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Present

Ryan Britt, President
Kenny Lovelace, Past President
Ron Willis, Area I
David Morris, Area II
Scot Shively, Area III
Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV
Mike Haeffner, Area V
Dan Greeson, Area VII
Kenny Spooler, Area VIII
Henry Heinze, Area III Alt/Treasurer
Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

J. R. Flores, NRCS State Conservationist
Colleen Meredith, DNR Soil & Water Program
Melissa White, District Employees Assn.
Kelly Smith, Farm Bureau
Sandy Stratman, Maries SWCD

Not Present

Kathryn Braden, Area V

President Ryan Britt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum established. The agenda was approved as amended to move the Correspondence up before the Old Business. Motion for approval made by Scot Shively, seconded by Dan Greeson. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The minutes from the 6-25-19 meeting were presented for approval. Scot Shively made a motion to approve the minutes with a couple of grammatical corrections, Ron Willis seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

A financial report that shows the yearly income and expenses for the Jefferson City accounts from 2013 through 2019 was reviewed. Henry Heinze reported the balance in his account is about \$75,075. He also stated the CD's currently earn 1% interest and the bank has offered 2% interest for 15 months but it would be a ¼% interest penalty to change now. When the CD's are ready to renew Henry will check with the bank for the best interest offered. There was also a report of dues paid for the board. There are currently 101 districts that have paid their 2019 dues which is 89%. Ron Willis made a motion to accept the treasurer report and file it for audit. Scot Shively seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MDC Report: Brent Vandeloecht was unable to attend.

NRCS Report: J. R. Flores stated NRCS staff has been working to get their program obligations finished by the September 13 deadline. J.R stated he gave a presentation at the Governor's Flood Recovery Working Group on August 27th. They held public meetings in May on the USDA flood recovery programs available to counties listed in the April disaster declaration, mostly in northern Missouri. Requests for EWP support needed to be submitted by July 19, 2019. A second disaster declaration added more counties. A total of 122 sponsors have requested EWP assistance. A damage assessment is needed before any work can be approved on levee damage repair. Missouri requested and received a waiver of the 400 square mile drainage area restriction in EWP policy for levee repair. They are estimating \$26 million of eligible assistance. NRCS continues to provide assistance to the Little Otter Creek watershed and the East Locust Creek watershed. There will be \$300 million available this year for the RCCP program. Proposals are due by December 3, 2019.

Commission Report: Commissioner Kenny Lovelace stated the Commission increased the cost-share supplemental allocations to \$100,000 but will continue to watch the total obligations to see if that needs to be reduced. The Commission approved adding the bioreactor and saturated buffers to the list of eligible cost-share practices. They also passed funding a water quality study on the Lower Grand and hope to have a report on the progress on this at the Training Conference. He attended 2 of the Area Meetings. He stated the Commission has had several variance requests o cost-share but most seem due to new employees or landowners doing cost-share for the first time. Colleen Meredith stated that the Soil Health Assessment Center agreement with the Commission for their building is completed. The next Commission meeting will be October 9 in Northeast Missouri at Linneus. She expressed appreciation for the help with the Area Meetings. She stated the DN R budget process has started for 2021. The 3% salary increase will be effective January 1 and will be available to district employees through the progression line salary levels. Beverly Dometorch asked about funds for information/education projects. Ms. Meredith stated districts can use administrative funds for info/ed work now but there will probably not be any funds designated specifically for info/ed.

Farm Bureau: Kelly Smith stated that Farm Bureau was part of the Governor's flood task force also. There is still property covered by flood waters. There is a concern about not being able to get in to fix the levees. The Feral Hog study group held task force meetings across the state. They are trying to get an idea of the amount spent and the number of trappers from various agencies inv9olved in the feral hog trapping. He stated the total number of hogs in the state is hard to come up with so they have started with a survey in 2 counties (Iron and Barry) to try to figure out the numbers. Right now hog hunting is allowed on US Forest land and they are discussing whether to close hog hunting on the US Forest ground or not. Beverly Dometorch asked how cooperative bordering states are on working with us on the feral hog issue. Kelly Smith indicated a potential speaker for the Training Conference we might want to consider is Pat Guinan, State Climatologist at MU Extension, to talk about Missouri Climate Trends and the effect on agriculture and recognizing what changes may be needed in the management of farming due to the trends. Farm Bureau has been involved in the Food Beverage and Forest Products initiative of adding value to commodities, food for health and regional food systems.

Employees Association: Melissa White reported that the Employees Association held their meeting in June and their next meeting will be the end of September. The Area Reps

reported on membership, encouraged resolutions and award nominations and talked about their upcoming fleece jacket fund raiser at the recent Area Meetings. They are revamping their years of service awards and are currently looking for a new host server for their web page. They have started recognizing retiring employees. Their newsletter will include an employee spotlight. They are looking into ways to increase the benefit of being a member. Their board looks at the wage progression line and discusses ways to improve it.

Budget Committee: No report.

Bylaws Committee: No report.

Strategic Planning Committee: No report.

Correspondence: The Board discussed the letter from Sandy Stratman asking for support for travel expenses to attend the NACD National Meeting in Las Vegas. The past few years the Board has supported her travel up to \$2000 since NACD covers her registration in exchange for her helping with their live auction. Ron Willis made a motion to approve her travel this year up to \$2000. Dan Greeson seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Since Andrea McKeown is now the Missouri Envirothon representative and is on the NCF Envirothon Operating Committee, it is important for her to attend their meetings at the NACD National Meeting. The Board has supported Envirothon by supporting travel costs for the Missouri representative to attend these meetings. Beverly Dometorch made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for travel and registration for Andrea to attend the NACD meeting. Scot Shively seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Dan Greeson then made a motion to approve travel and registration expenses for Ryan Britt, Ron Willis and Peggy Lemons to attend the NACD National Meeting. Mike Haeffner seconded, motion carried (6-0) with Ron Willis abstaining. The Board also discussed applying for the scholarships available for attending the NACD meeting for the new Board members.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the recent Area Meetings. There was good attendance and seemed like everyone appreciated the presentation from the Program Operations Committee. The Board discussed what could be done in order to improve attendance by supervisors.

Election results: For the most part elections went very smooth. It was noted that the nominating committees need to be sure to send out ballots prior to the elections. Areas 1, 3 and 5 held elections and the current Area Director was re-elected. Area 7 had no nominees for the election, nor was there a quorum present at the Area Meeting for Area 7. Since ballots were not sent out to the Districts in Area 7 prior to the meeting there were no ballots brought to the meeting and without a quorum no nominations could be made at the meeting. The MASWCD bylaws state that if there are no nominees the MASWCD Board appoints the Area Director. Scot Shively made a motion to nominate David Hutsell of Wright County for Area 7 Director and Dan Greeson of Miller County as Alternate. Mike Haeffner seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) with Dan Greeson abstaining.

New Business:

The 2019 Training Conference plans were reviewed. It was suggested to move the Years of Service awards to the Area Meetings at the Conference. Dan Greeson made a motion to do this. There was no second so the motion died. Ron Willis suggested the Area Directors should contact those supervisors on the list to receive recognition for Years of Service and encourage them to attend the conference.

The registration was discussed. Since evaluations continue to reflect discontent from attendees having to pay for the banquet whether they attend or not, it was suggested to make that an optional cost and have registration be set at \$200 which will include Tuesday breakfast, Awards lunch, Tuesday evening reception and Wednesday breakfast. NRCS has requested the registration for their employees continue to include the banquet cost, so there will be a separate registration amount for NRCS set at \$240. There will be 9 NRCS employees that will be attending to present workshops but plan to stay overnight and attend the banquet and Tuesday breakfast. Ron Willis made a motion to allow these 9 NRCS employees to pay for the banquet and breakfast and waive registration since they are presenting for a total of \$60. David Morris seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolutions received were reviewed. Beverly Dometorch made a motion to accept the resolutions and submit to the Districts for their review before consideration at the Conference. Ron Willis seconded. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The schedule of workshops for the Training Conference was reviewed. The Board discussed the proposed changes by the Program Office. After discussion, a round of workshops on Tuesday at 4:30 was added to make up for the round cancelled on Monday at 1pm.

Award nominations were reviewed. Mike Haeffner moved to accept the decision of the board on the award winners for Educator, Cooperator and Hugh Hammond Bennett award. David Morris seconded, motion carried (5-0) with Beverly Dometorch and Ron Willis abstaining since their county had nominations being considered.

It was decided previously that the main auction item would be the Henry Golden Boy gun with engraving for the 75th Anniversary. The location of the engraving was discussed. It was decided to put the engraving on the stock so it could be removed if necessary at a later date. Ron Willis requested a letter similar to the letter the Board used in soliciting donations for the auction be sent to the Districts for auction donations.

Tours at the Conference this year will be of the Ameren Dam and Bridal Cave. The cost last year for the Ameren Dam tour was \$10 to cover the bus cost. There is a cost for the tour of the cave in addition to the bus cost. A motion was made by Ron Willis to set the Ameren Dam tour cost at \$10 and the Bridal Cave tour cost at \$25. Mike Haeffner seconded, motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Ryan Britt stated that he was interested in applying for the NACD Next Generation Leadership Initiative. There is a cost of \$1200 for this, however it does cover registration to a few of the upcoming NACD meetings. Ron Willis made a motion to support Ryan's nomination for the NGLI. Mike Haeffner seconded, motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Area Reports: Area 1: Ron Willis reported they have had plenty of rain, lots of levees need repair.

Area 2: David Morris reported they also have had plenty of rain, lots of hay, busy checking flood damage.

Area 3: Scot Shively had to leave early.

Area 4: Beverly Dometrorch reported it has been too wet to get hay done, offices have been busy with cover crops. She said Jackson County was able to get their info/ed program to the schools again through the help of volunteers.

Area 5: Mike Haeffner said they have had rain, it is muddy. Gasconade County will be holding a field day for 4th graders on October 2 & 3.

Area 6: No report.

Area 7: Dan Greeson had to leave early.

Area 8: Kenny Spooler reported his area has dried up, the river is back down and they are starting to shell corn. Normal rain for the year in his area is 36 inches and so far this year they have had 35 inches.

Other Business: A check recently sent to Benton County to help with Tina Dulaban's travel expenses for the NCF Envirothon has not been received. Benton County stated that there was a mail truck that burned about the same time they should have received the check. Beverly Dometrorch made a motion to send another check to Benton County. Kenny Lovelace seconded, motion carried unanimously (5-0).

The next meeting date will be Sunday, December 1 at the Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach starting at 2 pm. Motion for adjournment made by Ron Willis, seconded by David Morris. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

Ryan Britt, President