



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

**MINUTES
MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: JON HAGLER, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE: Judy Grundler; BOB ZIEHMER, DEPT. OF CONSERVATION: Clint Dalbom

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM: Acting Program Director Colleen Meredith and Flood Coordinator Bryan Hopkins

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chrisi Armbruster, Jim Boschert, April Brandt, Kerry Cordray, Katy Holmer, Theresa Mueller, Jim Plassmeyer, Ken Struempf, Cody Tebbenkamp, Colette Weckenborg, Bill Wilson

OTHERS VIA TELEPHONE: BUTLER: Carol Frazier; COLE: Peggy Lemons; MARIES: Sandy Hutchison; MASWCD: Bev Dometrorch

ADVISORY MEMBERS VIA TELEPHON: NRCS: Drenda Williams; MASWCD: Steve Radcliff

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Jennifer Pellett, Hudson Peters

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Fordyce called the meeting to order at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, in Jefferson City, MO, in the Gasconade Camp Conference room at 10:30 am.

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Roll call was taken and the following commissioners were present via the telephone: Charles Ausfahl, Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Richard Fordyce and Gary Vandiver.

Colleen Meredith informed the commission of the new program secretary starting September 26, 2011. In addition, Bill Wilson and she will be attending the National Association of State Conservation Agency conference held in Ohio, September 12-15, 2011.

B. NATURAL DISASTER COST SHARE ALLOCATION

Ken Struempf presented the Natural Disaster Cost-Share allocation report to the commission. He informed the commission that only seven districts had responded to the request and that the September 1, 2011 deadline will need to be extended to early November. Listed are the seven districts responses; Dunkin \$50,557.00, Mississippi \$809,000.00, New Madrid \$119,288.00, Scott \$1,050.00, Lincoln \$7,503.00, Morgan \$3,253.00, and Knox \$11,000.00. The total estimated cost reported on Natural Disaster Cost-Share Damage Assessment is \$342,653.00.

Mr. Struempf stated the staff recommendation is to provide districts with requested funding as stated on the Natural Disaster Cost-Share Damage Assessment once the district reaches 70 percent threshold of obligated and pending funds in that resource concern. He also stated that the threshold percentage may be reduced depending upon review of resource concern obligations. Bryan Hopkins stated this is a long-term process. He stated the current report does not address all issues. Mr. Hopkins also stated it is important to be clear what the disaster related projects are for future reporting. After discussion, Thomas Bradley moved to approve staff recommendation. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When polled, Charles Ausfahl, Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Gary Vandiver, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. SUPPLEMENTAL COST-SHARE ALLOCATION STRATEGY

Ken Struempf presented the Supplemental Cost-Share Allocation Strategy report to the commission. The goals are to allow the commission to place funding where districts have utilized a substantial portion of their regular allocation to address natural disasters. This process will provide an allocation early in the fiscal year to allow districts/landowners to complete the practices and allow the commission to maintain statewide goals. This method should utilize the full appropriation authority and provide additional funding to districts that utilized a substantial portion of their original allocation. Next, Mr. Struempf covered the objectives, strategy, and implementation to be used for providing the districts with additional allocations up to a maximum of \$5,000,000. He stated that much of this funding will be for the districts to respond to natural disasters and this would bring the total allocation for cost-share for FY12 to \$27,000,000. He stated that MoSWIMS would be used to manage the spending authority within the resource concerns in order to remain in a positive revenue/expenditure balance.

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Mr. Struempf stated the recommendation for commission consideration is to provide additional allocations to the districts based upon the goals and strategy and to encourage the Department to seek additional funds from the Cost-Share Mitigation Fund if expenditure projections for the Cost-Share Program near the \$24,000,000 appropriation.

Kathryn Braden voiced her concerns during extensive discussion on the process of funding the districts. She was in agreement with how the Department funded the districts in the past. However, she had reservations regarding the advancement of funds at this time because she felt it would entail taking next years funds for current issues. After clarification/discussion on funding, Gary Vandiver moved to approve the staff recommendation. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When polled, Charles Ausfahl, Thomas Bradley, Gary Vandiver and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and Kathryn Braden voted against the motion. The motion carried.

D. HOLT SWCD LANDOWNER APPEALS UPDATE

Ken Struempf presented an update to the commissioners on a Holt SWCD landowner appeals. He stated the Department is working closely with the NRCS and the Holt SWCD Board. He stated there is a meeting set for the end of September with NRCS for more discussion on the issues. He asked the Commission if there is additional information needed to help them make a decision on this issue. These issues will be brought back to the Commission at the November meeting. As additional information is received, it will be forwarded to the Commission prior to the November 28th meeting.

E. ADJOURNMENT

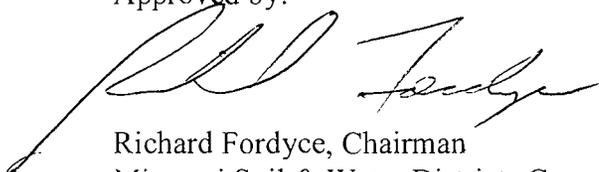
Thomas Bradley moved the meeting be adjourned. Kathryn Braden seconded the motion. When polled, Charles Ausfahl, Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Richard Fordyce, and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Meredith, Acting Program Director
Soil and Water Conservation Program

Approved by:



Richard Fordyce, Chairman
Missouri Soil & Water Districts Commission

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