

MASWCD Conference Call

June 28, 2012

1:00 p.m.

Present

Steve Radcliff, President
Bruce Biermann, Area 1
Tom Lambert, Area 2
Kenny Lovelace, Area 3
Beverly Dometrorch, Area 4
George Engelbach, Area 5
Ben Gorden, Area 6
Dan Greeson, Area 7
Mike Kelley, Area 8
David Dix, Treasurer
Peggy Lemons, Executive Director
Sandy Hutchison, Employees Association

Not Present

Fred Feldmann, Past President

President Steve Radcliff opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and approved a quorum by roll call.

Discussion was held about the Area Meetings. Steve Radcliff reminded the Directors to get in touch with Bill Wilson about the location and date of their Area Meeting. Most said they had done that and mentioned the dates and locations they were looking at. Steve Radcliff also asked how many had gotten started on the election process. Each area needs a nominating committee. The Board then discussed the agenda for the Area Meeting. Steve Radcliff stated there should be a short legislative update, partner reports, possibly discussion on the survey results and a question and answer period.

Steve Radcliff gave an update on HB1949. It was only read twice. Several representatives have said they are interested in it, one plans to file it again next year. One suggestion that was given was to have a percentage of the Commission having SWCD experience instead of all Commissioners required to have SWCD experience. After discussion the board stated they could agree to a minimum of 4 Commissioners with SWCD experience.

Steve Radcliff then discussed the state statute reading that was given to the Commission as a result of the request submitted by Representative Cauthorn. It was noted that Chair Richard Fordyce submitted a request also, but that a representative's request receives higher priority and since the requests were similar, the response that was given to the Commission was an answer to the request from Representative Cauthorn. He stated that the wording read by Tim Dugan from the Attorney General's office was extremely confusing and did not seem to answer any of the questions on the authorities and roles of the Commission, DNR and the local Boards. He also stated that at the Training Conference last year he was given a name by an SWCD Board member of an attorney that the Missouri Cattlemen uses. It was suggested he might be able to provide a legal opinion on the roles and responsibilities of the Commission, DNR and local SWCD Boards than the one provided by the Attorney General's office. The attorney's name is Brent Haden from Columbia. In discussion with him, he estimated 10 hours of work and a cost of \$2,000.00 since his fee is \$200 per hour. George Engelbach stated that the only people who can request an opinion from the Attorney General are lawyers and state elected officials. He stated he feels that the only way to settle a difference of opinion on the roles and responsibilities is in court. Steve Radcliff suggested the report from the attorney should be given to a group

which would include MASWCD Board members, Commission members, and DNR Program Office representatives. Bruce Biermann made a motion to have MASWCD employ Mr. Haden for a proposed fee of \$2,000.00 with the Board discretion on approval of additional fees and future action. George Engelbach seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8-0) on a roll-call vote as follows: Bruce Biermann – yes; Tom Lambert – yes; Kenny Lovelace – yes; Beverly Dometrorch – yes; George Engelbach – yes; Ben Gorden – yes; Dan Greeson – yes; Mike Kelley – yes. Steve Radcliff directed the Board to develop questions for the attorney to answer and send the questions to Peggy Lemons by July 6 for her to forward to Mr. Haden. The date for the report from the attorney is desired to be on August following the State Technical Committee Meeting in Columbia. Peggy will check with Mr. Haden to see if that is possible.

The Board approved sending out the call for resolutions for the 2012 MASWCD business meeting at the Training Conference.

The Board discussed the Awards for 2012. After discussion Tom Lambert made a motion to continue with the awards the same as last year with nominations due by September 1. Kenny Lovelace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The theme for the 2012 FFA Speech Contest was discussed. Steve Radcliff said the Litton Foundation has approved funding for the speech contest for 3 years at \$1500 per year. Previously the theme used was the NACD stewardship theme. George Engelbach asked about using the dumping soil in the Missouri River from the Jameson Chutes. The need for resources for the topic was discussed and George Engelbach said the Clean Water Commission would have information on this topic. Steve Radcliff stated the stewardship theme for the coming year will be “Where Does Your Water Shed?” Bruce Biermann made a motion to use the watershed theme. Tom Lambert seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-1) with the roll call vote of: Bruce Biermann – yes; Tom Lambert – yes; Kenny Lovelace – yes; Beverly Dometrorch – yes; George Engelbach – no; Ben Gorden – yes; Dan Greeson – yes; Mike Kelley – yes. Steve Radcliff reminded the Directors that judges for the FFA District Speaking Contests will need to be lined up.

Information from Missouri Department of Conservation was received about a new incentive grant program that MASWCD could administer. Bruce Biermann motioned to approve participation with MDC on this new incentive program. Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8-0) as follows with roll call vote: Bruce Biermann – yes; Tom Lambert – yes; Kenny Lovelace – yes; Beverly Dometrorch – yes; George Engelbach – yes; Ben Gorden – yes; Dan Greeson – yes; Mike Kelley – yes.

Sandy Hutchison reported she had attended the mid-year NCDEA (National District Employees Association) meeting in Denver. John Larsen, new CEO of NACD was at the meeting. Sandy said she asked John Larsen about coming to the Training Conference and he told her he would have to look at his calendar. She said they talked about the NACD meeting in San Antonio next January. They are looking for people to present at meetings. Jim Boschert told her that they have never turned down employees attending the conference. Sandy said the NCDEA tours at the San Antonio meeting might include a winery tour and a glass bottom boat tour.

Steve Radcliff reminded the Board to start thinking about auction items for the Training Conference.

George Engelbach stated he had received a request from FSA to look into cleaning out sediment from ponds instead of rebuilding them. The current MASWCD policy states we support cost-sharing on cleaning out old ponds. George Engelbach made a motion to take the issue to the

Commission to ask for approving cost-share on cleaning or dredging out existing ponds to facilitate storm water management. Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote as follows: Bruce Biermann – yes; Tom Lambert – yes; Kenny Lovelace – yes; Beverly Dometrorch – yes; George Engelbach – yes; Ben Gorden – yes; Dan Greeson – yes; Mike Kelley – yes. Then Tom Lambert made a motion to request the maximum cost-share for ponds be increased to \$15,000.00 for construction or clean-out and approve pond sites anywhere that meets erosion criteria. Bruce Biermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote as follows: Bruce Biermann – yes; Tom Lambert – yes; Kenny Lovelace – yes; Beverly Dometrorch – yes; George Engelbach – yes; Ben Gorden – yes; Dan Greeson – yes; Mike Kelley – yes. The Board requested this be put into a formal letter to the Commission and DNR and send a copy of the letter to the districts.

Steve Radcliff stated that due to handling current business on today's call there will not be a need to meet on July 10.

Kenny Lovelace made the motion to end the conference call. It was seconded by Beverly Dometrorch. All were in favor with none opposed. There being no further business, the conference call adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lemons
Executive Director

Steve Radcliff
President