

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes –October 9, 2008***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met October 9, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Ken Heinzmann, Steve McConnaughay, Duane Snow, Tom Beyers and Steve Jones. 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 7:31 p.m. The agenda was reviewed and AISWCD Marketing Taskforce Survey was added.

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

The board then reviewed the September treasurer's report and employee time sheets. The September treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$6759.14 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$64126.28 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$26198.10 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$34572.09 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$.35 in the Illinois Fund Prime Account. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the treasurer report and employee timesheets. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow reported he was not sure about his attendance at the NACD Annual Meeting at this time.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to tentatively approve Kent Donoho's CPP application. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pursue enlarging the parking lot to the south. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

The board discussed the 2009 Annual Meeting. Debbie Holsapple will check with Marion County Fair board to see if February 19 or 26 would be open for the meeting. Steve McConnaughay motioned to name David Uchitjil as the chairman of the nominating committee with Ray Searby and Ed Gerstenecker as committee members. Bill Mathena will be asked to serve as an alternate. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to send the district employees to winter training and to pay per diem of \$85.75 to each employee. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Heinzmann arrived at 8:23 p.m. and assumed chairman duties.

Tom Beyers motioned to pay registration fees of \$40 for Burke Davies to attend the Southern Illinois Fertilizer and Pesticide Conference. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers motioned to pay the RC \$ 393.24 for mileage expenses. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to sell Burke Davies the Suzuki ATV and trailer for 119 hours of compensation/vacation time. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow reported about AISWCD quarterly boards. NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Troy Daniell reported at one of the sessions that directors were not properly handling local working groups. After discussion, a meeting for the Marion County LWG was set-up for November 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Steve McConnaughay motioned sell prairie plant seeds instead of prairie plants in 2009. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the AC \$134.55 for mileage expenses. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The NRCS Field Office report was distributed and reviewed.

Duane Snow motioned to cancel cooperator agreements with Randy Donoho and Ray Francois. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on November 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer