

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2009***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met March 12, 2009 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Steve Jones, Tom Beyers, Steve McConnaughay, Ray Searby and Duane Snow. Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the agenda adding training needs inventory and Quickbooks purchase. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed its reorganization. Duane Snow nominated Tom Beyers as chairman. Tom Beyers declined the chairman position and nominated Duane Snow as chairman. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion, motioned to close nominations and to elect Snow by acclamation. Motion carried.

Steve Jones nominated Tom Beyers as vice-chairman. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Steve McConnaughay motioned to close nominations and to elect Beyers by acclamation. Motion carried.

Steve Jones nominated Steve McConnaughay as secretary-treasurer. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Tom Beyers motioned to close nominations and to elect McConnaughay by acclamation. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to approve the February minutes as changed. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the February treasurer report and the February employee time sheets. The February treasurer report reflected the following balances - \$25.00 in petty cash, \$5840.54 in the district operations account at Marion County Savings Bank, \$67222.20 in the Illinois Funds operations account, \$34669.64 in the Illinois Funds farm account and \$27763.92 in the Illinois Funds program account. Tom Beyers motioned to accept the treasurer report and time sheets as presented. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided an update on the conservation practice program. Currently, the district has 5 projects totaling \$15,111 with tentative approval and three more have been given to the NRCS SCT for design work.

The board reviewed the district's personnel, sexual harassment, FOIA, investment, capitalization policies and the ethics and signature resolutions. Steve McConnaughay motioned to change the personnel policy to reflect a 240 hour carryover on annual leave and to allow vacation to be used once it has accrued. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the "Producer Consent to Release Form." Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve adding district board members as authorized representatives. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided a report on potential buyers for the trux drill. He also reported that Tom Beyers will be helping him with the repair of the Great Plains drill.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to appoint Tom Beyers and Debbie Holsapple as key legislative contacts. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Jones motioned to approve the training needs inventory forms for Burke Davies and Debbie Holsapple. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to purchase Quickbooks 2009. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Searby provided a report on Post Oak Flat RC&D activities.

Burke Davies reported he will be taking John Scattergood on a field visit to GPICES. The board discussed possible changes to the GPICES bylaws. Both Beyers and Snow would be interested in serving on the GPICES board if needed.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the grant agreement with SWCD of Illinois Insurance Group Association for insurance administration. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to pay the AISWCD dues invoice as presented. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to purchase 6 \$10 gift cards from Wal-Mart for the winning Marion County team at the Envirothon competition. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to purchase fabric as requested by Davies. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the AC \$126.45 for mileage expenses, to pay the RC \$74.69 for mileage expenses and to pay the RC \$136.74 for ICCI work. Ray Searby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to cancel cooperator agreements with Frank Cicigoi and Stephen Phillips. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on April 09, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer