

*Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2006*

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met September 14, 2006 in the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present were Steve McConnaughay, Mac Garrett, Ken Heinzmann and Duane Snow. Ray Searby and Jack Holt, Associate Directors; Tony Antonacci, District Conservationist; Burke Davies, Resource Conservationist and Debbie Holsapple, Administrative Coordinator were also in attendance. Chairman Roger Meyer was absent.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Mac Garrett motioned to approve the agenda. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the August minutes, employee time sheets and Treasurer's reports as presented. Steve McConnaughay motioned to accept the minutes as changed. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. The August treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$12108.72 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$47134.50 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$21070.78 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$31849.46 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$64000.00 in the Peoples National Bank. Mac Garrett to approve the August Treasurer's reports and employee time sheets as presented. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to approve the FY2007 budget ordinance as amended. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow arrived and joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The board reviewed the Perry County FOIA policy. Steve McConnaughay motioned to amend this policy with Marion County's information. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board then discussed NRCS' FOIA policy and the information presented regarding the Hesel FOIA request. Duane Snow motioned to table further discussion on the policy until the next board meeting. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the LUC#13 by-law change response. A listing of possible topics for the LUC meetings will be prepared for Marion County to present during the next council meeting.

Steve McConnaughay motioned for the board chairman to sign a amended contract for insurance administration and to sign a new contract for the upcoming period. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies reviewed the status of the Conservation Practice Program and reported on the funding for FY2007. He also reported Perry Neel's pasture/hayland establishment and Dan Seidel's critical area had received authorizations to be paid.

Davies then reviewed the status of the 2 Upper Little Wabash Ecosystem Grants for GPICES. He is working with the U.S, Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to ensure compliance with applicable laws and easements.

The board reviewed the memo from AISWCD regarding salary recommendations. Duane Snow motioned to table discussion on this recommendation until the next board meeting. Debbie Holsapple will request the FY07 salary information for districts from the IDA. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The audit committee report was reviewed. The audit committee was requested by the AC and treasurer and is not required by the IDoA financial management program.

The board reviewed the fiscal responsibility report card. Holsapple reported a call was made to the Comptroller to clarify the ratio of fund balance to expenditures. The report showed a 215.53% ratio. The actual cash fund balance is considerably lower than reported because of the value of the District farm.

Steve McConnaughay motioned for one employee to participate with Mt. Vernon Teacher's Conference. Mac Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tony Antonacci reported on the Post Oak Flats RC&D activities. The RC&D will be moving to the Effingham Service Center when renovations are completed.

Tony Antonacci provided his DC report as attached. He also presented information on Southwestern Illinois RC&D's request for support of the Kaskaskia River Illinois Enhancement Program. Steve McConnaughay motioned to send a letter of support from the SWCD. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided his RC report as attached. Duane Snow motioned to purchase 2 bottle jacks. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried. Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the RC \$90.82 for mileage expenses. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the return of a computer from the Ag. Literacy Program but no action was taken. Davies also reported he had discussed selling plat books with the Marion County Extension office and he recommended not selling the plat books. Discussion was also held on the content of the advertisement for the plat book. Information on the SWCD rental equipment and programs will be provided in the advertisement.

Debbie Holsapple provided her AC report as attached. Steve McConnaughay motioned to allow the administrative coordinator to attend the October IAAP meeting if her schedule allowed it. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Duane Snow motioned to approve the payment of \$39.61 to the AC for mileage expenses. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The vice-chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on October 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay  
Secretary-Treasurer