

Minutes
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SOIL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
68th ANNUAL MEETING
TAN-TAR-A RESORT
OSAGE BEACH, MO
November 29, 2016

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was called to order by President Kenny Lovelace at 8:00 a.m. at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO. Guests in attendance were introduced.

Roll call: A quorum was established by voting card pickup and sign-in with 56 voting districts present.

Minutes: Motion was made by Boone County and seconded by Johnson County to approve the 2015 minutes as presented by email, posted on the Internet, and on screen. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for November 2015 to November 2016 was presented, copies were available. Internal audit was done Sunday night with no issues identified. Livingston County moved to approve the treasurer report and file for audit, seconded by Randolph County. Motion passed unanimously.

Partner Reports: Karen Brinkman, NRCS Assistant Conservationist for Partnerships gave congratulations for the recent passage of the parks and soils sales tax. She reported the NRCS Chief, Jason Weller, is in Missouri today touring a bobwhite initiative area in Montgomery County along with State Conservationist J. R. Flores. Last fiscal year NRCS was able to put \$72 million on the ground along with the help of the districts.

Colleen Meredith, DNR Soil & Water Program Director, also thanked the districts for their efforts on the passage of the sales tax. She stated there are current 25 shared technical positions in the state. She said that Bill Buckner from the Soil Health Institute is in Columbia today touring the Soil Health Lab. There have already been 900 soil samples this year from cover crop practices. Last year \$33 million was spent on cost-share practices and there has already been \$25 million obligated this year. The appropriation for this year is \$40 million. The summer intern program has been providing some of the applicants for district employee vacancies.

SOIL AND WATER RESOLUTIONS

Kenny Lovelace introduced Ben Gorden, Resolutions Chair, to handle the resolutions. Ben briefly reviewed the resolutions process and stated there were no resolutions passed at the 2015 meeting.

Resolution #1 was presented by Gasconade on increasing the per acre maximums for the DSP.2 and DSP.3 practices. Gasconade read the resolution and made a motion to

approve the resolution. Boone County seconded. No floor discussion. Vote – Yes – 48 / NO – 1. Resolution Passed.

Resolution #2 was presented by Lafayette on Supervisor expenses for the Training Conference. Lafayette read the resolution and made a motion to approve the resolution. Livingston County seconded. No floor discussion. Vote – Yes – 45 / NO – 4. Resolution Passed.

Resolution #3 was presented by Osage on stream bank erosion cost-share. Osage read the resolution and made a motion to approve the resolution. Callaway County seconded. In floor discussion it was noted that stream bank erosion is a state-wide problem. Jefferson County motioned to amend the resolution to strike mid-Missouri counties and say state-wide. Andrew County seconded. Vote on the amendment – Yes – 47 / No – 3. Vote on the resolution as amended – Yes – 47 / NO – 6. Resolution Passed.

Resolution #4 from Carter County on cost-sharing for the cost of a CNMP was withdrawn to recent action on this issue by the Soil & Water Commission.

Resolution #5 was presented by Andrew County on portable livestock shade in grazing systems. Andrew read the resolution and made the motion approve the resolution. Jefferson seconded. No floor discussion. Vote – Yes – 31 / No – 16. Motion passed.

Resolutions from the floor: Ben Gorden asked if there were any resolutions to be presented from the floor and reminded that it would take a 2/3 vote (38 votes) to approve bringing the resolution from the floor.

Resolution #6 was presented by Livingston on Area Meetings. Livingston made a motion to bring from the floor. Vote – Yes – 18 / NO – 8. Failed to receive 2/3 vote required to bring from the floor.

Resolution #7 was presented by Livingston on the MASWCD Area Director elections. Livingston made a motion to bring from the floor. Vote – Yes – 25 / NO – 7. Failed to receive 2/3 vote required to bring from the floor.

Resolution #8 was presented by Livingston on MOSWIMS updates. Livingston made a motion to bring from the floor. Vote – Yes – 36 / NO – 4. Failed to receive 2/3 vote required to bring from the floor.

Resolution #9 was presented by Chariton on cost-sharing for perimeter fencing in grazing systems. Chariton made a motion to bring from the floor. Vote – Yes – 14 / NO – 11. Failed to receive 2/3 vote required to bring from the floor.

Resolution #10 was presented by Boone on supplemental funding in the 04 fund for info/ed activities. Boone made a motion to bring from the floor. Vote – Yes – 39 / NO – 0. Boone motioned to approve the resolution, Holt seconded. Minimal floor discussion. Vote – Yes – 49 / No – 1. Resolution passed.

Whereas, the 19 Info/Ed Grant was removed and now Info/Ed expenses are to be taken from the 04 Administrative Grant, and

Whereas, previously the funding amount in the 19 Info/Ed Grant was based on the number of students within each county; and

Whereas, the funding for 04 Administrative Grant is now less for several counties than what was received in the past for 04 Administrative Grant and 19 Info/Ed Grant combined; and

Whereas, many districts implement, or are trying to implement more, Info/Ed activities, but are limited by the amount of funding received in the 04 Administrative Grant

Therefore, be it resolved: that MASWCD urge the Missouri Soil and Water Program Office and Commission to implement a supplemental disbursement program to increase 04 Administrative Grant funds for districts which request additional funds to continue and/or expand their Info/Ed activities.

Kenny Lovelace announced the resolutions just passed will be incorporated into the MASWCD policy. A motion to approve the policy was made by Jefferson County, Pike County seconded. No discussion, motion passed with no opposition.

Years of service pins were presented to supervisors serving 10 years or more.

Other Business: None

The new MASWCD Board of Directors was announced and recognition presented to retiring Directors Bruce Biermann, George Engelbrecht, Ben Gorden and Mike Kelley. The new board is as follows: Area 1 – Ron Willis, Andrew County / Area 2 – David Morris – Livingston County / Area 3 – Henry Heinze, Clark County / Area 4 – Beverly Dometrorch, Howard County / Area 5 – Derrick Cope, Montgomery County / Area 6 – Kathryn Braden, Taney County / Area 7 – Dan Greeson, Miller County / Area 8 – Kenny Spooler, Cape Girardeau County. Ryan Britt of Randolph County is the new MASWCD President.

Kenny Lovelace stated the Employees Meeting will start in this same room at 10:00 am. He thanked everyone for attending.

A motion was made by Washington County to adjourn, Monroe seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.