

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2008***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met May 8, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve McConnaughay, Tom Beyers, Steve Jones, Duane Snow and Ken Heinzmann. Ed Gerstenecker 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 vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The chairman arrived at 6:39 p.m. and assumed leadership of the meeting. Steve McConnaughay motioned approve the agenda. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the April minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The April treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$5040.66 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$34279.22 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$7773.26 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$34279.22 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$57480.00 in the Illinois Fund Prime Account. Duane Snow motioned to approve the treasurer report, timesheets and minutes as changed. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Associate director Ed Gerstenecker arrived at 6:48 p.m. and joined the meeting.

The FY2008 IDA budget was discussed. All district funds have been released including Conservation Practices Program funding.

Debbie Holsapple reported all associate directors responded that they would be interested in serving. Danny Fark also indicated he would be interested in serving on a committee if needed.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay AISWCD and NACD dues once funding has been deposited. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies reported on the conservation practices program which is scheduled to receive \$20000 for FY2008. Duane Snow motioned to tentatively approve practices for Brandon Phillips, David and Jeff Meador, Dennis Seavers and Bill Waggoner. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Tom Beyers abstained from voting and motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to allow Burke Davies to make soil recommendations for Farm Service Agency when requested. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the possibility of adding soil testing as a district service. Burke Davies will contact soil labs and delivery services and report at the June board meeting.

Director Steve Jones arrived at 7:18 p.m. and joined the meeting in progress.

Tony Antonacci reported that Post Oak Flats has scheduled a meeting on May 15th to pursue an EPA 319 grant for the watersheds located in the RCD area.

Associate Director Ray Searby arrived at 7:26 p.m. and joined the meeting.

Tony Antonacci gave the NRCS report as attached.

Debbie Holsapple provided the administrative coordinator report as attached.

Burke Davies provided the resource conservationist report as attached.

Tom Beyers motioned to pay the RC \$214.68 and the AC \$269.47 for mileage expenses. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay Sharp Brothers \$6700 for native grass seed. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on June 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer