

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2009***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met June 11, 2009 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Tom Beyers, Steve Jones, Steve McConnaughay and Duane Snow. Ed Gerstenecker and Jack Holt, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Board member Ray Searby was absent.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the agenda adding LUC #13 Vice-Chairman. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the May minutes, May treasurer report and the May employee time sheets. The May treasurer report reflected the following balances - \$25.00 in petty cash, \$1518.33 in the district operations account at Marion County Savings Bank, \$10223.94 in the Illinois Funds operations account, \$1.22 in the Illinois Funds farm account and \$33122.65 in the Illinois Funds program account. Certificates of deposits are now held at Peoples \$40750.00 and Marion County Savings Bank for \$59689.07. Tom Beyers by motioned to accept the minutes, treasurer report and time sheets as presented. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the FY2009 fiscal year and the FY2010 budget. Tom Beyers reported about discussion on this during the AISWCD conference call.

Discussion was held about associate directors. Holsapple will call current associates that have not returned their confirmation letters.

The board discussed the new service center sign. Debbie Holsapple reported she had talked to 2 counties and the original artist and was not able to get any information on the design they used on their signs. Tony Antonacci will try to get bids using the design and base colors.

Burke Davies provided an update on the conservation practice program. Steve McConnaughay motioned to tentatively approve a contract with Brandon Phillips. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

The board discussed summer conference. Steve McConnaughay donated a framed picture for the AISWCD auction. Tom Beyers reported on the resolutions that will be presented at Summer Conference.

Chairman Duane Snow named the following committees:

Audit – Tom Beyers, Chairman, Ed Gerstenecker, Danny Fark

Personnel – Steve McConnaughay, Chairman, Duane Snow and Steve Jones.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to accrue and distribute any excess funding received from IDA as follows: Pay contract bonuses to employees; \$3500 for Ag Literacy; pay AISWCD dues, pay NACD dues, purchase soil tubes and show any remaining balance in the employee benefit account. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the past due finance charges and billing for Olan Copple. Steve Jones motioned to require Copple to pay the bill. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the FY2010 Plan of Work adding duties for the administrative coordinator to assist the Council #13 chairman. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Debbie Holsapple reported on a rain barrel grant she was interested in. She will bring more information to the July meeting.

Tom Beyers motioned to allow Holsapple to attend the All-Employee meeting in Altamont and the IAAP meeting in Springfield. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the RC \$134.86 and the AC \$28.11 for mileage expenses. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to tentatively approve the FY2010 budget. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District Conservationist Tony Antonacci provided the NRCS report as attached.

Associate Director Jack Holt shared some old pictures of Marion County with the board.

The next board meeting will be held on July 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve McConnaughay  
Secretary-Treasurer