

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2009***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met April 9, 2009 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve Jones, Tom Beyers, Steve McConnaughay and Ray Searby. Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Chairman Duane Snow was unable to attend the meeting.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Ray Searby motioned to approve the agenda adding Illinois Funds seminar as an agenda item and Virgil Powell to the list of cooperator cancelations. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Jones motioned to approve the March minutes as mailed. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the March treasurer report and the March employee time sheets. The March treasurer report reflected the following balances - \$25.00 in petty cash, \$13898.55 in the district operations account at Marion County Savings Bank, \$62246.61 in the Illinois Funds operations account, \$34681.44 in the Illinois Funds farm account and \$26489.63 in the Illinois Funds program account. Ray Searby motioned to accept the treasurer report and time sheets as presented. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided an update on the conservation practice program. Steve McConnaughay motioned to tentatively approve contracts with Gary Keister and Rolland Vandever and to cancel Kent Donoho's uncompleted practice. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

Burke Davies reported the Truax drill has been sold.

The board discussed associate board members. Debbie Holsapple will send letters to the current associate members and to Ken Heinzmann.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay \$25 to LUC #13 for 2009 dues. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to provide a letterhead to IDNR that can be used to prepare a mailing to producers located within the SAFE program area. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Debbie Holsapple reported about the Illinois Funds meeting she attended. Illinois Funds plan to merge the money market and prime funds into one account along with adopting an investment policy similar to the current prime fund policy. This will make the purchase of commercial paper an investment option for the fund. Steve McConnaughay motioned to close the farm investment account and move it to MCSB into a 6 month certificate of deposit and to move \$50,000 of the operation account into 2 or 3 local banks in certificate of deposits. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the AC \$188.53 for mileage expenses. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Searby motioned to pay the RC \$215.99 for mileage expenses and to allow him to keep a \$25 gift card he received. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to cancel cooperator agreements with Irwin Quandt and Virgil Powell. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on May 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer