

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2008***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met April 10, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve McConnaughay, Tom Beyers, Steve Jones, Duane Snow and Ken Heinzmann. Evelyn Bartley 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 chairman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Duane Snow motioned to approve the agenda adding agenda items of Bank Signature Cards, Rental Rates and Contingency Planning. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the March minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The March treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$5514.69 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$36774.52 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$7759.76 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$34220.99 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$57480.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the treasurer report, timesheets and minutes as changed. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The FY2008 IDA budget was discussed and no actions were taken regarding the budget situation.

The board discussed the local work group and the results of the surveys.

The board discussed associate board members and asked Debbie Holsapple to contact Danny Fark and Rob Jones if we do not receive their letters back.

Burke Davies reported on CPP progress and the AISWCD vote to suspend work on CPP. Duane Snow motioned to continue work on CPP until all funds are spent and to reserve the right to make changes in the event contracts are canceled. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to change the rental rate on the Athens disk to \$5 and the Truax drill to \$7 with a \$50 minimum. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay the AISWCD dues. After discussion, Steve McConnaughay amended the motion to pay the AISWCD once funding has been received. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve Debbie Holsapple's FY09 Training Needs Inventory. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to remove Roger Meyer from the district's banking accounts and to add Duane Snow. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to approve the GPICES burn plan. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to pay Burke Davies \$122.72 for mileage expenses. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motion to pay IAAP dues of \$95 and to pay Debbie Holsapple \$138.22 for mileage expenses.

Tony Antonacci and Laura Smithenry left the board meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The board discussed the need for contingency planning since the IDA funding has been delayed. Duane Snow motioned to move \$57480.00 from Peoples Bank into Illinois Funds. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on May 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer