

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2009***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met August 13, 2009 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Tom Beyers, Steve McConnaughay, Ray Searby and Duane Snow. Jack Holt and Mac Garrett, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Board member Steve Jones was absent.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the agenda as mailed. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the July minutes, July treasurer report and the July employee time sheets. The July treasurer report reflected the following balances - \$25.00 in petty cash, \$6559.46 in the district operations account at Marion County Savings Bank, \$18942.97 in the Illinois Funds operations account and \$36438.43 in the Illinois Funds program account. Certificates of deposits are now held at Peoples \$25,000.00 and Marion County Savings Bank for \$59689.07. Tom Beyers motioned to accept the minutes, treasurer report and time sheets as presented. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the 2009 AISWCD Annual Meeting and Summer Conference. Surveys were returned and forwarded to IDA.

The board reviewed the FY2010 budget. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the 2010 budget adding \$20,000 to the state allocation. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new budget will reflect a \$16542 deficit balance. The board will also trim where necessary in the future with state and national dues being two line items that will be evaluated at a later date.

The board reviewed the 2010 CPP docket. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the docket as presented. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Beyers motioned to add low water crossings as a special CPP project in 2010. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Chairman Steve McConnaughay motioned to renew contracts with both employees. Contract amounts will be the same as 2009. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to allow Burke to check with Illinois EPA about providing NPDES permit assistance. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Searby reported the August 2009 Post Oak Flats meeting was canceled and that POF was sponsoring a forestry workshop on September 28th in Fayette County. The cost for the forestry workshop is \$15.

Tony Antonacci presented a proposal for NRCS to pay for the new service center sign if the SWCD would take care of erecting and mounting the sign with a post and frame construction. Steve McConnaughay motioned for the SWCD to handle erecting and mounting the sign. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to allow Burke Davies to attend a wetland restoration workshop in Fayette County. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to pursue working with Clinton County for a possible water barrel workshop. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Searby motioned to pay the RC \$177.60 and the AC \$263.12 for mileage expenses. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the cancelation of cooperator agreements with Verlin Heinzman, Jim Burrroughs (2) and Russell Rose. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on September 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer