



Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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Present

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Steve Radcliff, Past President
Bernard Chestnut, Area I Alternate
David Morris, Area II Alternate
Ryan Britt, Area III
Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV
George Engelbach, Area V
Ben Gorden, Area VI
Dan Greeson, Area VII
Mike Kelley, Area VIII
Henry Heinze, Treasurer
Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

J. R. Flores, NRCS State Conservationist
Colleen Meredith, DNR Soil & Water
Bill Wilson, DNR Soil & Water Program
Sandy Stratman, Employees Assn. Pres.
David Hale, Area VI Alternate
Bill Hoy, Johnson SWCD
Kathy Mansbridge, Butler SWCD
Sandy Beezley, Wayne SWCD
Irvin Mansbridge, Butler SWCD
Richard Hoelscher, Area 5 Alternate
Kathryn Braden, Taney SWCD

Not Present

Bruce Biermann, Area I
Tom Lambert, Area II

President Kenny Lovelace welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions were made around the room. Quorum established by roll call. No revisions to the agenda.

The minutes from the 9-9-2014 meeting were approved as printed and presented. Motion for approval made by Beverly Dometrorch, Dan Greeson seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

A treasurer report was given by Henry Heinze and Peggy Lemons. A copy of the report that will be presented at the Business Meeting was reviewed. The report includes the account that Henry has and the accounts in Jefferson City. Steve Radcliff made a motion to approve the report, George Engelbach seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

MDC Report: Clint Dalbom has retired and MDC has not yet named a replacement for him. There was no one in attendance from MDC.

NRCS Report: J.R. Flores stated the staff has been busy with CSP. There were over 1500 applications received. The original plan was to announce the approved RCPP proposals in November but that has now been hanged to January. 12 of the proposals submitted by Missouri were selected for a full proposal. J.R. Flores stated he sent a letter of support for 11 of those. He also explained the new Receipt for Service program that was effective December 1. He explained the purpose of this 2014 Farm Bill program is provide receipts to landowners for services they receive that is not part of an ongoing contract that provides the receipt.

Commission Report: Colleen Meredith reported the Commission meeting tomorrow will be informational due to no quorum of the Commission present. The actual Commission Meeting will be held December 18 during the Governor's Conference on Agriculture. She reported the rolling allocation for cost-share seems like it's working well. The Program Office and DNR did partner with others for several of the RCPP applications. There is an effort started with MU to reinvigorate the Soil Lab. Ms. Meredith stated they plan to make a documentary using some of the 30th anniversary panel. She stated for the panel they tried to get people from around the state. There are stars on the nametags of those that have been involved with districts for 20 years or more. They would like several of them to do interviews for the documentary also. George Engelbach asked about work load for the districts in light of the new FOSA structure and the shifting around of NRCS employees. Colleen and J. R. both explained the joint technician position that will be starting shortly. There will be 3 positions in each Area and there will be a work plan developed for the joint position. They are planning meetings with the boards involved. She stated they looked at the workload and office space available to decide where those positions would be housed. The district where the joint position is housed will be the district handling the payroll, etc.

Employee Association Report: Sandy Stratman reported that each of the Areas held elections this year and there are 2 new reps (Area 1 and Area 8). Area 3 does have a vacancy right now due to a resignation. There are 15 booths in the Trade Show. She said she still hears questions and concerns about the Plan for the Future especially the personnel part.

Old Business: The agenda for the conference was reviewed as well as the duties for the Board members. The number registered is about the same as last year. All speakers are confirmed. There have been a couple of changes since the programs were printed so signs will be posted indicating these changes. The Color Guard for the Opening Session is confirmed as well as the singer for the National Anthem. A \$25 gift card has been purchased for the singer, the Board discussed a donation to the Color Guard as well. A motion was made by Steve Radcliff to send them \$100. This was seconded by Beverly Dometrorch. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn. Then a motion was made y Mike Kelley to send \$25 per person up to \$150. Beverly Dometrorch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

New Business: The discussion on NACD Meeting attendance will be moved to after the reorganization of the Board. The State Fair Hay Award sponsorship was discussed. This has been sponsored for several years at \$50. A motion was made by Mike Kelley to sponsor in 2015 for \$75. Dan Greeson seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously (8-0).

AREA Reports: Area 1 – Bruce Biermann is not in attendance due to still harvesting, Bernard Chestnut, 2nd alternate for Area 1 attended in his place. He said the 1st alternate

was also still harvesting. Mr. Chestnut said that sometimes they have an issue with the landowner forgetting about the 10-year maintenance on the cost-share practices.

Area 2 – David Morris 1st Alternate attended for Tom Lambert. He said it has been a long drawn out harvest. He attended the Board Meeting in Harrison SWCD where they are having difficulty with the new terrace design program.

Area 3 – Ryan Britt stated the harvest in his area is just wrapping up. His county has a landowner issue that will be coming before the Commission. The Board did not change their mind so the landowner decided to appeal to the Commission. He stated they have staffing concerns. They have already had the meeting on the joint technical position and 2 boards have already agreed to the plan.

Area 4 – Beverly Dometorch said her area is doing pretty well trying to get caught up. She stated she attended the state Grassland Evaluation Contest and was quite impressed with the students and the contest.

Area 5 – George Engelbach said until last week he was concerned with the runoff levels, the pond levels are still down. Harvest is pretty well done, mostly the crops were good.

Area 6 – Ben Gorden stated he was one of the judges for the district speech contest this year. He attended the Employees Meeting for his Area. They mentioned concern about the state mileage rate that is set at 37 cents per mile which is quite a bit lower than the federal mileage rate and has not changed in several years. He said the membership for his area is still very low, he is not sure why. He said he is available to visit with the counties in his Area if they want him to. They did get some timely rains this year. He said there is concern about very marginal land being put in soybeans and insured, they are not sure how this works and why this is being done.

Area 7 – Dan Greeson said his area has plenty of hay and the rains have been pretty good. Cattle prices are good also.

Area 8 – Mike Kelley said he feels like a lot of the reason districts are not paying dues is because of new employees and board members. He said the ponds in his area are good. He asked about the reason behind the cost-share based on the joules of the fence chargers and stated some chargers don't state the number of joules on them.

Correspondence: None

Other Business: Kenny Lovelace discussed with the board a recent issue that developed about some images on the MASWCD web site. A couple of images in a power point presentation that had been given at a training a few years earlier were declared to be there unauthorized by the company Cartoon Stock. They requested the images be removed from the web site immediately and an amount of \$98.75 was due for the images having been posted on the web site. The power point was a presentation from a personnel workshop done by NRCS a few years ago and when discussed with NRCS they had no knowledge the images were unauthorized and did not realize there was a copy right issue. After discussing a motion was made by Steve Radcliff, seconded by George Engelbach to approve the payment of the fee for the unauthorized images. The motion passed with one no vote case by Ben Gorden (7-1).

The meeting was turned over to Kathryn Braden to begin the board reorganization. Ms. Braden asked for nominations for President. Mike Kelley nominated Kenny Lovelace. No other nominations were offered. All voted in favor of the nomination and Kenny was re-elected President. The meeting was then turned back over to Kenny Lovelace to continue the reorganization. He asked for nominations for 1st Vice President. Beverly Dometorch nominated David Morris. Mike Kelley nominated Bruce Biermann. By ballot vote, Bruce Biermann was elected 1st Vice President. Kenny Lovelace then asked for nominations for 2nd Vice President. Mike Kelley nominated Beverly Dometorch. Ben Gorden moved nominations cease and she be elected by acclamation. Dan Greeson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Kenny then asked for nominations for 3rd Vice President. Beverly Dometorch nominated David Morris. Mike Kelley nominated Dan Greeson. By ballot vote Dan Greeson was elected 3rd Vice President.

The Board discussed attendance at the upcoming NACD meetings in Chicago and New Orleans. It was decided Kenny Lovelace, Beverly Dometorch, Steve Radcliff and Peggy Lemons would attend the Chicago meeting. The New Orleans meeting will be attended by Kenny Lovelace, Beverly Dometorch, Steve Radcliff and Peggy Lemons. Sandy Stratman will also be attending from the Employees Association. The Corps of Engineers has not yet filled the vacant seat on the Missouri River Recovery Committee (MRRC) for which Bruce Biermann has been nominated.

The next meeting will be at the Education Seminar which will be late February or early March. The Board suggested trying to align the date of the Seminar with the Commission meeting in either February or March.

Motion for adjournment was made by Mike Kelley, seconded by Ryan Britt. Motion carried unanimously (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

Kenny Lovelace, President