

**MISSOURI**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Soil and Water Conservation Program

**AGENDA**

Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources  
Bradford Research Center  
4968 Rangeline Road  
Columbia, Missouri  
April 8, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
- C. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
- D. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**
  - 1. FY15 Cost-Share Fund Status and Supplemental Cost-Share Allocations
  - 2. Disaster Declaration FEMA-4200-DR Update
  - 3. Plan for the Future Update
  - 4. Update on Component Entry into State Average Cost List
  - 5. University of Missouri – Columbia, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
    - a. Introduction to Missouri Soil Health Assessment Center
    - b. Cover Crops – Where are we?
- E. TOUR 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Tour of Missouri Soil Health Assessment Center - South Farm and Bradford Research Center**
- F. REQUEST – 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting Continues at Bradford Research Center**

(If an additional supervisor request is received in advance of this meeting, it may be presented to the commission at that meeting.)

  - 1. Supervisor Requests
    - a. Butler SWCD
    - b. Linn SWCD
  - 2. Plan for the Future Conservation Practices Subcommittee
    - a. Scotland SWCD – Request to Expand Existing Livestock Exclusion Practice Components
    - b. Crawford SWCD– Request to Allow More Than One Liming Event per Maintenance Period
  - 3. Nodaway – Request for Policy Variance on the DSL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establish Practice

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4. Follow up on Request to Extend Maintenance Life for Stream Buffer Practices

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**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**

**J. SUGGESTED DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETINGS**

June 10, 2015, Jefferson City, Lewis and Clark State Office Building

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**OPTIONAL TOUR (Upon Adjournment)**

**Tour of drought and other soil health work at the Bradford Research Center**

Those wishing to address the commission on any of the above issues need to contact a program staff member, Theresa Mueller 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 Theresa Mueller at 573-526-4662.

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

Lewis and Clark State Office Building

Jefferson City, Missouri

February 11, 2015

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** RICHARD FORDYCE, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE: Judy Grundler and Darryl Chatman; BOB ZIEHMER, DEPT. OF CONSERVATION: Lisa Potter, SARA PARKER PAULEY, DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Joe Engeln and Todd Sampsell; DEAN THOMAS PAYNE, UNIV. OF MISSOURI: David Baker

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Van Beydler, Jim Boschert, April Brandt, Matt Elliott, John Johnson, Theresa Mueller, Darlene Schaben, Jim Plassmeyer, Judy Stinson, Cody Tebbenkamp, Leon Thompson, Colette Weckenborg, Bill Wilson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DISTRICTS: HOWARD: Bev Dometrorch; JEFFERSON: George Engelbach; LIVINGSTON: David Morris; OREGON: David Stubblefield; MISSOURI FARM BUREAU: Leslie Holloway and Kelly Smith; MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (MSWCDEA): Sandy Stratman; MISSOURI CORN GROWERS and SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION: Darrick Steen, USDA-ARS: Claire Baffaut; UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI: John Lory, Amomaa Senaviratne;

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gary Vandiver called the meeting to order in Jefferson City, Missouri, at 9:36 a.m. Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver were present, which made a quorum.

Chairman Gary Vandiver welcomed and introduced Jeff Lance as a new member to the Commission.

Jeff Lance stated he was from Savannah, in Northwest Missouri, and looking forward to being on the Commission.

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### B. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014, Commission Meeting. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### C. DEPARTMENT OF NAURAL RESOURCES

#### 1. Election of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

Joe Engeln opened the floor for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-chair. Charles Ausfahl made a motion to reelect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and to be elected by acclamation. Jeff Lance seconded the motion. When polled, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Regional Conservation Partnership Program Award

Kurt Boeckmann presented a brief update on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). He stated the project received a \$6,000,000 award from NRCS; the partner match will be approximately \$15,600,000. He stated the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) project title is Our Missouri Waters (OMW) Targeted Conservation. The project will demonstrate the partners' commitment through assistance in providing cost-share funding through NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to reduce nutrient sediment and pesticide loss from agriculture fields which will improve water quality. The Department will use OMW as the framework for the project to select six to eight watersheds in the first year. Some of the watersheds have partners already engaged through the OMW process. After the watersheds are selected, conservation practices will be selected that are the most effective using both federal and state programs. He stated a secondary benefit of the project is fish and wildlife habitat improvement. He pointed out that RCPP is intended to develop better partnerships with those involved with the project; partners support technical, financial and water quality monitoring within the watersheds.

Mr. Boeckmann listed the many partners that are involved with the project. He stated the agriculture partners represented the largest stakeholder group. He reiterated that in the next few months the watersheds will be chosen, a decision made on practices to be offered and ranking criteria developed. Once the watersheds are identified, the districts within the watershed will be notified and the Department will work with NRCS, soil and water district and Missouri Department of Conservation staff in the district on the sign ups.

When asked if the \$6,000,000 was the grant award, Mr. Boeckmann stated that it was, and the \$15,600,000 is all in-kind or other matches that have been provided by the partners.

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Chairman Vandiver introduced Darryl Chatman, Deputy Director of Agriculture. Mr. Chatman stated he was from St. Louis and went to the University of Missouri and has an Animal Science among other degrees.

## D. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

### 1. FY15 Fund Status and Supplemental Cost-Share Allocations

April Brandt presented the fiscal year (FY) 2015 Fund Status and Supplemental Cost-Share Allocations. She said that as of February 9, 2015, approximately \$34.5 million has been allocated and of that amount, approximately \$22 million was obligated and \$10 million paid to landowners. Next Ms. Brandt provided an update on the FY15 Agriculture Nonpoint Source (AgNPS) Special Area Land Treatment (SALT) cost-share. She stated that approximately \$500,000 had been allocated to 11 projects. Of that amount approximately \$243,000 has been obligated and \$125,263 paid to landowners.

Ms. Brandt updated the Commission on the Supplemental Cost-Share Allocation parameters. She stated that for a district to be eligible for a supplemental, at least 90 percent of funds have to be obligated of the total FY15 allocation in a resource concern. An allocation amount of \$20,000 is provided in each qualifying resource concern. She reminded the Commission that the allocation process began on October 9, 2014, and a total of 11 supplemental allocations have been provided as of February 5, 2015 for a total of \$5,294,192. Districts are limited to a maximum of \$300,000 for supplemental allocations, two districts have met that maximum, and 66 percent of the districts have received at least one supplemental allocation. For FY15 regular cost-share, approximately \$34.5 million has been allocated statewide, but this amount does not include the \$500,000 set aside by the Commission for 20 eligible districts under the FEMA-4200-DR disaster declaration.

After some discussion, H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to continue the supplemental allocation process, increasing the total supplemental allocation maximum to \$500,000 and continuing bi-weekly allocations until April 2, 2015. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Introduction of the 319 Staff

Colleen Meredith introduced the 319 Nonpoint Source Staff that joined the Soil and Water Conservation Program (SWCP). She stated the 319 staff works on voluntary nonpoint source pollution projects, like SWCP. The 319 projects can include both agricultural and urban nonpoint source issues; their funding is separate from SWCP. The 319 program links well with SWCP and several soil and water districts have benefited from 319 projects. She stated the projects are open to not-for-profit groups, cities and multiple other organizations. The 319 staff members that joined the SWCP are Darlene Schaben, John Johnson and Andrea Mayus.

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### 3. **FY14 District Grant Expenditures**

Jim Boschert presented a review of the FY14 District Grants Expenditures. He stated this was funding through June 2014 and the total allocation was \$11,680,570 with the largest amount, \$6.9 million supporting district personnel. He proceeded to cover the remaining grants: Other Personnel, Health Insurance, Retirement, Administrative, Info/Ed, Rent and SALT. He stated that overall 90 percent of the funds were allocated to the districts. The three highest spending amounts were 99 percent of the Personnel Grant, 95 percent for Health Insurance, and 96 percent for Retirement.

Next, Mr. Boschert updated the Commission on expenses reimbursed to the soil and water conservation districts. They are: maintenance agreements, training conference expenses for district supervisors, outsourcing payroll, Tech II testing, travel expenses, contract labor, Women, Food and Agriculture Network, Intern Program, and Plan for the Future travel. These total \$121,158 in expenses to the districts.

The FY14 District Grants total allocation was \$11,680,570; of that amount, \$10,280,869 was spent, leaving \$1,399,701. In the past, the full allocation has not been available to the districts. Mr. Boschert stated reasons for this: it is not known what the cost for health insurance will be for the entire year, funds are needed to cover new employees that choose health insurance where the previous employee did not, and some funds are held back for district employees that pass the Tech II certification. He pointed out that this year the stipend for each employee was increased by one percent to match the increase that state employees received.

### 4. **FY14 Cost-Share Review**

April Brandt presented a brief review of the FY14 Cost-Share. In FY14 the total allocation was approximately \$31 million, the districts received their initial allocation in July 2013 and two supplemental allocations, one in November and one in December 2013. She stated in FY14 there were just under 5,000 cost-share contracts paid for a total of almost \$23 million to landowners, and 22 active SALT projects in FY14 with approximately \$650,000 paid to landowners on 188 contracts.

Next, Ms. Brandt covered FY14 cost-share spent per resource concern. The top two resource concerns were Sheet/Rill and Gully Erosion with almost \$17 million spent and just over \$2.5 million spent in Grazing Management. She stated that approximately 120,000 acres had been served in Sheet/Rill and Gully Erosion and Grazing Management. She pointed out that the resource concern for Animal Waste is counted by animal units that the structure serves and not acres.

### 5. **FY15/FY16 Budget Updates**

Colette Weckenborg presented an update of the FY15/FY16 Budget. She stated that as of February 1, 2015, \$9.5 million has been spent in the Cost-Share Grant; \$122,031 for SALT Projects; \$497 in Loan Interest Share; and \$7.6 million for Grants to Districts. She said the Information Technology Services amount did not

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include the printer/scanner/copier that each district received. She stated the total appropriation authority was \$49 million for FY15 and as of February 1, 2015, \$19 million had been spent.

Next, Ms. Weckenborg updated the Commission on the FY16 Governor's Recommended Budget. She stated it was basically the same as proposed in the previous year with cost-share at \$31 million appropriation authority, district operations at \$12 million, program administration at \$3 million, SALT at \$200,000, Other at \$569,297, Federal Demo and Tech at \$1 million, Monitoring and Conservation at \$650,000 and Research at \$400,000.

### 6. **Plan for the Future Program Delivery and Operations Subcommittee**

Colette Weckenborg presented a report on the Plan for the Future Program Delivery and Operations Subcommittee. She stated the final Plan for the Future document is expected to be completed at the end of December 2015. She presented some recommendations from the subcommittee. One of the items discussed was district employee progression. The goal is to recruit and retain employees and be able to provide an opportunity for job progression and a better benefit package and salary. The job progression will follow a five year plan. All district employees will be classified as a District Specialist (DS) and be able to progress from levels I-IV. Ms. Weckenborg stated the subcommittee developed two plans, one for employees working in a single district and one for a shared employee between two or more districts. The following is the scenario for an employee working in a single district. A newly hired employee will start as a DS I and be hired at a base salary of up to \$13.13 per hour at the board of supervisors discretion. After one year of service and the completion of the conservation planner modules 1-8, the employee can progress to a DS II and the state stipend will increase by \$1.00 per hour. To move from a DS II to a DS III the employee will need another year of service and complete the District Specialist Certification, and the state stipend will increase by \$1.00 per hour. After an additional three years, the employee will be eligible for the DS IV upon completing two out of three specialties. The specialties are: 1. Conservation Planner Module 9; 2. Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT); 3. Grazing Certification, Nutrient Certification or pertinent engineering job approval authority from NRCS. The state stipend will increase by \$2.00 per hour. Ms. Weckenborg stated that current district staff would be grandfathered in at their existing stipend but will have the ability to follow the progression to increase their training and stipend. Next, Ms. Weckenborg covered the same schematic for shared districts. She stated that the subcommittee felt that a base salary for a newly hired DS I was sufficient, but after a six month probationary period, if decided by the board of supervisors, the state stipend could be increased by \$1.00 per hour. She pointed out that the rest of the progression was the same as the example for an employee working in a single district, with increments between steps being the same.

Ms. Weckenborg stated that the subcommittee realized that to have better pay for the district employees, something else had to give. She stated the subcommittee felt that retirement and health insurance benefits needed to be increased. The subcommittee also looked at what areas they thought could be partially decreased

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-the intern program, number of district employees, and the Administrative Grant Fund. In response, the subcommittee voted starting July 2015 (FY16) to increase the retirement benefit from 5 percent to 7 percent for all district employees from state funds. The subcommittee thought the Administrative Grant Fund could decrease, but that Info/Ed Fund needed to be increased. The subcommittee proposed combining the two grant funds and decreasing the total by \$500 per district to help offset the cost for increasing retirement. She stated this would begin in July 2015 for FY16 with the District Specialist progression to begin on January 1, 2016.

Commissioners Vandiver and Lance stated they were impressed with the work that the subcommittee has done on a hard issue. They looked at the issues not just for the members on the subcommittee, but for all the district employees.

Colleen Meredith informed the Commission that in the spring, the subcommittees will develop webinars that show how and why the decisions were made.

After some discussion, Charles Ausfahl suggested that the Administration/Info Ed Funds issue be tabled until the next meeting. It was the consensus of the Commission to table this issue.

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to increase retirement benefit from 5 percent to 7 percent. Jeff Lance seconded the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to adopt the linear progression of specialists within the districts and adopt the criteria for each of the promotions, as well as the salaries therein set forth. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When polled, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### 7. **University of Missouri-Using Missouri Data to Understand Capabilities of the APEX Model to Estimate Nutrients and Sediment in Runoff**

Dr. Claire Baffaut presented an update on using Missouri data to understand capabilities of the Agricultural Policy Environmental Extender (APEX) Model to estimate nutrient and sediment loads in runoff. She informed the Commission that she has been working with Dr. John Lory and Dr. Anomaa Senaviratne from the University of Missouri on this project. She felt their group has expertise that is beneficial in responding to challenges that exist in Missouri in documenting the effectiveness of conservation practices on the ground, which is necessary for prioritization and accountability of the practices. She pointed out that the assessment of conservation programs has two elements - environmental models and economic assessment. Environmental models expand the value of monitoring data. The Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT) uses field/farm up to a small watershed scale and has the capability to simulate physical processes that takes place on the land. It can simulate field operations and conservation practices. Ms. Baffaut pointed out that APEX was at the core of NTT which the SWCP has provided

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funds to acquire the NTT tool to evaluate practices. Ms. Baffaut covered some of the APEX projects such as defining critical areas in agricultural fields, determining the impact of grass and tree buffers, the Heartland Phosphorus Index Assessment CIG and the Mississippi River Basin Initiative Watersheds. Ms. Baffaut stated that with the Heartland Phosphorus Index Assessment they have found there is a challenge with APEX. If there is no water quality data, there is a poor APEX outcome, but with good data the APEX outcomes are good. There are indications that regionalized versions of APEX can provide acceptable results for water quality measures.

Ms. Baffaut stated the team wanted the Commission to be aware of the expertise developed over the last five years and they are available to provide technical support to MDNR in relation to NTT. In the short term they can also help with managing runoff studies, defining data requirements, defining quality assurance standards, helping identify gaps and prioritizing monitoring efforts. In the long term they are seeking opportunities to maximize the benefits of monitoring through systems to manage data, infrastructure to organize all the data in a way that it maximizes APEX modeling so that in the end there is a real quantitative assessment of conservation practices. She pointed out that they were looking for support to maintain and improve the APEX team knowledge.

Colleen Meredith stated this was brought to the Commission because districts will soon be asked to run NTT to see what the conservation practice benefits are for nutrients. She pointed out the NTT had been calibrated for Missouri using Missouri data, but would like to use the University of Missouri expertise on APEX because it is the background model for NTT and it can further validate the data.

### 8. **Missouri Regional Grazing Schools**

Dave Baker presented an update on the Missouri Regional Grazing Schools. He provided an overview of the current budget for MU Extension. He is working with faculty, Extension Councils and partners to determine what their priorities are, how they are going to staff, how to maintain their presence and how they are going to operate. Approximately half of their budget is from grants, contracts and fees. Two percent of the extension's budget each year will go toward reallocation at the campus level; they will have to generate a two percent salaries pool plus benefits. Over the next three years the agriculture and natural resources Extension program is looking at an approximately 15 percent reduction. Mr. Baker stated the university is looking at all options to diversify the funding model. One of the resulting outcomes from all this was the development of Ag and Natural Resources Fee Guidelines. Based on the Guidelines, he had charged his faculty to work with the partners to establish a state level fee for the Grazing School program. He stated they had worked with the partners and had established a \$50 per person fee. This fee will go back to Extension with the majority of it to be used to support staff and curriculum development.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Director, Sara Parker Pauley stated it was a pleasure working with the Commission. The Department is approximately halfway through the legislative

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budget cycle and so far it has been good. The Department is watching several bills that could be a concern later on. She thanked the Commission for their time and effort serving the state and Department.

Missouri Department of Agriculture Director Richard Fordyce stated the SWCP is highly thought of across the state not only for what the Commission does for agriculture, but also for economic development and other activities. He stated the working relationship between the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture is good and the departments work well together. He stated the Beef Summit was held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and a member from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources sat on the panel at the summit. He reiterated the relationship between the two departments is very strong.

### E. REQUEST

#### 1. **Oregon SWCD Warm Fork of the Spring River SALT Project – Add Practice in Adjacent HUC to Meet Goals of Watershed Assessment**

Leon Thompson presented a request from Oregon Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to add a practice to a HUC adjacent to the SALT watershed area. He provided the Commission with some history on the request. He stated in June of 2013 the Commission approved \$20,000 per landowner for streambank stabilization in the Warm Fork SALT project. The approval was based on completion of a watershed assessment to determine qualifying sites that would provide the best environmental benefit. It was difficult for the Oregon SWCD to raise enough funds to complete the watershed assessment. The SWCD board and staff competed for two independent funding sources that each provided a \$5,000 grant; NRCS matched the grants for the assessment and MDC providing streambank design funds and other matching funds for additional practices.

Mr. Thompson stated the issue was: should the Commission allow Oregon SWCD Board to approve a contract for a C650 Streambank Stabilization practice in the Oregon Warm Fork SALT project that is outside the project area. He stated the project site is about 2,000 feet upstream from the SALT boundary. He reminded the Commission the policy for AgNPS Watershed Boundary states: "The SWCD can allow whole fields to be included or excluded from the project when a portion of the field is inside the watershed boundary." Mr. Thompson introduced Chris Cash to give a presentation on the watershed assessment.

Chris Cash, the engineer that developed the stream assessment, presented an update on the Warm Fork of the Spring River stream stabilization assessment. He stated with this stream it is common to have a layer of clay and when the water is on top of the clay it wants to go horizontally into the landowner's property. He stated the main focus of the assessment was to provide a risk assessment for understanding and management for an actively meandering stream. With the assessment they can look at different variables and develop a stability plan. Mr. Cash stated the 10 miles that they were reviewing in the request was divided into five segments. He stated the stream is meandering, it is a pool-riffle, classified as low gradient, has mobile bed/bank soils and it is very sensitive to floods and gravel. He provided information on each of the five sites in the 10 mile section.

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Colleen Meredith stated this request was for the one landowner who was not included in the watershed assessment. She stated the landowner thought his property was in the SALT area, and was one of the properties included in the assessment.

Oregon board member, David Stubbelfield answered questions for the Commission. After some discussion, H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to allow the Oregon SWCD Board to approve a contract for a C650 Streambank Stabilization Practice in the Oregon Warm Fork SALT Project that is outside the project area. Jeff Lance seconded to motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## 2. **University of Missouri – Support for the MU Soil Health Assessment Center**

Joe Engeln presented a request for Commission support for the Soil Health Assessment Center located at the University of Missouri which was being moved from the College of Engineering to the College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources. He stated it was not yet operational and is located at South Farm. He pointed out this facility is one of only three in the country and the Department thinks this is very important because as the SWCP moves forward there will be a need for accurate measures of success. He stated the Department worked with MU to develop a budget for staff and new equipment. He stated they are asking the Commission for concurrence to spend up to \$250,000 for the next two years. NRCS is also supporting the Center. Mr. Engeln pointed out the financial commitment is short term to assist MU as they get their business plan in place where the lab would be self-sustaining based on the fees charged for the samples that are brought in for assessment for soil health.

After some discussion, Charles Ausfahl made a motion to approve \$250,000 per year for the next two years to help fund the Soil Health Assessment Center. When polled, Jeff Lance, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## 3. **Cape Girardeau SWCD Cost-Share Maintenance Violation DWP-01 Sediment Retention Structure**

Jim Boschert presented a request for assistance from Cape Girardeau on a cost-share maintenance violation on a DWP-01 Sediment Retention Structure. He stated the district was requesting assistance in the collection of repayment in the amount of \$282.85 from Jerry Shell for a maintenance violation. He stated the contract was approved by the board on September 20, 2006; the payment was approved on December 20, 2006, and paid on December 26, 2006 in the amount of \$1,131.38. He pointed out the maintenance life of the practice is 10 years.

Mr. Boschert stated that on July 14 the district technician observed that the drop pipe had been removed. Because of this, the practice was not being maintained according to the standards and specifications and Mr. Shell was notified by letter on August 19, 2014, of the violation. Then on October 31, 2014, the board issued

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a certified letter to Mr. Shell describing the violation and requested that it be repaired or repaid within 30 days of receiving the letter; the letter was received by Mr. Shell on November 4, 2014. Mr. Boschert stated that on December 1, 2014, the board of supervisors requested assistance from the program office to resolve the violation or collect the repayment of the cost-share funds. The program office sent Mr. Shell a certified letter on January 12, 2015, and it was signed for on January 17, 2015. He stated the Commission had a copy in their packet of a letter that Mr. Shell sent to the program office. The letter stated that land was sold on a lease agreement to Mr. Gary Michie and that Mr. Shell may have signed to give Mr. Michie approval to install the structure, but Mr. Shell never received any funds or had anything to do with installing the practice or agreeing to any contract or violating the contract. The letter also stated that Mr. Michie purchased the land then sold it to another landowner. Mr. Boschert stated documentation that the program office has is a landowner signature authorization where Mr. Shell gave signature authority to Mr. Michie, the cost-share forms are in Mr. Shell's name in care of Mr. Michie and with Mr. Michie's address. Mr. Boschert pointed out all of the forms are signed Jerry Shell by Gary Michie.

Mr. Boschert said that the State Code of Regulations states, "The provision of the (maintenance) agreement shall state; if the practice is removed, altered or modified so as to lessen its effectiveness, without prior approval of the district, for a period of (10) ten years.....after the date of receiving payment, the landowner or his/her heirs, assignees or other transferees, shall refund to the Cost-Share Program the prorated amount of the state cost-share payment....". Mr. Boschert informed the Commission that the program office had not received anything from Mr. Shell to show that maintenance had been transferred to another party.

After some discussion regarding the land ownership, H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to not pursue repayment of the \$285.85. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When polled, H. Ralph Gaw, Charles Ausfahl, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## 4. **Supervisor Requests**

### a. **Ste. Genevieve SWCD**

Jim Boschert presented the Ste. Genevieve SWCD supervisor appointment request. The Ste. Genevieve SWCD Board requested the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Naeger to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Lynn Messer due to her inability to fulfill her elected term. Mr. Naeger and the board chairman have signed the Verification of Supervisor Eligibility form verifying the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the board.

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Naeger to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Lynn Messer to the Ste. Genevieve SWCD Board of Supervisors. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**1. Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) 2014 Resolution Response**

Jim Boschert presented an update on the MASWCD 2014 Resolution. He stated at the MASWCD Training Conference, which was held in 2014, a resolution on health care was passed. Mr. Boschert informed the Commission that they had a copy of the resolution. The resolution asked that the Commission consider looking into other options for group health insurance coverage that is more affordable for employees and their families. Mr. Boschert pointed out the resolution was similar to the Osage SWCD letter on health insurance that was presented at the October Commission meeting. At that time, the Commission asked the Plan for the Future Program Delivery and Operation subcommittee to look into this. He reported that they had discussed this twice in the Plan for the Future subcommittee since the October Commission meeting. He stated the subcommittee felt they liked the current coverage offered through MCHCP, but the cost of dependent coverage is high and they do not believe that state funds should be used for dependent coverage. Mr. Boschert stated the subcommittee would like for the program office to look at other providers that could offer the same coverage but at a more affordable cost for dependent coverage. Mr. Boschert stated he had asked MCHCP if they could make dependent coverage more affordable, but was told the only option would be for the employer to pay some of the premium. He pointed out the subcommittee was provided information on the Affordable Care Act, but did not want to pursue this for dependent coverage. He stated the program office had not started looking at other providers but would soon. He pointed out that any potentially new health insurance provider will ask the district employees to fill out forms to determine what the new rates would be. He stated a draft letter had been composed to Kenny Lovelace regarding the resolution. Mr. Boschert proceeded to read the letter.

**2. Plan for the Future Conservation Practices Subcommittee**

Jim Plassmeyer presented an update on the Plan for the Future Conservation Practices Subcommittee. He stated they have met and narrowed down the process for conservation practice review and the policy review. The subcommittee has been looking at the process for conservation practice policy reviews to give all SWCDs the opportunity to provide input and not just this subcommittee. The subcommittee has been working on how to define the process and setting up a schedule of when practices will be reviewed. They also discussed issues that would merit a review outside of the regular review scheduled. He stated the subcommittee took all the practices and grouped them into five groupings so that a practice review could be done twice for every practice in a 10-year period.

Mr. Plassmeyer stated a letter was received from Nodaway requesting to evaluate the practice funding limits on the DWC-1 Water Impoundment Structure practice. He stated currently it has a \$10,000 limit per landowner per structure and the district would like to have it increased to \$15,000. He stated that was discussed

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within the subcommittee. He informed the Commission that more information from the subcommittee would be presented at the next Commission meeting.

## G. REPORTS

### 1. University of Missouri

Dave Baker thanked the Commission for all of their work. He invited the Commission to the campus for the next meeting as well as a tour of the Soil Health Assessment Center. He stated that he has been going around the state making presentations as to where he sees the challenges in agriculture as it moves forward. He offered to present this information at a future Commission meeting.

### 2. Department of Conservation

Lisa Potter presented an update on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. She stated that MDC was the lead on two of the projects awarded to the state of Missouri. They have worked closely with DNR, as well as the soil and water conservation districts. She stated both projects have had pledges from DNR and the SWCDs for in-kind technical and financial assistance toward the projects. One of the two projects is in the eastern Ozarks and will focus on glade and woodland restoration; within that project they are also working in Perry County on karst habitat. The second project is part of multi-state working grasslands. The project will provide both financial and technical assistance to livestock producers to enhance production and/or operations that will benefit both production and wildlife habitat. This project was primarily located in northwest and southwest parts of the state.

Ms. Potter stated in the near future MDC will be working with Food and Ag Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) to update the economic analysis that was done in 2007 on implementing wildlife buffers on agricultural land. She stated that within the analysis they are going to be looking at the economics associated with incorporating native warm season grasses in grazing operations.

Ms. Potter informed the Commission that MDC was asking for public comments on changes to the firearm seasons for deer. They are looking to reduce the number of days during the November season from 11 to nine; they are also looking at reducing the number of days for the antlerless firearm season from 12 to three and eliminating the urban zones portion. By reducing the length of the seasons, it is a way to increase the population of deer because the majority of the state is at or below the optimal population numbers. She stated they are also looking to allow crossbows during the fall archery deer and turkey season and also reducing the number of antler deer during the archery season from two to one deer. They are hosting eight public meetings across the state. She pointed out that the public can submit their opinions and thoughts online. She stated MDC has found other instances of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the free ranging herd and the total confirmed cases during the hunting season this year was five. The cases were in the CWD containment zone.

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Ms. Potter stated in the MDC Conservation Reserve Program Incentive program they have spent approximately \$1 million and was approved for another \$250,000 for the program. She stated the waiting list for this program will take up approximately \$150,000 of that.

### 3. Department of Agriculture

Judy Grundler stated they had received information from USDA about a possible import of disease from Guatemala called Ralstonia; which is a bacteria wilt disease. She stated they were alerted that there could have been shipments that arrived in Missouri greenhouses back in January in the St. Louis area. She stated that the bacteria can impact potatoes and tomatoes. She informed the Commission they surveyed three counties and did not find any fire ants.

Ms. Grundler stated they are also doing a plan for the future for the Pesticide Program. They are looking at different delivery methods for commercial applicators and private applicators. They are also looking at changing the testing method for certified applicators.

### 4. Natural Resources Conservation Service

J.R. Flores provided the Commission with a map of the new Missouri Field Office Service Area (FOSA) boundaries and office areas. He stated there will be fewer managers, but they have 30 district conservationists and four area conservationists. He stated it would be effective February 22, 2015.

Mr. Flores stated they are working closely with the Soil and Water Conservation Program on the boots on the ground technicians that NRCS is paying half the salary. He stated the Conservation Stewardship Program has had 900 producers sign up for approximately 500,000 acres. He pointed out they have paid out approximately \$28 million for this program. In the Environmental Quality Incentives Program the evaluation and ranking is ongoing and the deadline for ranking is March 2, 2015. He informed the Commission that they are in the final year of the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative; it has been very successful program and because of that it has been decided to continue the program through FY18. Missouri will be allowed to submit five watersheds for funding. He informed the Commission that in RCPP, Jackson SWCD was awarded a project called Urban/Rural Farmer Project. The district was awarded \$800,000.

Mr. Flores stated with the 2014 Farm Bill, the Risk Management Agency sent out approximately 2,000 letters to producers in Missouri who were determined to be new to compliance and will need to have a signed AD1026 by June 1. He informed the Commission that NRCS had not received their allocation for their budget, but hoped to have it soon.

### 5. Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Kenny Lovelace stated the 2015 Envirothon is scheduled for the end of July to the first of August. The 2016 Envirothon will be in Canada and 2017 will be in

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Maryland. Mr. Lovelace invited the Commission to the March 17, 2015, Annual Legislative Seminar at 5:30 p.m. at the Capital Plaza in Jefferson City.

### H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

H. Ralph Gaw stated he had received a call from Ryan Britt regarding a hoop barn. He stated there is interest in this concept of backgrounding cattle in this type of facility. He stated these facilities will allow the producers in row crop areas to have the option of feeding their cattle or selling their product on the market. Mr. Gaw through this would be something the Commission will be hearing more about in the future.

Sandy Stratman informed the Commission about a program that NRCS is working on called Client Gateway. This will help district staff work better with NRCS programs. Ms. Stratman stated the National Envirothon will be in July 27 – August 1 in Springfield, Missouri on the Missouri State University Campus. She stated the employees association had a meeting scheduled for February 25 in the Lewis and Clark State Office Building.

Beverly Dometrorch informed the Commission she attended a National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in New Orleans where Missouri received an award for supervisor training. She stated Kenny Lovelace was elected as the Chairman at the North Central Region meeting.

Darrick Steen, Missouri Corn Growers and Soybean Association stated these two associations are looking at the partnerships with the Department of Natural Resources, RCPP and the University of Missouri. He wanted to make the offer to the Commission that these associations want to help with environmental stewardship.

Kelly Smith, Missouri Farm Bureau, asked about the cost-share for the well drilling component. He asked what the plan was and how long it will take to get the issue resolved. Colleen Meredith replied that SWCP has been working with NRCS staff on the state average cost database that NRCS develops. She stated SWCP is trying to get a copy of the program on the district's intranet so that districts will not have to go to the NRCS computers, which may make it easier for them to enter the cost data.

H. Ralph Gaw asked Tim Duggan to clarify donations for political action committees or other political affiliations that may contact a commissioner. He stated that he had not found any statutes that bars a commissioner from making a donation. He stated there is nothing in Chapter 105 which governs lobbyists and former officials in the activities that they can or cannot engage in. He stated it is a personal decision, but suggested they consider the public impression. Mr. Gaw stated they may want to avoid making contributions in an official capacity of the Commission or board of supervisors; it is a personal decision that comes out of personal funds.

Mr. Gaw asked about responses regarding the sales tax renewal. Mr. Duggan stated that as long as you do not appear to be an endorser, but merely providing information, that should be fine. He stated in the past the Department policy was to say that we are educational or informational, but we do not engage in the business of promoting or discouraging or taking an official position as a state agency. It is the voter's decision and

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we provide the information to assist them. Colleen Meredith stated the districts can provide the factual information regarding benefits of the program but cannot promote that people vote for the Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax on work time.

Mr. Gaw stated he has seen a lot of notices from the districts, advertisements in the papers and they do not say anything about soil and water. His thought was that a letter needed to be sent to the districts stating the use of soil and water funds should be recognized.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, H. Ralph Gaw, Jeff Lance and Gary Vandiver 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, Chairman  
Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission

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# Master Fund Status Summary

District	Allocated	Obligated	%Obligated	# Contracts	Contract Payment	% Contract Payment	# Contract Payments	Pending
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:AWM - ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$995,000.00	\$423,731.02	42.59%	26	\$192,502.01	19.35%	11	\$97,280.66
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:CC - PILOT COVER CROP	\$602,200.00	\$160,683.00	26.68%	224	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0.00
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:GM - GRAZING MANAGEMENT	\$5,446,676.00	\$3,738,094.82	68.63%	1106	\$1,285,395.62	23.60%	376	\$207,616.67
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:IM - IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT	\$1,598,509.00	\$1,099,704.01	68.80%	219	\$352,319.71	22.04%	71	\$64,265.32
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:NP - NUTRIENT & PEST MANAGEMENT	\$957,458.00	\$483,948.10	50.55%	525	\$470,501.10	49.14%	513	\$1,796.00
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:SA - SENSITIVE AREAS	\$2,886,269.30	\$1,343,723.38	46.56%	331	\$417,749.98	14.47%	129	\$82,531.16
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:SGE - SHEET AND RILL / GULLY EROSION	\$22,644,881.48	\$17,829,224.32	78.73%	3243	\$8,991,203.81	39.71%	1650	\$689,935.41
FY: 2015 Fund Code:R Project:WE - WOODLAND EROSION	\$1,907,244.75	\$970,548.94	50.89%	330	\$336,849.15	17.66%	98	\$47,558.12
<b>Subtotal for R</b>	<b>\$37,038,238.53</b>	<b>\$26,049,657.59</b>	<b>70.33%</b>	<b>6004</b>	<b>\$12,046,521.38</b>	<b>32.52%</b>	<b>2848</b>	<b>\$1,190,983.34</b>
FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:BDSP-31 - BUFFER SINKHOLE IMP	\$23,100.00	\$2,400.00	10.39%	8	\$2,400.00	10.39%	8	\$0.00
FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN087 - LOWER LOUTRE	\$10,109.90	\$10,109.90	100.00%	1	\$10,109.90	100.00%	1	\$0.00
FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN091 - ST. JOHN'S BAYOU								

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	\$18,600.70	\$18,600.70	100.00%	1	\$18,600.70	100.00%	1	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN093 - HURRICANE CREEK AND LITTLE WHITEWATER</b>								
	\$45,383.00	\$44,576.71	98.22%	10	\$7,462.66	16.44%	4	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN094 - BYRD CREEK</b>								
	\$4,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%	1	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$3,091.30
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN095 - UPPER BIG CREEK</b>								
	\$44,714.00	\$13,860.22	31.00%	15	\$11,051.00	24.71%	13	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN096 - CROWLEY'S RIDGE</b>								
	\$44,655.00	\$13,329.53	29.85%	3	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN098 - WARM FORK OF SPRING RIVER</b>								
	\$11,450.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN099 - HEATHS CREEK</b>								
	\$51,732.00	\$51,732.00	100.00%	9	\$27,441.61	53.05%	5	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN100 - ELK FORK SALT RIVER &amp; COON CREEK</b>								
	\$30,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN101 - CROOKED RIVER</b>								
	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	100.00%	6	\$27,852.69	42.85%	3	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN102 - SOUTH WYACONDA</b>								
	\$55,432.00	\$53,796.50	97.05%	6	\$23,796.50	42.93%	3	\$0.00
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN103 - LOWER HEADWATERS OF JAMES RIVER</b>								
	\$73,740.00	\$661.79	0.90%	3	\$661.79	0.90%	1	\$8,376.37
<b>FY: 2015 Fund Code:SN Project:SN104 - CLARK / WOLF CREEK</b>								

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	\$55,000.00	\$53,536.44	97.34%	16	\$14,761.23	26.84%	8	\$0.00
Subtotal for SN	\$534,516.60	\$327,603.79	61.29%	79	\$144,138.08	26.97%	47	\$11,467.67

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Subtotal for R	\$37,038,238.53	\$26,049,657.59	70.33%	6004	\$12,046,521.38	32.52%	2848	\$1,190,983.34
Subtotal for SN	\$534,516.60	\$327,603.79	61.29%	79	\$144,138.08	26.97%	47	\$11,467.67
Report Totals	\$37,572,755.13	\$26,377,261.38	70.20%	6083	\$12,190,659.46	32.45%	2895	\$1,202,451.01

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State Totals	\$ 7,754,192	\$ 1,940,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 873,500	\$ 3,602,192	\$ 858,500
Adair	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -
Andrew	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -
Atchison	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Audrain	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ -
Barry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Barton	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ -
Bates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benton	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bollinger	\$ 140,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Boone	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Buchanan	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000	\$ -
Butler	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Caldwell	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Callaway	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Camden	\$ 98,500	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 58,500
Cape Girardeau	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Carroll	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Carter	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Cass	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cedar	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Chariton	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Christian	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Clark	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Clay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Clinton	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -
Cole	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000
Cooper	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Crawford	\$ 153,500	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 53,500	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Dade	\$ 100,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Dallas	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Daviess	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dekalb	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dent	\$ 360,000	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 40,000
Douglas	\$ 140,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000
Dunklin	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Franklin	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Gasconade	\$ 100,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Gentry	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Greene	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Grundy	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ -
Harrison	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Henry	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Hickory	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Holt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Howard	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Howell	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Iron	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jackson	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jasper	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Jefferson	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -
Johnson	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Knox	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Laclede	\$ 80,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Lafayette	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lawrence	\$ 140,000	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Lewis	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lincoln	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Linn	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -
Livingston	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Macon	\$ 120,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Madison	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maries	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Marion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
McDonald	\$ 140,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Mercer	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -
Miller	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mississippi	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Moniteau	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Monroe	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Montgomery	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Morgan	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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New Madrid	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Newton	\$ 80,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Nodaway	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oregon	\$ 140,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Osage	\$ 100,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Ozark	\$ 140,000	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000
Pemiscot	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Perry	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Pettis	\$ 262,192	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,192	\$ -
Phelps	\$ 180,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Pike	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Platte	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Polk	\$ 140,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000
Pulaski	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Putnam	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ralls	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Randolph	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Ray	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -
Reynolds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ripley	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Saline	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Schuyler	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Scotland	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Scott	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000
Shannon	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -
Shelby	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -
St Charles	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
St Clair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
St Francois	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
St Louis	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ste Genevieve	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Stoddard	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Stone	\$ 80,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Sullivan	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Taney	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Texas	\$ 500,000	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 100,000
Vernon	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Warren	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Washington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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District	Total Supplemental Allocations as of 4-2-2015	Grazing Management Totals	Irrigation Management Totals	Sensitive Area Totals	Sheet, Rill & Gully Erosion Totals	Woodland Erosion Totals
Wayne	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Webster	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Worth	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wright	\$ 120,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000

Summary of FY15 Supplemental Allocations

Resource Concern	Total Supplemental Allocations as of 4-2-2015
Grazing Management	\$ 1,940,000
Irrigation Management	\$ 480,000
Sensitive Areas	\$ 873,500
Sheet, Rill & Gully Erosion	\$ 3,602,192
Woodland Erosion	\$ 858,500
Allocation Totals	\$ 7,754,192
Number of Districts Receiving Allocations	88



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, Governor • Sara Parker Pauley, Director

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM  
2015-008

DATE: December 22, 2014

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Colleen Meredith, Director  
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Disaster Declaration FEMA-4200-DR

The Soil and Water Districts Commission discussed a major disaster declaration at their December 10, 2014 conference call meeting, <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4200>.

The commission passed the following motion, in support of the declaration.

*Upon the recommendation of the Governor, and to support the October 31, 2014 major disaster declaration FEMA-4200-DR, the Soil and Water Districts Commission approves \$500,000 to assist with reconstruction of soil and water conservation practices currently under a maintenance agreement, or for new practices required to control erosion as a result of the storm damage from severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding in the 20 counties designated in the declaration. Additional funding may be allocated as the need for conservation practices is further documented.*

This motion by the Commission gives blanket approval for SWCDs to approve contracts in the 20 counties included in the disaster declaration which are: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Ralls, Shelby, Sullivan, and Worth Counties. This blanket approval is to assist landowners with reconstruction of practices that are currently under a maintenance agreement.

Please follow the guidelines in the Cost-Share Handbook for reconstruction of practices, Section V. Eligible Practices, part F. Reconstruction, page V-6. As a reminder, the reconstruction practice must be a new and separate contract with all other required supporting documentation. The district must choose "Reconstruction" from the Special Practice Description dropdown menu, and enter the original contract number in the Original Contract(s) field. "Acres Served" is reported as zero since this was reported on a previous contract.

Contracts can also be approved for landowners that have completed repairs due to the storms associated with the disaster declaration as long as invoices support the work and the practice(s)

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meets NRCS Standards and Specifications. Some landowners will qualify for a new practice because of damage created by the storm. Please enter this as you would any new contract.

For all contracts associated with this disaster funding, select the note type of **"FEMA-4200-DR"** in MoSWIMS for tracking purposes. The program needs to track all contracts that are developed and paid in response to the storm damage regardless of funding source. Funds designated for the disaster declaration will be added back to your allocation if regular funds have already been used for this purpose.

Coordinators have been in contact with affected counties. Please contact your coordinators with questions or if you need any additional assistance. Thank you.

CM:tm



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Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District  
4327 Hwy. 67 N - Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 - (573)785-6160 Ext 3

January 9, 2015

**The Butler County Missouri Board would like to recommend Zane Clark to fill the position of Andy Clark who is resigning from the board**  
**Zane Clark 573-429-8648**  
**8669 Highway 53**  
**Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63901**

**Thank you,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Curtis Worley".

**Curtis Worley**  
**Chairmen Butler County Board**



**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 cooperater 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.

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

Chairperson (or acting) Signature:  Date: 1/9/15

Candidate Signature:  Date: 1/9/15





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January 9, 2015

**I would like to resign at this time from the Butler County Board for the lack of time needed to fulfill my duties.**

Sincerely,

**Andy Clark**





*Linn County Soil & Water Conservation District  
121 Pershing Road  
Brookfield, MO 64628*

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Linn County Soil and Water Conservation District has a vacancy on the board. Jack Thieme passed away leaving the vacancy in Area I. Greg Williams, a former board member in that Area, has agreed to fill in for the remainder of Jack's term. The Linn County SWCD Board certifies that Greg Williams meets all the eligibility requirements to serve as a supervisor on the District's Board.

*Terrill Lane* 4-3-15

Terrill Lane, Chairman  
Linn County SWCD Board of Directors



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

Chairperson (or acting) signature:       Terrell Lane       Date:       4-6-15      

Candidate signature:       Greg Williams       Date:       4-6-15



# Scotland County SWCD

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RR 1 Box 73G  
Memphis MO 63555  
(660) 465-7251 Ext.3

March 13, 2015

Dear Commissioners:

The Scotland County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to see Missouri expand on the existing 472 Livestock Exclusion Practice. We would like to request to add these components, livestock watering tank or hydrant, shut off valve, and water supply pipe. This would only be for adequate water structures, which had not received any cost share monies in the past.

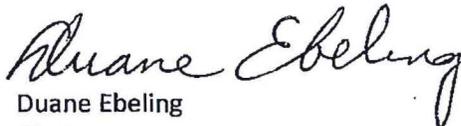
The definition of livestock exclusion system means a system of permanent fencing installed to exclude livestock from water sources, woodlands, and critical areas not intended for grazing to improve water quality.

Landowners wanting to exclude livestock from a water source to improve water quality still need to have a water source for their livestock. This would exclude any source that was previously fenced.

Other agency's offer programs for livestock exclusion that provide water facilities when you take away the livestock's water source in order to preserve water quality.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Duane Ebeling  
Chairman  
Scotland County SWCD



03/05/15

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

RE: Eligibility status  
For: Contract #: SGE: 19-15-0034  
Cooperator: Herbert W. Nicholson  
Practice: DSL- 1 Seeding  
Obligated: \$3,578.42

Dear Commission,

On February 12, 2015 Landowner, Herbert Nicholson, appealed the notification received to cancel the DSL-1 contract for a seeding practice to the Nodaway County SWCD Board. A RUSL was run and determined that the land was eligible. After the contract had been signed, it was determined that the first RUSL was incorrect and the land was not eligible for a seeding.

The board discussed and inquired with the SWCD staff regarding the change in eligibility status. The SWCD staff member confirmed, after the contract was signed, errors were identified on the first RUSL. Following appropriate corrections on a second RUSL the land was deemed ineligible and the landowner was notified.

Due to office staffing error when originally verifying eligibility the land, the board voted to petition the commission. We ask the Commission to make an allowance for Herbert Nicholson, contract # GSE 19-15-0034. Please allow for completion and payment of the practice upon completion.

Sincerely,



Kevin Stiens  
Chairman  
Nodaway County Soil & Water Conservation District



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the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4.

**Follow Up – District Comments on Request to Extend Original Maintenance Life for Stream Buffer Practices**

Alan Freeman presented the follow up to the request to extend original maintenance life for sensitive areas. He stated that Hickory SWCD requested to provide an additional out-of-production incentive as the maintenance life expires on WQ10 Stream Protection Buffer practices. This would also include: N391 Riparian Forest Buffer, N393 Filter Strips and WQ10 Stream Protection. The issue is should the Commission provide an incentive to extend the maintenance life of buffer practices. Mr. Freeman provided some background on the issue. He stated the Commission has not historically paid for maintenance on practices beyond their lifespan, with the exception of the BDSP-31 Sinkhole Buffer. He stated there is no data collected on landowner intentions to maintain or not maintain a practice beyond the maintenance life. He stated that in response to Commission direction at the June 10, 2014 meeting, a memo was sent to the districts to solicit comments with the comment period through July 25, 2014.

Mr. Freeman stated that 19 districts submitted comments, four districts opposed extending the maintenance life on buffers, four had no position and 11 were in favor. Some of the comments in support were: it would encourage landowners to keep the practice in place; protect sensitive areas especially when so many acres are being put in crop production creating more erosion; provide additional time for natural regeneration; and reduce the need for more costly erosion control measures. Some of the comments in opposition were: landowners will maintain conservation practices without further incentives; it would be an additional cost to the program; it may reduce funding for new buffer installations; and may be paying landowners that intended to maintain the practice anyway. Some comments received that were neither for nor against were: suggested five years rather than 10 for maintenance; feel landowners will want to continue to maintain buffers without incentive; and if a landowner has already decided to remove the buffer; an additional incentive may not have an impact.

Duane Mackey, Hickory SWCD, stated that they had about 10 landowners that had come to the office to ask about continuing their buffers. He stated that they surveyed the landowners that were close to the end of the 10-year lifespan and 80 percent of the landowners indicated that they were going to start grazing that area. He covered some of the pros and cons of the issue in his district. He stated that a majority of their landowners will not continue to maintain the practice without an incentive.

After some discussion, Thomas Bradley made a motion to direct staff to do additional research on potential incentive payments and maintenance life, and develop a draft practice policy for Commission review. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When asked by the Chair, Charles Ausfahl, Thomas Bradley, H.

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Ralph Gaw and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### 1. John Sebastian

Mr. Sebastian addressed the Commission concerning wells. He stated that in 2007 the price was \$5.44 and in June it was \$6.44, so over a seven year period why did the cost for drilling not go up more?

Colleen Meredith stated the Commission would receive more information on the cost of wells in his area at the December Commission meeting. The program office is waiting for the districts to submit their drilling costs.

Mr. Sebastian asked how the price for wells is determined. Ms. Meredith stated there is a State Average Cost for components. This is determined by the prices districts input into a database from paid invoices. She stated that NRCS has the State Cost Database; the actual costs from the receipts that the districts have entered are used to develop a state average cost. She reminded everyone that the database is only as good that the information entered into it.

Mr. Sebastian asked why an operator could not be paid instead of the landowner for installation of cost-share practices?

Ms. Meredith stated there are several practices where an operator can receive payment. She stated those are more management practices where the operator incurs the payment, such as pest management, nutrient management and cover crops. The other practices are normally a structural practice installed on the landowner's property that enhances the value of the land. She pointed out that this issue is being discussed in one of the Plan for the Future subcommittees and that she appreciated Mr. Sebastian's participation.

Chairman Vandiver thanked Mr. Sebastian for his comments.

### F. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 1. Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) 2013 Resolutions

Colleen Meredith presented information on the MASWCD 2013 Resolutions. She stated that every year at the Training Conference the MASWCD provides a set of resolutions and the Commission/program generally sends the association responses to the resolutions prior to the next year's Training Conference.

Next, Ms. Meredith reviewed the resolutions with the Commission along with the proposed response for each of the resolutions which will be submitted to the MASWCD.