

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

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met July 10, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Ken Heinzmann, Duane Snow, Steve McConnaughay, Tom Beyers and Steve Jones. Ray Searby and Jack Holt, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Soil Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the agenda. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The board then reviewed the June treasurer's report and employee time sheets. The June treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$2350.30 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$79044.73 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$27846.68 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$34394.53 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$57765.30 in the Illinois Fund Prime Account. Duane Snow motioned to approve the treasurer report and employee timesheets. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies presented the board with a sample of the belt donation that Power Technologies wanted to make. Ken Heinzmann asked that suggestions for use of the belting be brought to the August board meeting.

Chairman Heinzmann named the audit and personnel committees as follows:

Audit – Tom Beyers, chairman; Duane Snow and Danny Fark, committee members. Evelyn Bartley will be contacted as an alternate if needed.

Personnel – Ken Heinzmann, chairman; Ray Searby, Steve Jones and Steve McConnaughay, committee members.

Burke Davies reported that the 70% cost share approved at last month's meeting could only be used on fields with greater than 2 times the tolerable soil loss. The 60% cost share rate would apply to all others. The board also discussed the availability of CPP interest for operational purposes. Duane Snow motioned to move \$1438.13 in interest from the restricted Illinois Funds CPP account to the district's Illinois Funds Operations account. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the FY08 year end results and the FY09 budget. Debbie Holsapple reported she had contacted Senator John Jones and Representative Kurt Granberg's office regarding the cuts made to the soil and water districts allocations.

The board discussed the completion of the C2000 Upper Little Wabash grant. IDNR has requested the return of unused funds. Steve McConnaughay motioned to send \$57072.60 to Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed AISWCD's request for a donation in lieu of an auction item. Tom Beyers motioned to send AISWCD \$100 as requested. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Land Use Council 13 meeting was discussed. Marion County will be the hosting county. Rich Nichols is scheduled to speak at the meeting on the proposed AISWCD dues increase.

Duane Snow motioned for the district employees to assist at IDA's Watershed Park for one day during the Illinois State Fair if it fits into their work schedule. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the district's RC Section 125 contribution. Discussion was tabled and this will be considered during the next personnel meeting with changes made retroactive to July 1, 2008.

Ray Searby reported on the June Post Oak Flats RCD meeting. Two forestry workshops are scheduled to be held in Crawford and Effingham counties during September. He also reported that the RCD is looking at participating in an electronic recycling program.

Tony Antonacci provided his report as attached.

Debbie Holsapple provided her report as attached. Holsapple also reported she was asked by Diann Reed to be listed as a nominee for the CMS LGHP advisory board. Reed will be providing 3 names for potential advisors. Duane Snow motioned to allow Holsapple to participate if selected. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried. Steve McConnaughay motioned to allow Holsapple to continue in her IAAP committee appointments and to attend the IAAP meeting on July 16. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided his report as attached. Duane Snow motioned to approve the the district trailer's use at Balloon Fest in Centralia. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay Davies \$200.77 for mileage expenses. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to purchase a polo shirt for each district employee. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to cancel Robert McCorkle's cooperator agreement. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on July 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer