

***Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2008***

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District met September 11, 2008 at the SWCD/NRCS office. Directors present included Ken Heinzmann, Steve McConnaughay, Duane Snow, Tom Beyers and Steve Jones. Ray Searby, Associate Director; Elliot Lagacy, IDA Regional Representative; 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 7:58 p.m. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.

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

The board then reviewed the August treasurer's report and employee time sheets. The August treasurer report reflected the following balances – \$5009.26 on deposit in the district's operations account at Marion County Savings; \$68265.00 on deposit in the Illinois Funds investment account; \$26501.65 on deposit in the Illinois Funds CPP program account; \$25.00 in the petty cash fund, \$34514.72 on deposit in the Illinois Funds farm investment account and \$753.21 in the Illinois Fund Prime Account. Tom Beyers motioned to approve the treasurer report and employee timesheets. Duane Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beyers reported he attended the Route 51 expansion meeting held in Vandalia. The environmental study is scheduled to be complete by 2012. The expansion will be a 70 mile four lane highway between Irvington and the Shelby/Christian county line.

The board discussed the NACD annual meeting. Since the registration was not available, this action item was tabled until the next meeting.

Duane Snow motioned to approve the amended FY09 budget as presented. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burke Davies provided an update on the CPP program. Letters from Bill Hesel and USDA were reviewed. Duane Snow motioned to cancel the CPP contract with Bill Hesel and to approve new contracts with Matt Pokojski and Foltz Farms. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

Steve McConnaughay motioned for Marion County to participate in the LUC booth at the Mt. Vernon's Teachers Conference. Tom Beyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane Snow motioned for Burke Davies to assist with the Tri-County, Jefferson County and Section 21 land use judging contests. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Searby reported that he attended the annual meeting of the Illinois RCD councils. Councils who were present reported on the wide variety of activities taking place in their organizations.

Tony Antonacci reported that the Civil Rights review was completed and provided a written report to the board. He recommended the board take actions to include minorities and women on committees and in panels for possible board members and associates. He reviewed his report as attached.

Burke Davies gave his report as attached.

Debbie Holsapple provided her report as attached. Holsapple reported the Ag Literacy board asked about the SWCD contribution. Steve McConnaughay motioned to pay the Ag Literacy contribution of \$3500 in November. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tom Beyers abstaining from the vote.

Duane Snow motioned to approve paying the RC \$ 60.84 and the AC \$144.14 for mileage expenses. Steve McConnaughay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elliot Lagacy reported that Winter Training was scheduled Dec 2nd and 3rd. Lagacy thanked the district for providing their required financial reports and internal control checklist early.

Steve McConnaughay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Steve Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on October 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA service center.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McConnaughay
Secretary-Treasurer