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Tom Lambert, Area II
Kenny Lovelace, Area III
Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV
Richard Hoelscher, Area V Alternate
Ben Gorden, Area VI
Dan Greeson, Area VII
Mike Kelley, Area VIII
David Dix, Treasurer
Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

J. R. Flores NRCS State Conservationist
Colleen Meredith, DNR Soil & Water
Bill Wilson, DNR Soil & Water Program
Clint Dalbom, MDC
Sandy Hutchison, Employees Assn. Pres.
David Hale, Area VI Alternate
Ryan Britt, Randolph SWCD
David Morris, Livingston SWCD
Steve Huber, Perry SWCD
Henry Heinze, Clark SWCD
Bill Hoy, Johnson SWCD

Not Present

George Engelbach, Area V
Fred Feldmann, Past President

President Steve Radcliff welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made around the room. Quorum established by roll call. No revisions to the agenda.

The minutes from the October 2, 2012 meeting were approved as printed and presented. Motion for approval made by Tom Lambert, Beverly Dometrorch seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

A treasurer report was given by David Dix. He stated one district has already paid 2013 dues. He reviewed with the Area Directors the districts in their areas that have not paid dues so they can handle their roll call and quorum for the Area Meetings on Monday morning. Bruce Biermann motioned to approve the treasurer report and file for audit. Kenny Lovelace seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

NRCS Report: J. R. Flores reported Chief White is retiring and an acting director will start next week. The agency is still under a continuing resolution with no official budget. He will give a full report at the Business Meeting on Tuesday.

Commission Report: Colleen Meredith stated there have been 5025 contracts for approximately \$20 million paid for the drought assistance and that there are still a few to be completed. The Commission Meeting is tomorrow (Monday).

Employee Association Report: Sandy Hutchison said the Employees Association Board had a meeting in October. They are 273 district employees currently, not all of them are state funded. There are 7 vacancies. Their association has 223 district employee members and 99 associate members. The speaker for their Business Meeting will be Connie Richmeyer from Kansas. Connie is the past president of the National District Employees Association.

MDC Report: Clint Dalbom reported it was a very successful deer season. There was some concern the numbers would be down due to the hemorrhagic disease, etc., but the number killed (204,000) was higher than the last 4 years for gun season. He stated the deer population in Missouri is estimated at 1.6 million. In response to a question Clint stated that the special hunt that has been for black powder in the past will now include other methods including atlatl (spear).

Old Business: The MDC incentive program for CRP will start December 1. There has been some misunderstanding of what has been said in promotion of this program. Since there is another MDC incentive which will be paid from MDC Private Lands Specialist's cost-share funds, there is confusion about which program is which and the rules for each. There will be a workshop on Tuesday which will hopefully clear up some of the confusion.

The MASWCD Area Meetings will be at 9:00 am on Monday morning. The agenda and information for the Area Directors was distributed to each of them including election information and ballots, and sign-in sheets. According to the registration all areas should have a quorum. Their packets also included a reminder about the \$25 attendance prize for a supervisor that attends the Area Meeting and the Business Meeting.

Each Area Director was also given a copy of the agenda for the conference and a list of their duties during the conference. Pre-registration shows attendance of 475. There have been no resolutions submitted for the Business Meeting, any resolutions to be discussed now will have to be submitted from the floor. Perry SWCD has indicated they do plan to bring one from the floor concerning matching grants for district owned equipment. A copy of the resolution was distributed to the Board.

The Speech Contest judges will be Doug Mertens from Monsanto, Dr. Terry Heiman former state FFA Director, and Lowell Mohler from the Litton Foundation. All 6 FFA districts will be participating in the contest.

All award recipients should be in attendance except maybe one poster winner.

The Board discussed who would emcee the Sunday night session and who would do the flag ceremony at the Opening Session. The Partner Forum will include MDC, Dept of Ag and Extension along with NRCS, DNR, MSWCDEA and MASWCD. A schedule of the workshops was included in the information given to the Board. The Board briefly reviewed the items for the Live Auction and the door prizes for the Closing Session.

New Business: The Board Reorganization meeting will be held Monday evening after the Live Auction in Steve Radcliff's room. The 2013 Education Seminar plans will be discussed by the new board after the Reorganization, as well as the upcoming NACD meetings in Chicago and San Antonio.

AREA Reports: None.

Correspondence: None.

Other Business: Since he has served the maximum term for President, Steve Radcliff thanked the Board for a good 4 years.

The next meeting will be the Reorganization Meeting and then the regular Board Meeting at the Education Seminar. Motion for adjournment made by Beverly Dometrorch, Kenny Lovelace seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

Steve Radcliff, President