

*Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2006*

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met November 9, 2006 in the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present were Roger Meyer, Steve McConnaughay, Mac Garrett, Ken Heinzmann and Duane Snow. Evelyn Bartley, Associate Director; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Duane Snow motioned to approve the agenda adding GPICES Cash Rent Agreement, Board Meeting Time and Personnel Committee Meeting. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the September minutes, September/October employee time sheets and September/October Treasurer's reports as presented. The October treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$9156.22 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$67886.27 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$17854.38 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$32124.44 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Mac Garrett to approve the September minutes, September/October Treasurer's reports and employee time sheets as presented. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to approve the Marion County FOIA policy as presented. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the AISWCD memo will be held at the personnel committee meeting.

Burke Davies reviewed the balance in each of the Conservation Practice Program funds and reported funding of \$5287.50 for FY2007 has been received.

Discussion on the Long Range Plan will be held during the personnel committee meeting and January board meeting.

Chairman Roger Meyer named the 2007 nominating committee as follows: Ed Gerstenecker, Chairman, Larry Britt and Charlie Fulton, Members. The board discussed possible dates for the meeting and tentatively set February 8th or 15th as the meeting dates. The district staff will provide entertainment ideas at the December board meeting.

Duane Snow motioned to pay the ISWCDEA dues for the AC, RC and SWCD, purchase a Country Bobs sampler to be given as a door prize and to pay per diem of \$89 for the district employees attending winter training. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to send AISWCD \$100 for an Envirothon donation. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies discussed the donation request from American Tree Farmer. The request will be presented to the GPICES board at their December meeting.

The board reviewed the CRP contract for the district property. The contract begins on October 2007 and the first payment will be made during October 2008.

Duane Snow motioned to change board meeting times as follows - 7:30 p.m. when daylight savings time begins and 6:30 p.m. when daylight savings time ends each year. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roger Meyer scheduled a personnel committee meeting for November 15th at 7:30 p.m. Burke Davies and the personnel committee will be in attendance.

Ken Heinzmann motioned to pay \$322 to RW Troxell, \$3500 to Marion County Farm Bureau, \$775 to NACD, \$2440.49 to AISWCD and \$800 to Office Products Center. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay joined the board meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Debbie Holsapple provided her AC report as attached. Ken Heinzmann motioned to purchase checks for the District operational account at Marion County Savings Bank at a cost of \$112.50 plus shipping and handling. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided his RC report as attached. Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the RC \$195.04 and the AC \$309.32 for mileage expenses and to pay the \$75 CPECS dues for the RC. Motion carried.

Tony Antonacci provided his DC report as attached. Antonacci announced Laura Smithenry will begin working at the Salem Service Center in January 2007 as a soil conservationist.

Duane Snow motioned to cancel the cooperatoor agreements for Dave Diehl and Jerry Sinclair dated 3/27/86 and 09/14/78. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 9:31 p.m. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on December 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer