

RESOLUTIONS

December 2005 Training Conference

Resolution #1

Lafayette/Audrain/Benton/Caldwell/Pemiscot/Cooper/Saline/Ray/ Barton/Livingston/Gasconade Counties

Whereas, the annual cost of district operations (postage, office supplies, educational material, employee compensation) continues to increase, and

Whereas, this growing cost continuously impacts the district annual budget and effectiveness of which the district can operate, and

Whereas, the annual district assistance grant to districts remain the same unless an expansion grant is approved on an average of 3 to 5 year basis, and

Whereas, the Commission has shown their support for districts in recommendations contained within the Commission's funded research project by Dr. Sandy Rikoon;

Therefore, be it resolved: that the above listed County SWCD's proposes that the MASWCD discuss and give consideration to presenting to the Commission a change in the current method of allocating funds to the district assistance grants to districts. We propose the district assistance grant should increase annually at the same growth rate of the Parks and Soils Tax, rather than the 3 to 5 year expansion grant method currently used. Example: district receiving \$44,000 with a Tax growth 2.1 percent. A district would receive \$924 in additional district assistance grant funds. This annual increase would allow the districts more stability in the annual budget planning process.

Resolution Passed

Resolution #2 **Marion County**

Whereas, the PL-566 Small Watershed Program has been a valuable tool for local interests to install comprehensive plans to protect Missouri soil and water resources for the past 50 years, and

Whereas, over 30 Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Districts are co-sponsors of Watershed Plans and have been instrumental in forming many Watershed Districts, and

Whereas, the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Districts has been a strong supporter of the program, and

Whereas, many other watershed areas in Missouri could benefit from participating in this program to resolve existing watershed problems, and

Whereas, funding is severely limiting the use of the program,

Therefore, be it resolved: that the Missouri Association of Soil and Water conservation Districts continue to support the PL-566 Small Watershed Program as they consult with the National Association of Conservation Districts and officials of state and federal government.

Resolution Passed

Resolution #3 Moniteau County

Whereas, the Moniteau County Soil and Water Conservation District presents the resolution to change the election process of supervisors, and

Whereas, the current election policy is on a 2-year election basis for a 4-year term to be changed to an annual election basis for a 4-year term, and

Whereas, the Moniteau County SWCD endorses the implementation of this resolution so as to retain a quorum of supervisors with experience and knowledge;

Therefore, be it resolved: that the Moniteau County SWCD recommends that the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts endorses this policy and recommends to the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission to allow this policy to be effective at the next election of supervisors for the districts.

Resolution Failed

**By Law Amendment #1
Proposed Amendment to By-Laws
Submitted by
MASWCD**

Amended MASWCD Constitution and By-Laws - Article V, Section 1A and Article VII, Section 4E

Article V -- Meetings - Qualifications - Quorum

Section 1: Meetings.

A. Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the members of this Association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors of the Association. The Directors shall send or have sent written notice to all members at least 10 days prior to the date set. Notice shall state time and place and shall include notice of special business that is to be presented over and above the ordinary or regular business. Resolutions to be brought before the Annual Meeting must be sent to

the **[Resolutions Chairman] MASWCD office** before the Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Resolutions not submitted prior to that Board Meeting must be brought before the voting delegates in writing and receive a two-thirds majority of voting delegates present in order to bring the resolution to the floor for discussion.

**Article VII -- Eligibility - Term of Office -
Compensation - Duties**

Section 4: Duties.

E. Duties of the Resolution Chairman: The Board of Directors shall provide a resolution process enabling the membership to express opinions and concerns. The President shall appoint a Resolution Chairman who will review all resolutions with a **Resolutions [c]Committee [consisting of a member from each Area]**.

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Amendment Passed

**By Law Amendment #2
Proposed Amendment to By-Laws
Submitted by
MASWCD**

Amended MASWCD Constitution and By-Laws - Article IV, Section 2; Article VI, Section 2A; Article VII, Section 2A and Section 4B-E

Article IV -- Authority - Power - Place of Business - Membership - Dues

Section 2: Power.

The State Association shall have power to employ such personnel and to acquire and own such supplies, equipment, and properties as may be necessary for carrying out the objectives of the Association. The Association shall represent the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the State of Missouri and shall **[designate] elect** a board member and alternate to the National Association of Conservation Districts. The Association shall have the power to enter into agreement with interested groups and agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of the organization.

**Article VI -- Board of Directors -
Officers - Organization Units**

Section 2: Officers of the Association.

The Officers of the Board of Directors shall serve as the Officers of the State Association. The President [for the past year] shall call the elected Directors together at the Annual Meeting [to elect the President of the new Board] for the election of the Vice-Presidents in even number years, and the election of President-elect in odd number years. The [new] President [presiding] then completes the organization [of officers by electing a first, Second, and Third Vice President, and] by appointing a Treasurer[.], [The President appoints the] committee chairmen and the advisory members. At [this] the end of [Board meeting, during] the even-number year Annual Meeting, the [Director] President-elect who [is elected] becomes President shall be succeeded immediately by his/her First Alternate for the Area. The decision of the Board of Directors as to the policies and activities of the Association shall be final and a report thereof given to the Annual Meeting.

A. President-elect: At the end of the first year of the President's term, the Board of Directors shall, by majority ballot vote, decide whether to retain the First Vice President as President-elect or to reject the First Vice President as President-elect.

B. In the event the Board of Directors decides to retain the First Vice President as President-elect, then the person so selected shall serve one year concurrently as First Vice President and as President-elect and shall, at the end of such year, become the President of the Association for a two-year term.

C. In the event the Board of Directors decides to reject the First Vice President as President-elect, then they shall, following the procedures described in Article 6 Section 2, elect a person to serve as President-elect for one year, and the person so elected shall, at the end of that year, become President of the Association for a two-year term.

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

Article VII -- Eligibility - Term of Office - Compensation - Duties

Section 2: Term of Office.

A. President: The term of the President shall be for [one] two [(1)] (2) years, and the person so elected shall not be elected to a successive term in that office. [He or she is eligible for election to four (4) consecutive one-year terms.] The Vice Presidents shall be elected bi-annually. Should the [Vice] President-elect be appointed to complete an unexpired year as President, he or she is eligible for election for [four] one [(4)] (1) [one] two-year term[s]. Newly-elected officers and Directors of the Association shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and Conference activities.

Section 4: Duties.

B. Duties of the President-elect: The purpose of creating the office of President-elect is to provide for an expedient continuation of the Association's affairs upon the completion of the President's term of office. The President-elect shall also have the powers, privileges and duties of Vice President.

[B] **C. Duties of the Vice President:** The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in their order of seniority when the President is absent or unable to serve.

D. Duties of the Past President: The Past President shall act in an advisory role to the President during the President's term.

[C] **E. Incapacity of Officers:** Should any officer of the Association become incapacitated, the State Association Board shall have the authority to declare the office vacant and appoint an Officer pro tem to carry out the duties of the office until the next Annual Meeting.

[D] **F. Duties of the Area Directors:** It shall be a duty of the Board of Directors to periodically review the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.

[E] **G. Duties of the Resolution Chairman:** The Board of Directors shall provide a resolution process enabling the membership to express opinions and concerns. The President shall appoint a Resolution Chairman who will review all resolutions with a Resolutions Committee.

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