



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

**MINUTES
MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
July 23, 2012**

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES; Sara Parker Pauley, Dru Buntin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: JON HAGLER, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE; Judy Grundler; BOB ZIEHMER, DEPT. OF CONSERVATION; Clint Dalbom; DEAN PAYNE, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI; Dave Baker

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM; Colleen Meredith

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: NRCS: J.R. Flores, Dick Purcell; ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: Tim Duggan; MASWCD: Steve Radcliff

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: April Brandt, Kerry Cordray, Christa Moody, Bill Wilson, Patricia Chapman, Cody Tebbenkamp, Judd Slivka; Darrick Steen, Harry Bozoian

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT VIA THE PHONE: Jennifer Pellett

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: DISTRICTS: Howard: Beverly Dometorch; Jefferson: George Engelbach; Oregon: Freda Johnson, Sarah Stubbs

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Fordyce called the meeting to order in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the Lewis and Clark building at 5:03 pm. Poll of commission members was taken: Charles Ausfahl, Kathryn Braden, Thomas Bradley, Gary Vandiver, and Richard Fordyce were present, which made a quorum.

Sara Parker Pauley thanked the Commission for taking time to have this emergency conference call. Governor Nixon released Executive Order 12-08 today, July 23, 2012, to authorize the Soil and Water Districts Commission to implement an emergency cost-share program for water source development and/or water distribution practices to assist landowners engaged in livestock or crop production adversely impacted by the current drought.

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B. MISSOURI DROUGHT RELIEF FOR CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Colleen Meredith presented the Missouri Drought Relief for Crop and Livestock Producers. Ms. Meredith stated the Executive Order 12-07 declares a State of Emergency due to drought. Executive Order 12-08 is narrowly targeted to provide resources to alleviate immediate water shortages. In summary, applications must be submitted within fourteen days of issuance of the Executive Order. Eligibility includes: landowner applicant must be engaged in livestock or crop production experiencing a water shortage caused directly by current drought conditions, water shortage is impacting the well-being of livestock or crop production, the proposed water source development or distribution must produce an immediate material benefits to the well-being of livestock or crop production, and the proposed water source development or distribution practice will not adversely affect a public water supply.

Projects approved shall be completed within sixty days of issuance of the Order. Cost-share rate shall be 90 percent of the cost of eligible practices. The maximum cost-share under this program is \$20,000. This Order shall terminate October 1, 2012 unless extended in whole or in part.

For Commission consideration: Direct staff to implement Governor Nixon's Executive Order 12-08. Approve \$2 million to address drought relief as outlined in the Executive Order. Approve changing the cost-share rate for the drought practices to ninety percent with a maximum cost-share award of \$20,000 per landowner applicant.

After discussion, Kathryn Braden made a motion to direct staff to implement Governor Nixon's Executive Order 12-08. Approve \$2 million to address drought relief as outlined in the Executive Order. Approve changing the cost-share rate for the special drought cost-share rate for the special drought cost-share practices to 90 percent with a maximum cost-share award of \$20,000. Thomas Bradley seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken. Gary Vandiver, Thomas Bradley, Kathryn Braden, Charles Ausfahl, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Sara Parker Pauley noted Governor Nixon will have a conference call tomorrow, July 24, 2012 at 8 am with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to further clarify Executive Order 12-08.

Colleen Meredith requested the Soil and Water Conservation District Boards of Supervisors to: inform producers about the programs available, exercise flexibility with local policies to assist in drought relief efforts, prioritize staff efforts to assist in drought relief measures for state and federal programs, and to utilize the Code of Regulations 10 CSR 70-050(2) to allow for individual board members to approve a contract on the board behalf between regular scheduled meetings.

Sara Parker Pauley stated in the Executive Order 12-08, Governor Nixon established an Agricultural Water Resource Technical Review Team. This team will be comprised of staff from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources. If

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landowners would like to apply directly to the department that is an option. Department staff would then coordinate with the local district.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Bradley moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:25pm. Kathryn Braden seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken. Gary Vandiver, Thomas Bradley, Kathryn Braden, Charles Ausfahl, and Richard Fordyce voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

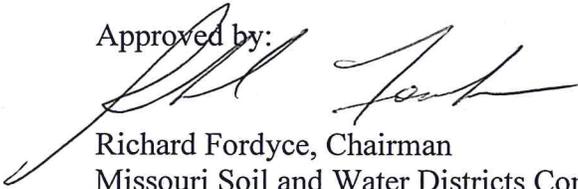
Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Meredith, Director

Soil and Water Conservation Program

Approved by:



Richard Fordyce, Chairman

Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission

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