

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – January 08, 2009***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met January 8, 2009 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Ken Heinzmann, Steve Jones, Tom Beyers, Steve McConnaughay and Duane Snow. Ray Searby, Associate Director; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the agenda adding AISWCD Survey and Ag Literacy Gift Card. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the December minutes. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board then reviewed the December treasurer's report and employee time sheets. The December treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$4877.67 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$51544.14 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$19717.28 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund and \$34643.94 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the treasurer report and employee timesheets. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the local working group meeting. Steve McConnaughay motioned to follow the Farm Service Agency's meetings for the group meetings. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Jones motioned to tentative approve CPP applications from Richard Torrence and Jim Burroughs. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Jones, McConnaughay and Snow voting to approve the motion. Tom Beyers abstained from the vote.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to name Jim Bates as the cooperator of the year since Donald Wollin was in Florida for the winter. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed presenters for the annual meeting.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the postal permit fee of \$180. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to develop a conservation survey for the district's annual meeting that could be used for the local working group. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Jones motioned to purchase a \$15 gift card for an Ag Literacy Sammy Soil contest. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

Ray Searby reported that the monthly December meeting for Post Oak Flats was canceled.

Tom Beyers motioned to give 2 bundles of evergreens to the Skillet Fork Quail Unlimited organization and to allow Gallatin County to participate in our bulk tree order. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Heinzmann arrived at 7:20 p.m. and assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Duane Snow motioned to purchase a new Agronomy handbook for the resource conservationist. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay \$43.67 to Burke Davies for mileage expenses. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to pay \$25 each for Davies and Beyers to attend an environmental contractor meeting in Mt. Vernon. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to move \$34,500 into a 6 month certificate of deposit at Marion County Savings Bank. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to have Salem Times Commoner print the district newsletter for a cost of \$233. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed and completed the AISWCD marketing survey.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on February 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer