



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

**MINUTES
MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
August 12, 2010**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Dan Devlin, Richard Fordyce, and Gary Vandiver

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: DEAN THOMAS PAYNE, UNIV. OF MISSOURI: Dave Baker; JON HAGLER, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE: Judy Grundler

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM: Bryan Hopkins; NRCS VIA TELEPHONE: J. R. Flores

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chrisi Armbruster, Milt Barr, Kurt Boeckmann, April Brandt, David Goggins, Jim Plassmeyer, Alice Schultz, Ken Struempf, Bill Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: DISTRICTS: COLE: Peggy Lemons; GASCONADE: Ron Hardecke, Diana Mayfield; HOWARD: Beverly Dometorch; JEFFERSON: George Engelbach; STATE OF MISSOURI: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: Tim Duggan; OTHERS: NRCS: Dick Purcell

NOTE: The following is a general summary of the information presented at the commission meeting. For specific information on commission proceedings, please refer to the digital audio recording.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Fordyce called the meeting to order at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri in the Gosling Lake Conference Room at 11:04am.

A roll call was taken of persons attending the meeting via the telephone.

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B. REVIEW/EVALUATION – District Operations Section

1. Supervisor Appointments

a. Randolph Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Kathryn Braden made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Randolph SWCD Board of Supervisors to appoint Ryan Britt. Gary Vandiver seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken. Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Gary Vandiver, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and no votes opposed.

b. Morgan SWCD

Kathryn Braden made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Morgan SWCD Board of Supervisors to appoint Rita Bellich. Gary Vandiver seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken. Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Gary Vandiver, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and no votes opposed.

2. Requests – Gasconade SWCD – Request Additional 25 Percent Incentive for Streambank Stabilization Practices funded through Federal Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

Bryan Hopkins summarized the issue for the commissioners. He reported that the Gasconade SWCD was under a timeline and was asking for 25 percent cost-share from the state program and 75 percent would come from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for 100 percent. Mr. Hopkins stated that the cost-share rules were definite that there could not be any combination or single entity that would provide more than a 75 percent incentive rate. This was done because it was felt that the landowner needed to have some level of investment. He stated that legal counsel agreed with program staff that regular cost-share could not exceed the 75 percent incentive.

Kathryn Braden pointed out that the commission had approved funds to be used for paying for a monitoring system that the landowners would have to have. Mr. Hopkins stated that the support for that effort was not coming through regular cost-share. Dick Purcell pointed out that there were no monitoring requirements under CCPI.

Ron Hardecke, a supervisor from Gasconade SWCD, informed the commission that the goal of the board was to do the best they could for the landowner. Gasconade SWCD and NRCS were congratulated by members of the commission on this program.

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J. R. Flores stated that the district had put a cap of \$20,000 on the amount of cost-share NRCS could provide. He reported that there would be an option to request additional funding next year. He recommended that the district raise the limit of \$20,000 per stream bank practice in Fiscal Year 2011 (FY2011).

Bryan Hopkins stated that the statutory language states that a combination of State and Federal cost-share cannot be above 75 percent of approved costs. He did say that state cost-share funds could not be used to supplement the projects beyond the 75 percent incentive rate.

Kathryn Braden made a motion that the current policy be maintained. She also directed program staff to research any assistance that could be given to the landowners following the current policy and rules. Gary Vandiver seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken. Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Dan Devlin, Gary Vandiver, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion. There were no votes opposing the motion.

Chairman Richard Fordyce commended Gasconade SWCD on their initiative to apply and receive the CCPI Grant. He felt that these types of partnership were critical to moving forward with soil conservation and water quality. He said that he did not advise opening the rule in order to change the 75 percent maximum cost-share language. However, he asked that future commissioners and program staff keep this issue in mind should there be an opportunity to look into it again in the future.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

In response to a question from George Engelbach from Jefferson County, Richard Fordyce said that the commissioners had not received a DVD of the streambank summit that was held in Jefferson County with J. R. Flores, the Department of Natural Resources, AmerenUE, and others. Mr. Engelbach said that he would see that the commissioners received a copy.

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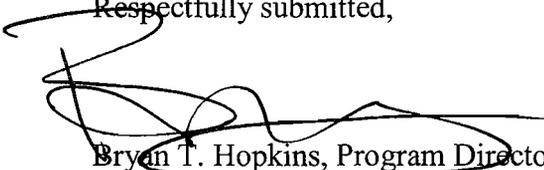
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D. ADJOURNMENT

Gary Vandiver made a motion to adjourn. Dan Devlin seconded the motion. When polled, Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Dan Devlin, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion with no votes opposed. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan T. Hopkins, Program Director
Soil and Water Conservation Program

Approved by:



Richard Fordyce, Chairman
Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission

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