

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2008***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met August 14, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Ken Heinzmann, Steve McConnaughay, Tom Beyers and Steve Jones. Ray Searby and Evelyn Bartley, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Director Duane Snow was absent.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the agenda with added item – AISWCD Insurance Contract. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the July minutes. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the minutes as changed. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board then reviewed the July treasurer's report and employee time sheets. The July treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$7516.90 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$73141.78 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$26455.35 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$34454.42 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$751.84 in the Illinois Fund Prime Account. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the treasurer report and employee timesheets. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies, Debbie Holsapple and Tony Antonacci left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to allow directors and associates present to hold a brief personnel committee meeting. Davies, Holsapple and Antonacci returned to the meeting at 8:10 and the meeting continued.

Ken Heinzmann, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, presented the following recommendations: Salary increases of 60 cents to Davies; 55 cents to Holsapple. Both employees will receive a \$500 Christmas bonus and the opportunity to earn a \$1000 year end bonus. The year end bonus is dependent on IDA allocations and adequate remaining funds from the FY09 fiscal year. The committee also recommended Davies is allowed to purchase the ATV and trailer with vacation time. Davies' vacation carryover each year will then be limited to the vacation time remaining after the purchase. Davies will also be allowed to move \$1680 from his Section 125 district contribution to salary. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the personnel committee recommendations. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to approve the FY09 Annual Plan of Work as amended. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to accept the insurance administration contract with AISWCD. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve CPP contracts with Lutz Farms, Michael Johnson, Tim Geiger, Bill Waggoner, Kenneth Hails, Mark Clark and to tentatively approve Bill Hesper application if it receives NRCS seeding approval as requested. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve a docket change on the TMDL practices to allow a \$10 payment if another conservation practice is being installed in the same field. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the delinquent accounts receivables. Tom Beyers made a motion to follow the rental agreement as stated with regards to interest. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the district employees to work at Conservation Fair if their schedule allows. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on NACD Annual Meeting attendance was tabled until the September board meeting.

Ray Searby reported he would like to attend the Illinois RCD meeting on August 20th. The cost will be \$10. Directors were in agreement that Searby could attend.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to move the IL Prime Fund account money into the IL Funds Operations account. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The administrative coordinator provided her report as attached.

The resource conservationist provided his report as attached.

The district conservationist provided his report as attached. Chairman Heinzmann inquired about holding another Marion County Working Group meeting. The district conservationist advised waiting until more information is received on the farm bill. Heinzmann also inquired about the civil right review. The review was rescheduled and attendance by the SWCD is not required.

Tom Beyers motioned to pay the RC \$201.18 and the AC \$256.35 for mileage expenses. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to cancel the district cooperator agreement with Matt Bainbridge. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on September 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer