

## RESOLUTIONS

### 2003 Training Conference

#### Resolution #1 Audrain County

**Whereas**, the Area boundaries are set by MASWCD, and

**Whereas**, in some Areas the FOSA's are split between Areas which causes the District Conservationist to travel to more than one Area Meeting, and

**Whereas**, the Area Office for the District Conservationist serving Audrain County is in Area 3, and

**Whereas**, Audrain County has more in common with the counties in Area 3, such as large acreage of farmland verses pastureland and large cities;

**Therefore, be it resolved:** That the MASWCD Area boundaries be reorganized and allow Audrain County to move from Area 5 to Area 3.

***The vote on the resolution passed with 52 votes in favor and no opposing votes.***

#### Resolution #2 DeKalb County

**Whereas**, the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District makes the resolution to have cost-share for relief wells on existing conservation practices, and

**Whereas**, the current cost-share policy on DSL-44 does not address funding replacement components on existing systems, and

**Whereas**, the DeKalb County SWCD endorses the use of relief wells, commonly known as "Bubble-up Drains" as a current NRCS practice to cause drainage from agricultural land to be filtered by grass barriers before entering water of the "Great State of Missouri". It is recognized that this is an outstanding practice only recently adopted, but commonly used on many terrace projects as a nutrient and pesticide mitigation practice. However, as a

"new" practice many past terrace projects do not benefit from this important management technique;

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the DeKalb County SWCD recommends that the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts endorses this practice and recommends to the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission to allow this practice to be installed on existing tile outlet terrace systems where suitable grass filters are available.

***The vote on the resolution passed with 52 votes in favor and no opposing votes.***

### **Resolution #3 St. Francois County**

**Whereas**, the current Commission policy for the Planned Grazing System practice (DSP-3) states that applicants have a maximum of \$9000 and four-consecutive year period to make multiple applications dating from the initial claim, and

**Whereas**, the St. Francois County SWCD feels that if a landowner has not used the maximum dollar amount for this practice, they should not be penalized by the four-year limit;

**Therefore, be it resolved:** That the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts urge the Soil and Water Districts Commission to remove the four-year limitation on DSP-3 applications.

***The vote on the resolution failed with 4 votes in favor and 44 opposing votes.***

### **Resolution #4 Morgan County**

**Whereas**, the utilization of no-till farming causes minimal disturbance and damage to terraces, and

**Whereas**, the current NRCS guidelines require farming operations to be parallel to terraces in most regions of the state, and

**Whereas**, the Missouri state cost-share program rules require the use of NRCS specifications and guidelines;

**Therefore, be it resolved:** That the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts urge NRCS to revise their specification to exempt no-till farming from the requirements that all farming operations be conducted parallel to terraces.

***The vote on the resolution failed with 4 votes in favor and 48 opposing votes.***

### **Resolution #5 Gasconade County**

Gasconade County moved to bring this resolution from the floor and discuss it. This was seconded by Cole County. The vote was 49 votes in favor and 1 opposing vote, approved for discussion.

**Whereas,** Missouri Soil and Water Commission has had a pilot project to address streambank erosion using cedar tree revetments and rock revetments,

**Whereas,** gravel accretion and vegetation growing in the stream channel is an extreme problem in Missouri streams and causes the erosion of stream banks,

**Whereas,** streambank erosion was identified as the top priority in Gasconade County in the town hall meetings in 1996;

**Therefore, be it resolved:** that MASWCD urge the Missouri Soil and Water Commission and Missouri Department of Conservation to add to their streambank erosion guidelines the removal of gravel and obstructions from the existing stream channel to prevent stream bank erosion. Further, this material can be used to repair the eroded streambanks greatly reducing the material costs of those projects.

***The vote on the resolution passed with 53 votes in favor, no opposing votes.***

**BY LAW AMENDMENTS**

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**Amendment #1 MASWCD**

**Whereas**, the current Missouri Association of Conservation District's by-laws state: The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Secretary to serve under the direction of the Board;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved:** That the Missouri Association of Conservation District's by-laws be revised to change the title of Executive Secretary to Executive Director.

**AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS**

**Article VI -- Board of Directors -**

**Officers - Organization Units**

**Section 2: Officers of the Association.**

**Executive Secretary.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive [Secretary] **Director** to serve under the direction of the Board.

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***The vote on the by-law amendment passed with 62 votes in favor and no opposing votes.***