

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes –November 8, 2007***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met November 8, 2007 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve McConnaughay, Ken Heinzmann, Mac Garrett, Roger Meyer and Duane Snow. Ray Searby and Evelyn Bartley, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Laura Smithenry, Soil Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Ken Heinzmann motioned to approve the agenda as mailed. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the October minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The October treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$10,403.02 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$52084.76 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$20343.06 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$33773.86 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$57480.00 in the Peoples National Bank.

The board reviewed the long range plan and made changes as needed. Duane Snow motioned to approve the long range plan with changes. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies reported on the Conservation Practices Program. He requested an amendment to the Richard Mazanek contract due to additional costs that were incurred. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the requested amendment. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay RW Troxwell \$379 for the insurance premiums on the ATV and trailer. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the annual meeting and decided on February 21 as the date for the annual meeting. February 28 will be the alternate date. Chairman Roger Meyer named Emerson Smalley, David Uchitjil and Bill Mathena as the nominating committee with Leslie Britt as an alternate.

Duane Snow motioned to approve the paying the ISWCDEA dues of \$30, purchasing a Country Bob's sampler pack for a winter training door prize, paying \$20 per employee for registration and \$85.75 per employee for per diem rates. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay arrived and joined the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Duane Snow motioned to pay Farm Bureau \$3500 for the ag literacy program. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to pay \$75 for the RC CPESC dues and \$40 for the Corn and Soybean Classic registration. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the staff reports and to pay \$140.94 to the RC and \$47.24 to the AC for mileage expenses.

Tony Antonacci provided the NRCS as attached. He discussed the requirements of the local working group with the district board. He would like the board to consider if they were interested in leading the local working group as directed by the 2002 Farm Bill.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on December 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve McConnaughay  
Secretary-Treasurer