/07. \$5300 will be provided to the GPICES board with the remainder going to the SWCD. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to purchase 2 new computers for the district and to obtain bids on a new digital camera. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to allow the administrative coordinator to assist both Clay and Franklin counties with QB issues. Both districts will reimburse for mileage and wages. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the 2008 tentative budget and to make year end adjustments to FY2007 financials at the July board meeting. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. The tentative budget will be revised once more details are available on the IDA allocation.

Mac Garrett motioned to purchase Country Bobs gift packs for both the ISWCDEA and the AISWCD Auxiliary. Steve McConnaughay amended the motion to purchase one gift pack for the AISWCD Auxiliary Silent Auction. Mac Garrett seconded the amended motion. Amendment carried. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to table discussion on the NACD building funding request until the July board meeting. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The administrative coordinator and resource conservationist provided their reports as attached. The administrative coordinator reported on board decisions and reports from the June AISWCD quarterly board meeting.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to send Burke to the Franklin County for nutrient management training. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to pay the AC \$225.04 and the RC \$ 142.06 for mileage expenses. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The district conservationist provided his report as attached and provided a verbal report on 2 issues, haying/grazing of CRP and increased office contacts related to the new assessments based on the soil survey.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the cancellation of 2 cooperator contracts with Julius Holthaus. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be June 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer