

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

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met January 10, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve McConnaughay, Mac Garrett, Roger Meyer and Duane Snow. Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Director Ken Heinzmann was absent.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the agenda. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the December minutes, employee time sheets and treasurer's reports. The December treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$6577.89 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$37408.49 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$8012.28 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$33997.42 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$57480.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the treasurer report, timesheets and minutes as presented. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The FY2008 IDA allocations were discussed. Debbie Holsapple reported she had talked with Senator John O. Jones and he would be trying to see if something could be done to get at least the 1st quarter allocation to the districts.

The board discussed the local work group. The first meeting was set for January 24th at 8:00 a.m. at the U of I Extension office. The U of I Extension Council and Unit Leader, FSA County Committee and CED; NRCS DC and Soil Conservationist and the Marion County SWCD directors and employees will be invited to the meeting.

Burke Davies discussed the status of the CPP program as reported in his report.

Duane Snow motioned for the district to participate with IDOT and Clark Dietz, Inc when participation falls within district's scope of work and the employee's job description. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to purchase 10 hams, to keep the donations at \$25 and tickets at \$6.00; to secure Cyndi Young as the keynote speaker and to provide the same door prizes as past meetings. Debbie Holsapple will contact the local florists for center piece donations. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to approve Salem Times Commoner for printing the newsletter and to pay the \$175 bulk mailing imprint fee. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay the \$199 QB payroll subscription fee. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to purchase the stewardship materials at an estimated cost of \$307.50, to allow Gallatin County to purchase their trees from us and to allow Burke to attend the regional tillage meeting on Feb 7th in Mt. Vernon. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to cancel the cooperators agreements with Louis Woodward and Zane Goostree who are deceased. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on February 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer