Missouri Department of Natural Resources

AGENDA
Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission
Bennett Springs/Roaring River Room
1730 East Elm Street
Jefferson City, Missouri
March 21, 2014
9:00 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
1. December 16, 2013

C. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

D. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
1. Department of Natural Resources 40th Anniversary

E. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
1. Staff Updates
2. FY 2014 Cost-Share/SALT Fund Status
3. FY14 / FY15 Budget Updates
4 Plan for the Future Update
5. Missouri State Parks Update

F. REQUESTS/REVIEW
(If a supervisor request is received in advance of meeting, it may be presented to the commission at that meeting.)

1. Supervisor Appointments
   a. Taney SWCD
   b. Webster SWCD

2. Webster SWCD - Fick, Grazing System Policy Maintenance Violation

3. Jasper SWCD - Dawson, DSP-02 Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement Maintenance Violation

4. Pulaski SWCD - Variance Request for DSL-01 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment impacted by flooding

G. APPEALS
1. Lafayette SWCD - Landowner Appeal for Practice Started Prior to Contract Approval

H. REPORTS
1. University of Missouri
2. Department of Conservation

3. Department of Agriculture
4. Natural Resources Conservation Service
5. Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. **Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Districts Employees Association** - Sharing the Vision Presentation

J. SUGGESTED DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETING(S)

May 21, 2014

K. ADJOURNMENT

Those wishing to address the commission on any of the above issues need to contact a program staff member, Christa Moody or sign up on the comment card at the commission meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, special accommodation needs, or would like a copy of any material provided at the commission meeting, please contact Christa Moody at 573-751-1172.

Soil & Water Districts Commission may go into closed session at this meeting if such action is approved by a majority vote of the commission members who constitute a quorum to discuss legal, confidential, or privileged matters under § 610.021(1), RSMo 2000; personnel actions under §610.021(3); personnel records or applications under §610.021(13), records under § 610.021(14), or audit issues under § 610.021(17), which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

MINUTES
MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION
Tan Tar A
Salon B
Osage Beach, Missouri
December 16 2013

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann, Gary Vandiver and Richard Fordyce

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: **HARRY BOZOIAN, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE:** Harry Bozoian, Judy Grundler; **BOB ZIEHMER, DEPT. OF CONSERVATION:** Scott Roy; **SARA PARKER PAULEY, DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** Joe Engeln

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM:** Colleen Meredith; **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**: Tim Duggan; **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS):** J.R. Flores, Dick Purcell; **MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISITRICTS (MASWCD):** Kenny Lovelace

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Christa Moody, James Plassmeyer, Ken Struemph, Bill Wilson, Colette Weckenborg, Theresa Mueller, Alan Freeman, April Brandt, Jim Boschert, Allan Clarke, Matt Elliott, Cindy Thompson, Jennifer Pellett, Josh Poynor, Jeremy Redden, Cody Tebbenkamp, Steve Walker, Marisa Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: **DISTRICTS: Audrain:** Bruce Wilson; **Barton:** Ed Weaver, Karen Cleveland; **Bates:** Brad Powell, Dillion Franklin; **Benton:** Tina Dulaban, Jamie Henderson, Larry W. Nelson, Jim Freeburger, Gene Schmitz; **Bollinger:** Megan Baker, Beth Eeftink, Ronald Reagan, Mike Kester; **Boone:** Cindy Bowne, Jeff DeShon, Kevin Monckton; **Buchanan:** Cara Hanway, Bernard Chestnut; **Butler:** Cathy Mansbridge, Zane Clark; **Callaway:** Mark Smart, Carl Linnenbringer; **Camden:** Connie Luttrell, Earnest Calvert, Roberta Woodall; **Cass:** Jamie Bokern, Janice Fogle; **Cedar:** Stephanie Auffert; **Christian:** John Stratmann; **Clark:** Henry Heinze, Lee Suter; **Dallas:** Tony Rosen, Matt Hale; **Davies:** Susan Heldenbrand, Tom Lambert; **DeKalb:** Jeff Lee, Jim Carlson; **Franklin:** Stephen Sparks; **Gasconade:** Matthew Estes; Mike Haeffner, Kory Hubbard; **Gentry:** John Derks; **Grundy:** David Dudley, John Rice, Scott Roy; **Harrison:** Pat Lambert; **Holt:** Bruce Biermann; **Howell:** Regan Hughston, Chad Menz; **Iron:** Ralph Trask; **Jackson:** John Campbell, Rick Pearson; **Jefferson:** George Engelbach; **Lafayette:** Susie Struchtemeyer; **Lawrence:** Paula Champion, Harold Lampe: **Lewis:** Audrey Rayl; **Lincoln:** Janice Cragen, Jerry Weinrich, Ed Scott; **Linn:** Samantha McCoy; **Livingston:** David

Morris, Larry Davies; **Madison:** J.C. Shetley; **Marion:** Zach Rasche; **Miller:** Dan Greeson, Bonnie Pryor, Taylor Rodden; **Montgomery:** Bob Ridgley, Ann Whitehead, Brenda VanBooven; **New Madrid:** Emily Wilson; **Nodaway:** Fred Stevens; **Osage:** Colby Nilges; **Ozark:** Melissa Myers; **Perry:** Karen Lukefahr, LaVern Taylor; **Pike:** Debbie Scherder; **Polk:** Vicky Fieth, Ben Gorden, David Hale, Richard McConnell; **Putnam:** Sandra Buckler; **Randolph:** John Kirchhoff, Andrea McKeown, Darrell Darst; **Ray:** Jerry Taylor, Kim Williamson; **Ripley:** Michael Thornton; **Scott:** Kay Wilson; **St. Charles:** Frankie Coleman, Charles Perkins; **St. Francois:** Vincent Kauflin; **Stone:** Melissa White; **Sullivan:** Shelly Swank; **Texas:** Kaven Keller; **Washington:** Tiffany Woods, Shirley Turnbough, Martin Strauser; **Webster:** Robert Montgomery; **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** Kurt Boeckmann, Larry Archer; **MISSOURI FARM BUREAU**: Kelly Smith; **MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS EMPOLYEES ASSOCIATION (MSWCDEA)**: Sandy Stratman; **MASWCD:** Beverly Dometrorch; **MISSOURI LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (MLICA):** Jeff Lance, **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI:** Craig Roberts, Robert Kallenbach; **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS):** Karen Brinkman; **OTHER:** Darrick Steen

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Fordyce called the meeting to order in Osage Beach, Missouri, Tan Tar A at 1:09 p.m. Roll was taken. Charles Ausfahl was absent; Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann, Gary Vandiver and Richard Fordyce were present, which made a quorum.

B. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. October 30, 2013

Thomas Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2013 Commission meeting. H. Ralph Gaw seconded the motion. When asked by the chair, , , Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann, Gary Vandiver and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Richard Fordyce formally recognized Kathryn Braden for her service on the Commission. Chairman Fordyce presented a plaque that will be given to Kathrine in recognition of her years of service and outstanding leadership from May 2, 2005 to January 2, 2013. Kathryn Braden was unable to attend the conference.

Richard Fordyce introduced Harry Bozoian, Acting Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Harry Bozoian thanked the Soil and Water Districts Conservation (Commission) and stated he has been involved with the Soil and Water Conservation Program (Program) for many years. Mr. Bozoian also stated the Program is a great program with a Commission that does a wonderful job along with the staff. He stated that the Department of Agriculture has worked closely with the Department of Natural Resources and other conservation partners on several projects, and that he looks forward to continuing to work together.

D. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

4. FY14 Cost-Share/AgNPS SALT Fund Status

April Brandt presented the Fiscal Year 14 (FY14) Cost-Share/AgNPS SALT fund status. As of December 12, 2013, the FY14 Cost-Share fund status shows $29,702,559 allocated with 59 percent of that amount, or $17,529,492 obligated. Of the $17, 529,492 obligated, almost $13,000,000 is obligated in the Sheet and Rill/Gully Erosion resource concern, which has the highest obligated funds at 67 percent. Animal Waste Management and Sensitive Areas have the lowest obligated funds at 34 percent. To date, a total of $7,727,964 has been paid.

The FY14 SALT Cost-Share, as of December 12, 2013, has $1,090,557 allocated to 20 projects with 47 percent of that amount, or $517,718 obligated. To date, a total of $266,832 has been paid.

5. FY14 Supplemental Cost-Share Allocations

Alan Freeman presented the FY14 Supplemental Cost-Share Allocations. The first allocation was based on 70 percent obligated plus pending cost-share contracts at the close of business on Friday, November 8, 2013. The second supplemental allocation will be based on 80 percent obligated cost-share contracts at the close of business on Friday, December 13, 2013.

Districts meeting the 80 percent threshold, in any resource concern, received at least the supplement resource minimum. In some instances, districts received 100 percent of their FY14 Needs Assessment for that resource concern.

Based on these criteria, 39 districts qualify for a second supplemental allocation totaling $1,301,575 as of December 12, 2013. The allocated funds will be monitored by MoSWIMS in order to manage the obligations for full use of the $27,700,000 appropriation.

After discussion, Gary Vandiver made a motion to concur and allocate the second round of supplemental funds to the districts that meet the 80 percent obligated threshold as of the close of business on December 13, 2013. Sam Schaumann seconded the motion. When asked by the chair, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann, Gary Vandiver and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

E. REQUESTS/REVIEW

1. FY15 Cost-Share Allocations

Alan Freeman presented the FY15 Cost-Share Allocations process. The process is based on a conservation Needs Assessment completed by each soil and water conservation district. The process has been developed by evaluating district needs and matching those to past performance in completing conservation practices using actual district cost-share. Part of the process is to provide supplemental allocations which support districts that

have obligated most of their funds in specific resource concerns to be able to continue conservation activity.

The program is requesting to initially allocate $26,300,000 in cost-share for FY15. The allocation scenario is based upon the Program's current appropriation authority of $27,700,000. The Department of Natural Resources requested a budget increase for cost-share for the FY15 Cost-Share Appropriation totaling $31,000

Items considered for the FY15 allocation formula were: FY15 Needs Assessment requests, FY14 Initial Allocation, percent of initial allocations utilized in FY11 and FY12, new resource concern requests from districts, and resource concern maximum increases or decreases from previous fiscal year allocation. Resource concern minimums were managed to allow completion of one practice in each resource concern.

The resource concern minimum was held at the level set in FY14 of $15,000 in each resource concern with the exception of Animal Waste where the minimum is $25,000 due to the high cost of these practices. Districts that requested funding less that than the resource concern minimum would receive 100 percent of their request.

The funding availability timeline is similar to FY11, FY12 and FY14. On January 1, 2014, the following will be available to district boards: the FY15 advance allocation of 15 percent of the FY15 Cost-Share Allocation, and 100 percent of Nutrient and Pest Management and Animal Waste Management allocations. On July 1, 2014 the remaining funds from the FY15 initial allocations will be provided to the district boards with a planned Fall FY15 Supplemental Allocation.

After discussion, Gary Vandiver made a motion to approve the FY15 Cost-Share allocation formula and schedule as presented. Thomas Bradley seconded the motion. When asked by the chair, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann, Gary Vandiver, , and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Supervisor Appointments

A. Mercer Soil and Water Conservation District

Matt Elliott presented the Mercer Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) supervisor appointment. The Mercer SWCD board requested to appoint Mr. Steve Berger to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Ron Parsons, who has resigned. Mr. Steve Berger and the board chairman signed the Verification of Supervisor Eligibility form verifying the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the board.

Sam Schaumann made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Steve Berger to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Ron Parsons to the Mercer SWCD Board of Supervisors. Thomas Bradley seconded the motion. When asked by the chair, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann Gary Vandiver, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Richard Fordyce introduced and formally welcomed the two new Commissioners appointed this year, H. Ralph Gaw from Moniteau County and Sam Schaumann from Christian County.

C. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Department Update

Joe Engeln presented the Department of Natural Resources update. Mr. Engeln reported on Our Missouri Watersheds pilot projects. Within the next two days, the watersheds will be finalized and prioritized for the next five year cycle, and when completed the Commission will be notified of that cycle. For the coming year, the three pilot watersheds Big River, Lower Grand and Spring River will continue to remain in the first cycle.

The pilot efforts were very successful. There was good interaction with the people in those watersheds. The effort now is how to implement this effectively. The people are aware and have access to the information pertinent to their watershed. One way that the Our Missouri Waters will support the Program is by supplying districts with the best information upon which to make decisions.

2. Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

Joe Engeln presented the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. Progress has been made due to diverse input from multiple groups represented in discussions. Missouri is taking a little different approach than other states; the actions proposed are coming from experts in the field, those who are trying to implement the actions, rather than the Department of Natural Resources. Seven major categories were created: Crop, Pastures, Animal Agriculture, Municipal and Urban Sources, Urban Nonpoint Source and Other. Teams have been created in these areas to take a set of actions and put in what is anticipated for the next five years in each of those fields. Most of the agricultural practices/actions are already approved practices through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Districts Commission, and the districts for implementation.

These actions are not regulatory, they are a menu for farmers and communities to utilize that would best be suited to their individual situation. It is anticipated to have these practices written by the end of January and out to the stakeholders by March for comment. One major point is to integrate this in with Our Missouri Waters and other programs offered by the Department.

D. (Continued) SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

1. University of Missouri Extension Grazing Wedge Software

Ken Struemph introduced Dr. Robert Kallenbach who presented an informational report on the University of Missouri Extension Grazing Wedge software.

Dr. Robert Kallenbach, University of Missouri Forage Specialist stated that Missouri currently has the third largest cow-calf herd in the United States with 52,000 farm families that own 1.8 million cows. This industry utilizes 11 million acres of pasture and hayland generating annual revenues of $1.4 billion for the state. The success of this industry is built on good grass production in Missouri. With this grass cover, Missouri also has good ground cover to protect its soil and water resources. This ground cover all starts with good forage management to optimize plant growth and the nutritive value in relation to livestock needs.

The University of Missouri Extension has been a key player in Missouri's grazing for many years. Missouri has become a national leader in rotational grazing and has used many different farmer friendly tools in the process. For example, the grazing sticks and pasture meters have assisted producers in measuring the amount of forage in their pastures for many years. New technologies such as ultrasonic measurements now are available. This allows the producer to more closely monitor all the paddocks on the farm. These forage measurements are loaded into the Grazing Wedge Software Program to assist the producer in determining which paddocks are being over or under grazed. This website can evaluate existing feed resources, helps make better decisions about fertilizer supplements, renovations and stocking rates, and prevent over-grazing and adequate cover on the land based on the data the farmer's inputs.

Dr. Kallenbach gave examples of information being entered into the software and how to properly use the results. Dr. Kallenbach indicated that future enhancements can be made to the software to assist with users entering information into the system, and different aspects of the program.

Gary Vandiver temporary took over presiding over the Commission Meeting.

2. **Nutrient Tracking Tool**

Steve Walker provided a presentation about the Nutrient Tracking Tool computer model. The Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT) is a field-level agricultural runoff model originally developed by United States Department of Agriculture. It is a single national model that uses county and site-specific soil, slope, weather, and farm management data. The NTT is currently used by Missouri, Mississippi, Oregon and several Chesapeake Bay states.

The NTT generates realistic estimates of the effectiveness of farm conservation practices in terms of pounds or tons of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment reduced changes in crop yield and runoff (surface and subsurface flows).

The purpose of using NTT is to measure success and progress of federal and state cost-share programs in reducing sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus runoff. The NTT is also being developed for use with mobile hand-held devices, which could become an important tool for assisting producers and technicians with selection of conservation practices in the field. The NTT is a public program and any improvements made through contracts with other federal or state organizations are shared with all users.

In December 2011, the Department contracted with Tarleton State University to develop NTT for use in Missouri. A Water Quality Focus Group was formed to assist Tarleton State University in obtaining local data and input during the NTT model development process. A pilot project was implemented in the spring, North Fork Salt, and South Fork Salt watersheds from 2011 to 2013 to develop and test the effectiveness of NTT in Missouri.

Steve presented a brief demonstration of the tool to the Commission.

Richard Fordyce continues presiding over the Commission Meeting.

3. **Chariton SWCD Pilot Cover Crop Report**

Matt Elliott presented the Chariton SWCD Pilot Cover Crop report. There are two levels of participation in the cover crop pilot policy. The first level is eligible for three years of incentive payments based on a corn/soybean rotation. The second level of participation is eligible for four years of incentive payments and is based on a corn/soybean/wheat rotation. The commission approved funding for the pilot practice for four years with the understanding that there would be a yearly report from the district on their successes and challenges.

In FY13, there were 23 cooperators with 693.6 acres planted in cover crops, and $50,197.50 in paid contracts. He stated that FY14 the participation remained the same. It shows that the landowners are following through with their multi-year plan of rotating the cash crop and cover crops. The landowners worked together to schedule a time for the cover crops to be flown on to help reduce the cost. The Chariton SWCD board also had the cover crops flown on at the research farm.

Staff is currently working with the Chariton SWCD board, employees and NRCS staff to obtain information about how the policies that were developed for the pilot are working and how the practices are functioning. At a future meeting the commission will be given a summary of the district's suggestions and challenges in the pilot for the commission to determine the next step for the cover crop practice.

6. **Plan for the Future**

Colleen Meredith presented the Plan for the Future update. She stated there have been multiple meetings by the subcommittees and there are two training sessions available on Wednesday for the committees to report their progress. These sessions will also allow for district input for the subcommittees.

F. REPORTS

1. **University of Missouri**

No report

2. **Department of Conservation**
Scott Roy presented the Department of Conservation report. Mr. Roy reported on employee changes in the division, thanked district staff for assistance with CRP incentive program, discussed that deer harvests were down, and provided updates on elk, and Chronic Wasting Disease.

3. **Department of Agriculture**
Judy Grundler presented the Department of Agriculture report. Ms. Grundler reported on the following: the Emerald Ash Borer state quarantine by the federal government, Governor's Conference on Agriculture that is being held in Kansas City, MO on January 16-18, 2014, and the University of Missouri Cover Crop Research and Extension Symposium scheduled for January 14, 2014 in Columbia.

Harry Bozoian presented an overview of the agenda for the Governor's Conference on Agriculture and invited the Commission to attend.

4. **Natural Resources Conservation Service**
Dick Purcell presented the Natural Resources Conservation Service report. Mr. Purcell reported on Conservation Stewardship program sign up, the large number of Soil Health/Cover Crop workshops presented this year, and the NRCS budget and Farm Bill. He stated that in Fiscal Year 2013, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) obligated $30,200,000 to producers. He also reported on the Web-Based Conservation Planning Training, and 2014 EQIP signup.

5. **Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
Kenny Lovelace presented the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts report. Mr. Lovelace thanked all the employees and supervisors for attending the Training Conference. He invited everyone to the opening session with Kirk Hanlin, NRCS Associate Chief, the Conservation Forum, and MASWCD Business Meeting. Mr. Lovelace also discussed the White House Roundtable that is planned during the Training Conference.

Mr. Lovelace requested that everyone fill out the survey for comments on the dates of the Training Conference.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Stratman requested to provide a presentation at the next Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting due to the Commission being unable to attend this presentation at the Training Conference. This presentation demonstrates work and activities the districts have accomplished this year. Mr. Fordyce approved the request.

H. SUGGESTED DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The next suggested Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting is for February 19, 2014, in Jefferson City MO.

Richard Fordyce thanked the Soil and Water Conservation Districts for all their efforts and dedication over the year and wished them a Merry Christmas.

I. ADJOURNMENT

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to adjourn at 2:56 p.m. Thomas Bradley seconded the motion. When asked by the chair, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, Sam Schaumann, Gary Vandiver and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Meredith, Director
Soil and Water Conservation Program

Approved by:

Gary Vandiver, Vice Chairman
Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission

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Jay Nixon, Governor
Sara Parker Pauley, Director

40 years

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Celebrating 40 years of taking care of Missouri's natural resources

This year marks the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' 40th anniversary of taking care of Missouri's natural resources.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, we have made significant improvements to our state's air, land and water quality. With your help, we've been able to help improve Missouri's natural resources and public health giving us all great reason to pause and celebrate a successful 40th anniversary.

We will continue to work together to provide all Missourians a healthy environment in which to live, work and enjoy the outdoors.

MissouriDNR40
Message from the Director

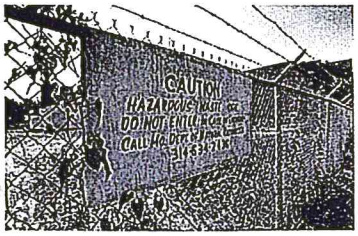
Celebrating 40 years of taking care of Missouri's natural resources. A message from Sara Parker Pauley, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

MissouriDNR40
Video

This video captures a glimpse of the department most momentous efforts to help take care of Missouri's natural resources during the last 40 years. Narrated by Sara Parker Pauley, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

MissouriDNR40
Top Accomplishments

View the images of the department's top accomplishments during the last 40 years.



MissouriDNR40
Photo Contest

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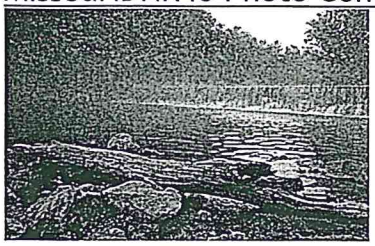
MissouriDNR40 Photo Contest Flier



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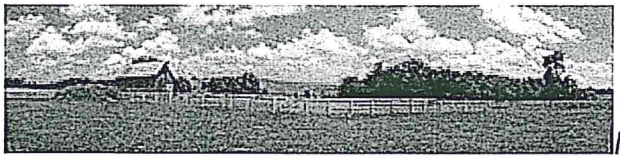
Timeline 1974 - 2014

Through this interactive timeline, you may explore more than 40 years of the department's efforts to help take care of Missouri's natural resources.



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Learn more about our resources and the department's efforts to care for and protect them.

Our Air Resources Our Land and Soil Resources Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax
Our Water Resources
Our Geologic Resources Our Special Places State Historic
Preservation Strategic Vision

Master Fund Status Summary

District	Allocated	Obligated	%Obligated	# Contracts	Contract Payment	% Contract Payment	# Contract Payments	Pending
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:AWM - ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT								
	$920,000.00	$496,328.54	53.95%	23	$150,396.09	16.35%	5	$46,221.39
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:CC - COVER CROP								
	$55,000.00	$50,197.50	91.27%	23	$0.00	0.00%	0	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:GM - GRAZING MANAGEMENT								
	$4,249,250.00	$2,621,474.45	61.69%	856	$770,370.18	18.13%	263	$286,031.28
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:IM - IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT								
	$1,222,122.00	$775,768.27	63.48%	170	$333,437.02	27.28%	81	$23,224.67
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:NP - NUTRIENT & PEST MANAGEMENT								
	$905,371.00	$394,728.11	43.60%	423	$354,001.31	39.10%	393	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:PM - PEST MANAGEMENT								
	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	0	$0.00	0.00%	0	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:SA - SENSITIVE AREAS								
	$2,317,788.00	$967,633.21	41.75%	326	$332,143.14	14.33%	148	$117,760.22
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:SGE - SHEET AND RILL / GULLY EROSION								
	$19,865,664.80	$14,395,109.26	72.46%	2802	$8,242,568.18	41.49%	1490	$1,164,019.83
FY: 2014 Fund Code:R Project:WE - WOODLAND EROSION								
	$1,492,363.00	$721,755.80	48.36%	239	$182,044.50	12.20%	62	$72,994.46
Subtotal for R	$31,027,558.80	$20,422,995.14	65.82%	4862	$10,364,960.42	33.41%	2442	$1,710,251.85
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:BDSP-31 - BUFFER SINKHOLE IMP								
	$15,600.00	$3,000.00	19.23%	10	$3,000.00	19.23%	10	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN083 - LOWER COLE CAMP								

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District	Allocated	Obligated	%Obligated	# Contracts	Contract Payment	% Contract Payment	# Contract Payments	Pending
	$35,000.00	$6,822.70	19.49%	7	$6,822.70	19.49%	7	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN085 - GRAYS CREEK								
	$44,770.00	$44,134.11	98.58%	9	$26,889.15	60.06%	4	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN086 - MIDDLE FORK SALT RIVER								
	$49,000.00	$45,325.92	92.50%	5	$45,325.92	92.50%	5	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN087 - LOWER LOUTRE								
	$33,500.00	$20,967.58	62.59%	11	$2,762.95	8.25%	1	$13,919.04
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN088 - LITTLE MARIES CREEK								
	$36,225.00	$29,898.06	82.53%	10	$19,291.81	53.26%	6	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN089 - PEMISCOT CLAY ROOT								
	$68,700.00	$21,856.51	31.81%	14	$661.20	0.96%	1	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN090 - SALT FORK CREEK								
	$57,000.00	$54,730.27	96.02%	9	$33,911.33	59.49%	5	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN091 - ST. JOHN'S BAYOU								
	$54,000.00	$7,855.78	14.55%	1	$7,855.78	14.55%	1	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN093 - HURRICANE CREEK AND LITTLE WHITEWATER								
	$74,000.00	$40,490.50	54.72%	8	$17,717.26	23.94%	3	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN094 - BYRD CREEK								
	$21,700.00	$11,085.53	51.09%	6	$7,130.43	32.86%	4	$7,564.16
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN095 - UPPER BIG CREEK								
	$75,000.00	$22,192.97	29.59%	17	$18,162.75	24.22%	12	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN096 - CROWLEY'S RIDGE								

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District	Allocated	Obligated	%Obligated	# Contracts	Contract Payment	% Contract Payment	# Contract Payments	Pending
	$44,655.00	$22,160.18	49.63%	9	$11,060.69	24.77%	5	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN097 - PEARSON CREEK								
	$62,000.00	$9,476.92	15.29%	7	$9,476.92	15.29%	7	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN098 - WARM FORK OF SPRING RIVER								
	$51,450.00	$4,454.00	8.66%	17	$4,454.00	8.66%	17	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN099 - HEATHS CREEK								
	$66,505.00	$16,357.21	24.60%	6	$16,357.21	24.60%	3	$7,827.73
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN100 - ELK FORK SALT RIVER & COON CREEK								
	$37,300.00	$0.00	0.00%	0	$0.00	0.00%	0	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN101 - CROOKED RIVER								
	$70,000.00	$70,000.00	100.00%	5	$54,259.88	77.51%	4	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN102 - SOUTH WYACONDA								
	$55,432.00	$45,267.57	81.66%	6	$21,453.16	38.70%	3	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN103 - LOWER HEADWATERS OF JAMES RIVER								
	$73,740.00	$24,993.38	33.89%	11	$622.00	0.84%	1	$0.00
FY: 2014 Fund Code:SN Project:SN104 - CLARK / WOLF CREEK								
	$64,980.00	$57,591.67	88.63%	4	$52,981.79	81.54%	2	$0.00
Subtotal for SN	$1,090,557.00	$558,660.86	51.23%	172	$360,196.93	33.03%	101	$29,310.93

Master Fund Status Summary

Master Fund Status Summary (2014)

Subtotal for R	$31,027,558.80	$20,422,995.14	65.82%	4862	$10,364,960.42	33.41%	2442	$1,710,251.85
Subtotal for SN	$1,090,557.00	$558,660.86	51.23%	172	$360,196.93	33.03%	101	$29,310.93
Report Totals	$32,118,115.80	$20,981,656.00	65.33%	5034	$10,725,157.35	33.39%	2543	$1,739,562.78

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636-456-3434, Ext. 3

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1013 S. Sturgeon St.
Montgomery City, MO 63361
573-564-3715, Ext. 3

January 24, 2014

Plan for the Future
Program Delivery & Operations
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Committee Members:

The Montgomery and Warren County Soil and Conservation District Supervisors would like the Plan for the Future Program Delivery and Operations Committee to consider and take actions to explore converting district employees to state employees. Please consider presenting this as a recommendation to the Soil and Water District Commission. Soil and Water employees are currently paid from the 1/10 of 1% parks, soils and water sales tax that supports the Soil and Water Conservation Program. The State already provides funding to district employees for employee-only health benefits, retirement and salary through grants which would ease the transition of district employees to state employees. This would provide district employees the opportunity for a career path with improved benefits as well as keep qualified, well-trained employees that will be more inclined to stay on the job instead of using district positions as a stepping stone to another career. In this light, working for the Soil and Water District would be a career with opportunities and enable them to better support their families and communities.

Some of the advantages would be allowing district employees to devote more time to implementing soil and water conservation practices by centralizing administrative procedures. Field staff would be available to assist landowners with installing conservation practices. Currently districts dedicate a considerable amount of time to payroll, withholding, insurance and other deductions as well as monthly and quarterly payments. If this were done through the State, all salary, insurance and other employee expenses would be handled through State payroll.

We are not suggesting the boards want to be removed from monthly meetings, making decision about cost-share practices, policies, information/education, and working with employees. The boards want to remain heavily involved, just not as operational employers. The Soil and Water Program's goal has been to keep 60% of the tax towards conservation practices. With the Plan for the Future's intention of better compensation for employees, it seems this would be a positive step in saving time, getting conservation practices on the ground and increasing public awareness of the importance of soil and water conservation. Please feel free to contact us at the above numbers if you have questions.

Sincerely

Harry Cope

Harry Cope, Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District Chairman

Ralph Glosemeyer

Ralph Glosemeyer, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Chairman

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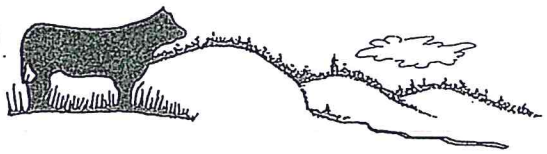

Taney County
Soil and Water Conservation District

P. O. Box 1707 • Forsyth, MO 65653
Telephone: 417/546-2089

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BY: _____

December 16, 2013

DNR Soil & Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that John Cantrell has resigned from his position as Vice-Chairman on our board. We have attached his letter of resignation.

The board discussed prospective board candidates in the Cedar Creek/Big Creek townships, which is Area III. There is a landowner from that area that the board is requesting permission to add on to the board since John's term won't be up until 2016. His name is Wayne Gailey and he has participated in cost-share, attended our regional grazing school and attends workshops and annual meetings. He is a lifelong resident of Taney County, is a retired UPS driver and is very respected in the community.

If there are any questions or anything further that needs to be done, please don't hesistate to contact us.

Sincerely,

John Dees

John Dees
Chairman

December 16, 2013

Taney County Soil & Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 1707
Forsyth, Mo. 65653

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please consider this letter as my resignation from the board of the Taney County Soil and Water Conservation District. I have enjoyed serving on the board and regret that I have to leave this position in mid-term. However due to health reasons, I feel that this is the right decision.

I wish you all well and appreciate your efforts in working with the landowners of Taney County.

Sincerely,

John Cantrell

John Cantrell

VERIFICATION OF SUPERVISOR ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for office, according to Missouri's Code of State Regulations, 10 CSR 70-2.020, Conduct of Supervisor Elections, a candidate shall:

1) Be a land representative as defined by "The owner, or representative authorized by power of attorney, of any farm lying within the soil and water conservation district (SWCD); provided, however, that any land representative must be a taxpayer of the county within which the SWCD is located," and

2) Be a resident taxpaying citizen within that SWCD for two (2) years preceding the appointment to the District Board of Supervisors by the Commission, and

3) Be a cooperator of the SWCD defined as "A person who is actively involved in farming and practices conservation activities related to agriculture," and

4) Reside in or own a farm lying in the same territory where the board position is vacant.

The undersigned certify that the candidate meets all of the above stated eligibility requirements to serve as a supervisor for the Taney County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Chairperson (or acting) Signature: John Deer Date: 2-24-14

Candidate Signature: Wayne Bailey Date: 2-23-14

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February 13, 2014

MDNR/SWCDC

The Webster County SWCD board would like to appoint Dr. Jerry Fry to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Tim Essary.

Mr. Tim Essary has submitted a letter of resignation. Dr. Jerry Fry and the board chairman have signed the new Verification of Eligibility form, verifying the candidate meets all qualifications to serve on the board.

Webster County SWCD has spent several months looking for a candidate that could fill this position. Dr. Fry holds a Bachelor's degree in Building Construction, a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin, a three year Master's degree in Religious Education, and a PhD from the University of Missouri in Animal Breeding and Genetics. As a young man growing up in Wisconsin, Dr. Fry was exposed to the agriculture lifestyle. It was his life experiences and educational background that led him to an employment opportunity with Merck. Dr. Fry spent the first 10 years of his Merck career in the Animal Science division where he was instrumental in the registration and approval of Ivermectin and received the first permit in New Jersey from the USDA to compost farm animals. In 1993 he transferred to the Human Health side of Merck as Director of Program Resources and Logistics. In 2000 he was promoted to the position of Senior Director, Administration and Planning where he provided support to 1000 scientists in Basic Research.

Dr. Fry and his wife Lola have now retired and reside in SW Missouri, being close to family. They purchased a 121 acre farm South of Seymour, Missouri where they currently have a cattle operation of 30 plus beef cattle. Dr. Fry has participated in EQIP and CRP programs through NRCS and has attended numerous conferences and seminars.

It is Dr. Fry's educational and employment history that makes him a standout candidate for the Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. His participation in NRCS programs and willingness to further educate through seminars and conferences demonstrates his ability to learn and to share his knowledge. All combined, Dr. Fry demonstrates the ability to be an active, thorough, compassionate, and well-rounded board member candidate.

We look forward to your decision and appreciate your consideration.

Gary Don Letterman

Board Chairman

Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District

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December 2013

Webster County Soil and Water Conservation Board

Dear Members,

I would like to thank each and every one of the staff, board and land owners of Webster County for the opportunity to serve on the Webster County SWCD Board. Effective immediately, please except this letter as my resignation from the position of 2nd Vice Chairman.

It really has been a pleasure and an honor to have served as long as I did, but times change as do the seasons, and this is one of those times in my life. I will miss all of you that have put up with me for so long, and even the ones that I have known for a short while.

Again, thank all of you for your friendship, and I hope to see you from time to time. Until then, my prayers for you and your families will be said every day, I guarantee that!

Sincerely,

Tim Essary

Accepted by Gary Don Letterman 2/4/2014

Gary Don Letterman, Webster Co. SWCD Board Chairman

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Territory Area III, High Prairie-Hazlewood-Finley Townships - Webster County.

The undersigned certify that the candidate meets all of the above stated eligibility requirements to serve as a supervisor for the County Name Soil and Water Conservation District.

Chairperson (or acting) Signature: Jay D Patterson Date: 2/20/2014

Candidate Signature: Jerry D Fry PhD Date: 2/18/2014

I would like to thank each and every one of the Staff, board, and Land Owners of Webster County, for the opportunity to serve on th WCSW Board. It really has been a pleasure and a honor to have served as long as I did, but times change as do the season's, and this is one of those times in my life. I will miss all of you that have put up with me for so long, and even the ones that I have known for a short while. Again thank all of you for your friendship and I hope to see you from time to time, until then my prayers for you and your families will be said everyday, I guarantee that!!!

Sincerely,

Jim

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February 14, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL #7099 3220 0009 3706 8148
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Delane and Cindy Fick
269 Low Gap Road
Fordland, MO 65652

Re: Repayment of Cost-Share Contract

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fick,

The Soil and Water Conservation Program Office has received a letter from the Webster Soil and Water Conservation District requesting our assistance in pursuing the repayment of cost-share funds received for a DSP-3.1, Grazing System Water Development Practice, contract number SN103 077-11-0001 approved by the board on July 26, 2010 and payment received on October 25, 2010.

In letters from the Webster Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, dated April 4, 2013 and August 23, 2013 you were informed of what needed to be done to complete the grazing system. The district has simplified the design for the planned system to meet the minimum requirements and to reduce the estimated total cost. However, despite numerous attempts by the district to contact you, the district indicated to the program that minimal discussion has occurred since a farm visit to simplify the system. Phone calls have gone unanswered, messages have not been returned, and further development towards a grazing system has not been started.

The district board provided you thirty (30) days from receipt of their final letter dated December 16, 2013 to pay back the full amount of cost share payment received which is $4,199.89. To date the payment has not been received nor has the district heard from you about completing the grazing system.

The Soil and Water Districts Commission cost-share policies for the DSP 3.1 Grazing System Water Development practice states that "the entire grazing system must meet the standard and specifications for Prescribed Grazing (528) within three years after payment of the first contract or the amount of cost share received must be repaid."

In accordance with the Missouri Code of State Regulations, 10 CSR 70-5.060, repayment is requested within 30 days of receipt of this letter, in the amount of $4,199.89. The check or money order should be made payable to DNR / Soil and Water Conservation Program which can be dropped off at the Webster Soil and Water Conservation District office or mailed to the following address:

Department of Natural Resources
Soil and Water Conservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

If you feel a review of the demand for repayment needs to be completed by the Commission, your appeal request must be received in writing mailed to the address above within 30 days of receiving this letter. If you fail to make repayment as requested in this letter or make an appeal of the repayment, this matter will go before the Soil and Water Districts Commission. Their next meeting is tentatively scheduled on March 21, 2014, where they will decide if the matter needs to be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for the recovery of these funds.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jim Plassmeyer of my staff at the Soil and Water Conservation Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or by phone at 573-751-1741.

Sincerely,

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Colleen Meredith

Colleen Meredith
Director

CM:acm

c: Webster SWCD

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MDNR/SWCP:

The Webster County SWCD would like to request your assistance in recovering funds from Delane and Cindy Fick for a DSP-3 practice. In June of 2010 Cindy Fick made her first contact with our office asking for assistance with a grazing system and water development. Between June and October 2010, our District Technician developed a plan with both Delane and Cindy Fick. Water development was started and well was drilled. On October 19, 2010 their contract number SN103 077-11-0001 was approved for payment.

Despite numerous attempts to contact the Fick's, minimal discussion has occurred. Phone calls have gone unanswered, messages have been unreturned. Any further development towards a grazing system has not been started. The couple of instances that we have been able to speak with one of the Fick's, nothing was finalized or decided. Certified letters have been sent to the Fick's informing them that October 25, 2013 was the day their contract was to be completed in full or repayment of the well was expected. The final draft of the letter was sent certified mail on December 20, 2013, and was returned to our office January 10, 2013 unclaimed.

The Webster County SWCD prides itself in work well done, and completion of contracts. This is a difficult position for us, but with the countless attempts we have made, we feel that this contract will never be completed as planned. Therefore, the Webster County SWCD is requesting assistance from the DNR SWCP Commission in recovering the funds from Delane and Cindy Fick for the DSP-3 contract.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we look forward to hearing from you as to your decision.

Gary Don Letterman Gary D. Letterman - Chairperson

Webster County SWCD, Board Chairman

Delane and Cindy Fick

Contract Number SN103 077-11-0001

Contract Holder:

Cindy Fick

269 Low Gap Road

Fordland, MO 65652

Contract Payment amount $4,199.89

6/2/10 First contact was made by Cindy Fick to Laura Stratton (Webster Co SWCD District Tech)

7/7/10 Laura Stratton met with Cindy Fick in the office to discuss their plan

7/12/10 Laura Stratton met with Cindy and Delane on their farm to discuss plan

7/26/10 Grazing plan was finalized and contract for well establishment has been approved.

9/7/10 Laura called Cindy, still waiting on finalized bill from plumbing company

10/19/10 Laura received paid receipts and contract was approved for payment

11/17/10 Laura left Cindy a message regarding her DSP3 contract, no answer, Laura had left messages in the recent past but had not heard back

1/27/11 Laura was in the area working with another landowner, dropped by Fick's house. Fick's stated they were building a new house and were having problems with it. This had occupied their time, but they did plan to finish the contract.

7/14/11 Cindy and Delane came by the office, designs and plans were updated. They are to contact back asap with which type of tank they want to use.

7/25/11 Laura left message for a returned call. Tried to call several times with no answer.

10/12/11 Laura called and left message asking for a returned call

12/9/11 Called and left message, this time letting them know that the practice has to be completed by Oct 2013 or the well would have to be paid back

4/4/13 Have never heard back from the Fick's. Laura sent certified letter. See attached.

4/30/13 Leon Thompson and Laura did a spot check on the Fick's well. Delane was at the farm. They visited with him about his grazing system. He was aware of the deadline but did not seem like they were going to follow through.

5/8/13 Laura discussed lack of progress with the Board at regular board meeting

8/19/13 Jody Lawson, Certified letter signed by the board was sent, and additional copy was sent by regular mail on the same date.

8/23/13 As per Leon Thompson instructions, Jody Lawson sent out the first letter by certified mail on 8/19/13 and then sent the regular mail copy on 8/23/13

9/10/13 Robert Montgomery called the home number, left message offering any assistance to help simplify their plan to help get this completed

9/30/13 Cindy Fick returned Robert's call, stated that they were dealing with their daughter having cancer. Advised that she still wanted to go further with the contract and requested that the deadline be extended. Robert made an appointment with Cindy to meet on their farm on October 4 at 2pm. Robert notified Leon Thompson of the request from the Ficks; he advised that he would check on the possibility of an extension.

10/1/13 Leon contacted Robert on his personal cell phone (government shutdown) , advised that he had spoken to Colleen Meredith, stating that the program office was willing to extend new contract an excess of 90 days. Leon also advised that he would accompany Robert to the meeting on 10/4/13

10/4/13 Leon and Robert met and drove out to the Fick farm. Delane answered the door, apologized because Cindy was not there and he had to leave. They thought due to the Government Shutdown that we were not working, adding that Cindy called the office and did not get an answer. Rescheduled appointment for 10/9/13 at 9am

10/8/13 Robert called Cindy to confirm appointment

10/9/13 Leon and Robert met with Cindy at the farm, Delane was at work. Revised the plan with Cindy, making it simpler and made sure that Cindy understood so she could explain to Delane. Robert discussed with Cindy that there was an option of just paying back the well. Cindy stated that they wanted to go forward with the grazing system

10/17/13 Returned to regular work status, no contact has been made by the Fick's

10/21/13 Robert called Cindy's cell phone; message stated that she "not accepting incoming calls at this time". Called home phone, no answer, left message

10/29/13 No contact, same as last entry. Robert contacted Leon Thompson and he was passing the information along to the program office

12/13/13 Allan Clarke sent email with suggested letter template requesting the Fick's repay the full amount of the cost share contract

12/16/13 Jody Lawson constructed a letter, presented it to the Webster County Board, board approved and signed by Chairman Letterman.

12/20/13 Jody sent the above mentioned letter certified mail

12/24/13 Jody sent the same letter via regular mail, Leon Thompson was notified via email

1/10/14 certified letter was returned, it had not been signed for. Jody notified Allan Clarke.

1/22/13 Regular letter that was sent has not been received back

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Sincerely,

Laura Stratton
District Tech II
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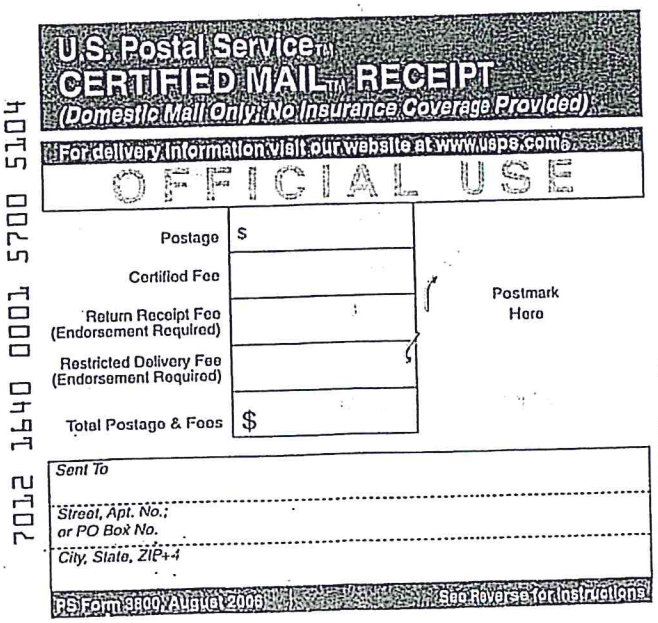

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cc: Leon Thompson SALT Coordinator
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Fordland, MO 65652

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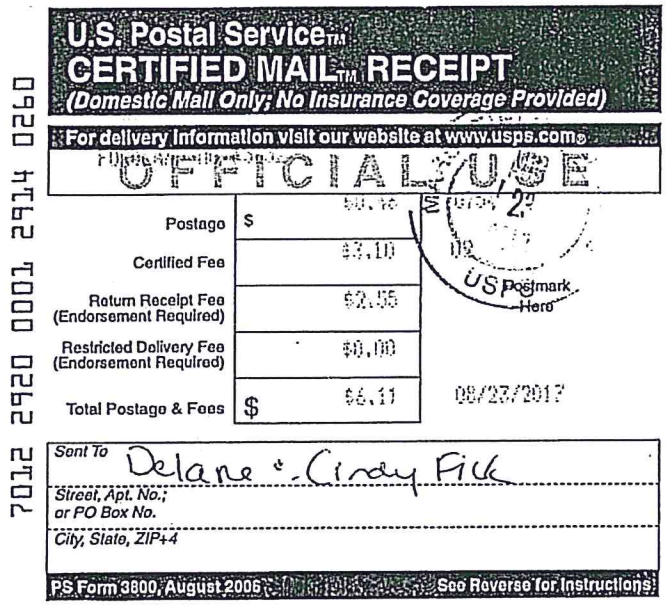

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December 16, 2013

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Delane and Cindy Fick
269 Low Gap Road
Fordland, MO 65652

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fick,

This letter is a follow up to the letters sent to you on April 4, 2013 and August 23, 2013 from the Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, regarding contract number SN103 077-11-0001. The Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors is requesting repayment in full for the cost share received for the above referenced contract. The amount of cost share you received for the above contract is $4,199.89.

If payment is not received in full within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the matter will be turned over to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and if there are any questions please contact the Webster County Soil and Water Conservation District at 417-468-4176 extension 3.

Gary Don Letterman, Board Chairman

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February 14, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL #7099 3220 3707 0004
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Richard Dawson
864 County Road 8
Sarcoxie, MO 64862

Re: Repayment of Cost-Share Contract

Dear Mr. Dawson,

The Soil and Water Conservation Program Office has received a letter from the Jasper Soil and Water Conservation District requesting our assistance in pursuing the repayment of cost-share funds received for a DSP-02, Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement practice, contract numbers GM 058-11-0058 and GM 058-11-059 approved by the board on March 5, 2011 and payment received for both contracts on December 8, 2011.

In letters from the Jasper Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, dated September 27, 2013, and December 16, 2013 you were informed of the maintenance violation of these contracts. The perimeter fence had been removed, permanent pasture with legumes had been replaced with wheat for crop production and livestock were not present. To correct the violation of the maintenance agreement you were given the opportunity to correct the above listed items to bring contracts back into compliance or repay a prorated amount of the cost-share funds received. The district had given you an original deadline of 30 days from the receipt of the first letter dated September 27, 2013 then a second request of payment due January 2, 2014. Roxanne Willard then contacted the Jasper Soil and Water District office and requested a deadline extension from the board which was granted to January 24, 2014. The district has also had contact with Ron Dawson regarding the situation and he informed the district payment would be sent.

The district board provided you over (90) days from receipt of their first letter dated September 27, 2013 to pay back the prorated amount of cost share payment received which is $3,427.50. To date the payment has not be received nor has the district heard from you or your representatives regarding the status of payment.

In accordance with the Missouri Code of State Regulations, 10 CSR 70-5.060, repayment is requested within 30 days of receipt of this letter, in the amount of $3,427.50. The check or money order should be made payable to DNR / Soil and Water Conservation Program which can be dropped off at the Jasper Soil and Water Conservation District office or mailed to the following address:

Department of Natural Resources
Soil and Water Conservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

If you feel a review of the demand for repayment needs to be completed by the Soil and Water Districts Commission, your appeal request must be received in writing mailed to the address above within 30 days of receiving this letter. If you fail to make repayment as requested in this letter or make an appeal of the repayment, this matter will go before the Soil and Water Districts Commission. Their next meeting is tentatively scheduled on March 21, 2014, where they will decide if the matter needs to be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for the recovery of these funds.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jim Plassmeyer of my staff at the Soil and Water Conservation Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or by phone at 573-751-1741.

Sincerely,

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Colleen Meredith

Colleen Meredith
Director

CM:jpm

c: Jasper SWCD

Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District

416 E. Airport Dr., Carthage MO 64836
417-358-8198 ext. 3

January 31, 2014

Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

Soil and Water Conservation Commission,
This letter is in regards to Jasper County cost share contracts GM 058-11-0058 and GM 058-11-0059. On May 22nd 2012 it was found that these contracts were out of compliance. On October 15th 2013 a letter was sent to Mr. Richard Dawson detailing the terms of the contracts and how they could be restored or re-payment could be made. There was no response to the initial letter. On December 16th 2013 a follow up letter was sent.
Mr. Dawson's Power of Attorney (Roxanne Willard) contacted the JCSWCD and asked for an extension of the re-payment deadline to get an understanding of when the payments were made and where the cost-share money had gone. The JCSWCD granted an extension to January 24th, 2014. As of January 31st 2014 the Jasper County SWCD Board understands that no payment has been made to the Program Office.
The Jasper County SWCD is requesting assistance from the Commission to recover the cost share funds from Mr. Dawson.

Thank you,

Gay Lynn Dawson

Gay Lynn Dawson, Chairman
Jasper County SWCD

sent Dec. 16 2013

December 16th, 2013

Richard Dawson
864 County Rd 8
Sarcoxie, MO 64862

Dear Richard,
This is a follow up to the letter we sent you on October 15,2013 concerning payment you received for Contract #'s GM 058-11-0058 and GM 058-11-0059 totaling $ 4,113.28. Since the practice for interseeding legumes was not maintained through the life span of the contracts and we have not heard from you about reestablishing the seeding and fence, the total of $ 3,427.50 must be repaid.

The Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District requests the amount to be repaid to the Department of Natural Resources Soil and Water Conservation Program by January 2nd 2014. If this amount is not received by the Program, the maintenance violation will be reviewed by the Soil and Water Districts Commission. Based on the Commission's review, the commission may turn the contracts over to the States' Attorney General's office to seek repayment.

Please mail payment, by certified mail, to State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Soil and Water Conservation Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. If you have any questions please call the Jasper County SWCD @ 417-358-8198 ext. 3 or Gay Lynn Dawson @ 417-437-3031.

Thank you,

Gay Lynne Dawson

Gay Lynne Dawson
Chairwoman
Jasper County SWCD

Sent Oct. 15 2013

Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District
416 East Airport Drive
Carthage, MO 64836
417-358-8198 ext. 3

September 27th, 2013
Richard Dawson
864 CR 8
Sarcoxie, MO 64862

Dear Richard,
On December 8th 2011 you received payment for contract numbers GM 058-11-0058 and GM 058-11-0059, totaling 44.5 acres @ $4,113.28. Those two conservation contracts were for the interseeding of legumes into existing pasture for livestock grazing. The contracts had a maintenance lifespan of 5 years.
On May 22nd 2012, Josh Poynor (DNR) and our Technician were performing practice reviews and found the pastures that were cost shared on were in Wheat planted for seed production and the pasture perimeter fence was gone and no livestock were present.
This violates the maintenance lifespan of the practices that were cost shared on. The Jasper County SWCD would like to inform you of the option you have to bring these contracts back into compliance. The fields that were cost shared on need to be restored to permanent grass with legumes, the perimeter fence needs to be replaced and livestock need to be present.
If this is not a viable option for your operation, you can repay the contracts at a prorated amount. Since the practice was in operation for 10 months, that leaves 50 months to be paid back. The cost share amount was $ 68.55 a month, so the total repayment will be $ 3,427.50.
The district board of supervisors requests repayment by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the appropriate amount to the state by check or money order within 30 days of receipt to:
State of Missouri
Department of Natural Resources
Soil and Water Conservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176
If you have any questions concerning these contracts or fields that need to be replanted, please contact the Jasper County SWCD @ 417-358-8198 ext. 3 or Gay Lynne Dawson District Chairman at 417-548-0170.

Thank you,

Gay Lynne Dawson
Jasper County SWCD Board of Supervisors
District Chairman

Pulaski County Soil & Water Conservation District
301 Historic 66 East Suite 201 Waynesville, Mo. 65583
(573) 774-4767

March 05, 2014

Soil and Water Districts Commission
PO Box 176
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0176

Dear Commissioners,

August 2013 brought an unprecedented 20 inches of rain to Pulaski County in the first week of the month with 5 to 8 inches of that coming within a few hours on August 6th. The amount of rainfall brought severe and record flooding to the county along the Gasconade and Roubidoux River. The area was declared a disaster area and Emergency Conservation Program funding was available through the Farm Service Agency to assist the landowners with repairing fences, flood scouring and debris removal.

Some of the area was inundated with water for up to two weeks. With the amount of time that the fields were under water, there is concern that the vegetation has drowned out. There was some regrowth seen last fall but it was a mix of grass and weeds. The landowners have concern about the impact the flooding had to the existing stand of grass. Several landowners have contacted the office asking if there was any assistance to reseed the fields. The district has received request for assistance from approximately 25 landowners needing to address over 1500 acres. Some landowners have already reseeded their fields and some have seeded an annual such as wheat to harvest for hay this spring with plans to reseed to permanent grass.

At the present time, the board cannot assist the landowners with reseeding the grasses because they do not qualify for a DSL-1 Permanent Vegetative Establishment due to not eroding above "T". In these river bottoms, the predominant soil types have a "T" value of either 4 or 5 tons of soil loss per acre. In the RUSLE2 calculation using grazing as the management type generates the highest soil loss on the fields but that does not exceed the "T" value to qualify for a DSL-1.

Since the fields do not qualify based on the erosion requirement for a DSL-1, to prevent future erosion issues on the fields and to assist the landowners with the impact of a devastating flood, the Pulaski SWCD board is asking for a policy variance in the DSL-1 practice of the erosion requirements. The board still wants the landowners to follow the standard and specification for the seeding so that the proper fertility and amount of seed is applied to the fields.

We don't know what the impact this will be to the county cost-share funds due to not knowing how many landowners will be coming in for assistance. Currently we have $23,537 remaining in FY 14 for Sheet/Rill and Gully Erosion resource concern and $40,805 allocated in FY 15 to the same resource concern. The board will utilize this funding first but would like to ask the commission to consider giving

additional funds to the district. The FY 14 funding may be questionable due to potentially waiting on the spring green up to evaluate the stand and then may not have enough time to complete the seeding during the seeding dates as established in the NRCS standard and specifications. The district would be willing to consider setting an acre limit per landowner or a dollar per acre limit to help assist as many landowners as possible.

The Pulaski board and staff thank the commission for considering our variance request to the DSL-1 erosion requirement.

Thank You,

Sarah Traub

Sarah Traub, Secretary
Pulaski County SWCD

Pulaski County Soil & Water Conservation District
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August 26, 2013

Soil & Water Districts Commission
PO Box 176
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

Dear Sirs,

August 1st through August 7th Pulaski County received 19.8 inches of rain. Governor Jay Nixon declared Pulaski County a disaster area.
The Big Piney, the Gasconade and the Rubidoux Rivers all run through Pulaski County. These three rivers got out of their banks and flooded valuable established river bottom hay and grazing pastures.
Employees have been gathering names and information of the damage to Pulaski County.
Damages range from gravel in pastures, fence missing, some hay and grazing pastures were under water for more than a week. Some acreage was just completely washed away.
After reviewing the flood damage, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors would like to request FLOOD DAMAGE ASSISTANCE for the cooperators of Pulaski County.
The Board would like to be able to assist our cooperators with emergency efforts to replace lost fencing, gravel removal from pastures and we would like to be able to help our producers reseed these river bottom hay and grazing pastures.
We understand that FSA is reviewing Pulaski County as well. We realize that the federal government may not provide any assistance to Pulaski County farmers due to lack of funds. We as a collective board would like the Commission to intervene in helping the farmers of Pulaski County by offering some Emergency Flood damage assistance to help our agriculture remain in production.

Thank You,

Sarah Straub
Secretary Univ. Extension

DETERMINING GRASSLAND CONDITION / TREND

Owner:_____ Technician:_____ Field Office:_____

Date_____ Tract:_____ Field:

Species Composition_____

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CATEGORY	PARAMETER - VALUE										
1) **Plant Population -** estimated % by weight is mostly:	desirable	4									
	intermediate	2									
	undesirable	0									
2) **Plant Diversity -** diversity of forage plant species is:	broad 5 species	4									
	medium 3 species	2									
	narrow 1 specie	0									
3) **Plant Density -** desirable and intermediates are:	dense 80%	4									
	medium 60%	2									
	sparse 40%	0									
4) **Plant Vigor** desirable and intermediates are:	strong	4									
	medium	2									
	weak	0									
5) **Legumes in Stand** percent of legumes by weight make up:	> 30%	4									
	15 - 20%	2									
	< 5%	0									
6) **Severity of Use** degree and frequency of use is:	heavy	0									
	appropriate	4									
	light	0									
7) **Uniformity of Use** uniformity of use is:	uniform	4									
	intermediate	2									
	spotty	0									
8) **Soil Resources** productivity, all erosion, concentrated areas, etc.	good	4									
	fair	2									
	poor	0									
9) **Undesirable Canopy** percent canopy of undesirable plants is:	10%	4									
	20%	2									
	30%	0									
10) **Plant Residue** dead and decaying plant material is:	heavy	0									
	appropriate	4									
	light	0									
	TOTALS										

0 - 10 = VERY POOR 11 - 20 = POOR 21 - 30 = GOOD 31 - 40 = VERY GOOD

CRITERIA

GENERAL:

This Job Sheet was designed for use by persons with different levels of technical ability. It can be used quickly and without tools, to visually estimate the condition and trend on grassland. For example, when the form asks for a "%", the user should make their best visual estimate. It reminds the user to evaluate 10 items important to grassland condition/trend. With experience, condition/trend surveys will be quite consistent among users. Use this form to inventory up to 10 different fields or sites or monitor changes over time in one or more fields.

SPECIES COMPOSITION:

List the percent of various plant species in relation to the total plant volume. This should equal 100% and not to be confused with plant density, which includes bare ground, litter, etc.

VALUE:

Where needed, use weighted values and interpolate. For example, if you can't decide between a value of 2 or 3 use a value of 2.5.

CATEGORY:

1) Plant Population – Visually estimate the % composition by weight of each plant grouping and assign a weighted value. Desirable, intermediate, and undesirable will vary with site, kind of grazing animal and intended use.

2) Plant Diversity – Is the number of different kinds of desirable and intermediate plants that are well represented (greater than 5% by weight) on the site. Diversity promotes stability.

3) Plant Density – Ignore undesirables and visually estimate canopy of living desirable and intermediate species that would be present at the minimum recommended grazing heights. This is the % of total ground cover that is made up of desirable and intermediate species.

4) Plant Vigor – Are the desirable and intermediate species healthy and growing at their potential? Some things to look for are: color, leaf area index, reproduction, presence of weeds, rate of initial growth and regrowth, etc.

5) Legumes in Stand – Visually estimate the % composition by weight, of the legumes present in the stand, for the area being evaluated. If you are unaccustomed to estimating % composition by weight, a good rule of thumb for legumes is to estimate % canopy that the legumes make up and divide by 2.

6) Severity of Use – Close and frequent use causes loss of vigor, reduces desirable species, increases erosion and runoff. Light use allows excessive residue buildup, blocks sunlight, reduces palatability, and production. If the site is used Heavy or Light, add an H or L beside the score given.

7) Uniformity of Use – Uniform grazing results in all plants grazed to a moderate, uniform height throughout the field. Spotty grazing appears uneven, with some plants or parts of the field grazed heavily and others lightly used.

8) Soil Resources – Visually observe and evaluate the soil resource. Note all erosion, soil productivity and concentrated livestock areas and collectively determine their condition for the area being surveyed.

9) Undesirable Plant Canopy – Canopy of weedy and/or woody species that are present in amounts sufficient to hinder production of desirable species. Changes in management or more extreme remedial action is needed to restore a desired plant community.

10) Plant Residue – Appropriate residue (about ¼") provides adequate ground cover to retard runoff, improve water intake, return nutrients to the soil surface and provide a favorable microclimate for biological activity. If the site has Heavy or Light residue, add an H or L beside the score given.

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This letter is to replace an early letter & failed to sign.
Same letter except this copy is signed
Thanks
Bob

February 27, 2014

Department of Natural Resources

Soil & Water Conservation Program Commission

P. O. Box 176

Jefferson City, MO 65102

In Re: Request for appeal

This letter is a request for an appeal on a decision made by the Lafayette County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors to deny payment for the completion of conservation practices.

I will first give you an introduction of myself: I grew up on a farm in Johnson County Missouri and have been farming for 57 years. I have served as a member on the Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation Board (SWCD) as well on the Lafayette County ASC Committee.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration in this manner.

Bob Ramey

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6017 Hwy HH

Odessa, MO 64076

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LAFAYETTE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
120 WEST 19th STREET, SUITE 103
HIGGINSVILLE, MO 64037-1540 660-584-8732 ext # 3

March 13, 2014

PO Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

Dear Commissioners:

The Lafayette Soil & Water Conservation (SWCD) District Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at their regular meeting and discussed the Bob Ramey terrace project. Lafayette SWCD has a yearly landowner limit of $15,000 per year. Bob Ramey was under contract to receive that amount when he signed and received the plans for terrace lines A & C of his project on September 27, 2013. Those funds were signed on March 6, 2014 after the completion of terrace lines A & C to SWCP & NRCS standards & specifications.

The SWCD Board of Supervisors is bound by the policies set forth by the Department of Natural Resources Soil & Water Conservation Program Commission which states that they cannot approve a Missouri State Cost-Share application if the project has been started prior to the contract being signed and Board approve, which, in this case, occurred once the tile line was installed on terrace lines B & D in October 2013. The consensus of the Board at the January 29, 2014 Board Meeting was that we could not make a payment on terrace lines B & D which were not under contract in October 2013 and the early allocation funds for FY 2015 were not yet available.

The Lafayette County SWCD District Board thanks the Commissioners for their time in reviewing this matter. In a split decision by the Board, we are asking that the Soil & Water Conservation Program Commission allow us to pay Bob Ramey for the work on tile lines B & D by waiving the $15,000 Lafayette County landowner limit. The entire project and designed to SWCP & NRCS standards and specifications and the work does qualify for MO State Cost Share Funds. The Lafayette SWCD would need your permission to write a contract and allow us to approve the contract even though the work on terrace line B & D has been completed in deference to the SWCP Policy of starting a project prior to Board approval.

Respectfully,

A. Kent Rogge, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Bob Ramey,

The Lafayette County Soil & Water Conservation (SWCD) District Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at their regular meeting and your terrace project was discussed. The SWCD Board of Supervisors are bound by the policies set forth by the Department of Natural Resources Soil & Water Conservation Program Commission which states that they cannot approve a Missouri State Cost-Share application if the project has been started prior to the contract being signed and Board approved, which, in this case, occurred once the tile was installed.

Your only recourse is to make a formal written appeal to the Department of Natural Resources Soil & Water Conservation Program Commission at PO Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Respectfully,

The Lafayette Co SWCD Board of Supervisors
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Dear board members, my name is Curtis Lewis and I am a soil contractor in Lafayette, Johnson, Saline, and Jackson Counties. Today my concern is in Lafayette County on a job of tile terrace outlets with the land owner of Bob & Marylyn Ramey. In the month of September I started the job with a pre-construction meeting with Phillip Boydston. At the job we discussed that the job cost share was only allowing us to do part of the job with cost share since it was a big project. As we discussed with the land owner there would be payment after the first of the year on an early money program if he was willing to wait. Bob told us to do what we wanted but not to let it hold us up. After a long harvest we got back to the job and we completed the first part of the project which was tile lines (A&C). In this time frame Mr. Ramey had to go to the office and sign an extension on the project. While Mr. Ramey was there he called me and asked if I had started on building the terraces on (B&D) line and I said no. He was at the office talking with Susie,Tony,and Phillip and they decided that they was going to pay cost share on the second part even though I had installed the tile on it because Phillip was there while we were laying the tile and watched it be installed. While on the phone I asked two times are you sure they are going to pay for it and Susie spoke up hearing me ask and said yes Curtis it is being taken care of. So a few days pass and I call the office getting ahold of Scott being the only technician there and I ask Scott do I need to have a pre-construction meeting on the second part? His words were, we are not paying on that part. I asked why he said because I already installed the tile. I said Tony, Phillip, and Susie already agreed that they were paying because Phillip was there during installation. Nope not paying I said what if I take out the tile and start over? His reply was that's stupid why would you do that, and I said to get cost share. Well you would have to take that in front of the board. I get off the phone with Scott and call Phillip on his day off on his personal phone and tell him of the conversation I just had and his words were (Tony, Susie and I agreed on it, it is fine, go ahead and do it, it has been ok it is fine). I go and do the work and get done and I'm checking the terraces out on the checkout notes and have a question and called the office. When I call the office I get Scott and he tells me there is no need in checking that part because they are not paying on them. I ask Susie when I call back why they not paying after you said over the phone it was fine it is being taken care of as her reply was Curtis I don't know what you are talking about. I ask Phillip why is this he said Tony said no since you had installed the tile before the paperwork was entered in the computer. Phillip told me it would be discussed at the next board meeting. I called after the meeting and was told that Mr. Ramey would be getting a letter in the mail explaining to appeal the decission. I called the office at Columbia and talked to Matt and told the story and he had Jeff to call me the next morning. The discussion with Matt and Jeff led to this letter. I called the Chair of our board Kent Rogge and he said it was brought up at the meeting but not discussed in depth but it was brought up. My concern is when you're told one thing and do it how can I be told different later? Mr. Ramey was working with a budget and had me to do other work after being told these things and now has to find a way to pay his bill. Thank you for listening to my concern and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely Curtis Lewis

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