

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes –October 11, 2007***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met October 11, 2007 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve McConnaughay, Mac Garrett, Roger Meyer and Duane Snow. Ray Searby, Associate Director; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Laura Smithenry, Soil Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Board member Ken Heinzmann was absent.

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

The board reviewed the August minutes, employee time sheets and August and September treasurer's reports. The September treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$6566.26 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$51881.19 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$34516.53 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$33641.86 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank.

District employees reported they are still working on the long range plan.

Kent Donoho paid all outstanding invoices including the \$175 attorney fees.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the grassland haying project for Jeffrey and David Meador as of September 13 when the practice was approved by calls to the board members. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to approve a practice with Jeffrey Duncan. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the annual plan of work and added the GPICES board to all actions required at the district farm. Duane Snow motioned to approve the revised plan of work. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies reported a payment will need to be made to Dillman Farms to complete the grassland incentive grant. Mac Garrett motioned to approve payment to Dillman Farms. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the burn equipment agreement and made a change in the deposit amounts. Duane Snow motioned to approve the agreement. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to participate in the Mt. Vernon Teachers Conference. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the insurance administration contract with AISWCD. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed switching the current Sec 105 plan to a Sec 125 cafeteria plan. Duane Snow motioned to approve the paying Core Documents \$114 to complete the necessary paperwork. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to approve the administrative coordinator, resource conservationist and NRCS reports and to pay Debbie Holsapple \$263.84 and Burke Davies \$301.52 for mileage expenses. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to approve the August minutes, August and September treasurer's reports and the employee timesheets. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on November 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer