

*Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2006*

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met July 13, 2006 in the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present were Roger Meyer, Steve McConnaughay, Mac Garrett, Ken Heinzmann and Duane Snow. Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the agenda. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the June minutes, employee time sheets and Treasurer's reports as presented. The June treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$3087.85 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$66600.83 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$23472.28 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$31576.13 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Duane Snow motioned to approve the June minutes and to approve the June Treasurer's reports and employee time sheets as presented. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the FY 2006 overview. Duane Snow motioned to set aside \$3500 for the Ag Literacy coordinator position and to set aside \$9500 for the building fund. Ken Heinzmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to give Larry Thompson's CPP application tentative approval pending available funds. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the resolutions for summer conference.

Roger Meyer named the following committees:

Audit – Paul Chitwood, Chairman; James Gilliland and Ed Gerstenecker, Members and Leslie Britt, Alternate

Personnel – Ken Heinzmann, Chairman; Duane Snow and Steve McConnaughay. Ray Searby will be the associate representative.

The annual plan of work and budget ordinance will be reviewed at the August board meeting.

Ken Heinzmann motioned to change the cleaning fee to \$50. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to allow the district employees to assist with the Watershed Park on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mac Garrett motioned to approve paying IAAP \$75 for the AC's recertification and \$15 for the annual fees; to pay the district employee \$62 per diem and to pay \$135.81 to the RC for his July mileage.

Tony Antonacci reported that Post Oak Flats has canceled the forestry workshop and has applied for a grant to produce a forestry newsletter its members. Tony also recommended the board be prepared to obtain legal counsel for the Hesper CPP project which he notified the board and staff about by

email on July 10, 2006. The board asked district staff to forward his email and attached letter to IDA to see if they would be able to assist or provide this council. Antonacci also provided his written monthly DC report as attached.

The board discussed going into an executive session. Ken Heinzmann motioned to take a break and go into the executive session. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Tony Antonacci and Debbie Holsapple left the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion did not carry due to the lack of a roll call vote and further discussion regarding the open meetings act.

The board discussed NRCS contribution agreements and decided to talk with Bill Lewis about his opinion regarding a contribution agreement for Marion County SWCD at Summer Conference.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on August 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve McConnaughay  
Secretary-Treasurer