



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

MINUTES
MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Lewis and Clark State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri
December 15, 2014

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Charles Ausfahl,
Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw, and Gary Vandiver

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS VIA TELEPHONE: SARA PARKER PAULEY, DEPT.
OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Kurt Boeckmann; RICHARD FORDYCE, DEPT. OF
AGRICULTURE: Judy Grundler; DEAN THOMAS PAYNE, UNIV. OF
MISSOURI: David Baker

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: NATURAL
RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS): J.R. Flores and Harold Decker;
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS (MASWCD): Kenny Lovelace

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM:
Colleen Meredith; ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: Tim Duggan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Jim Plassmeyer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Van Beydler, Jim Boschert, Matt Elliott, David Goggins,
Theresa Mueller, Cody Tebbenkamp, Colette Weckenborg

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES: Kurt Boeckmann; MISSOURI FARM BUREAU: Kelly
Smith; MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (MSWCDEA): Sandy Stratman

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, in
Jefferson City, MO, in the Gasconade Conference Room at 8:03 a.m.

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Roll call was taken and the following commissioners were present via the telephone: Charles Ausfahl, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw and Gary Vandiver, which made a quorum.

B. RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 31, 2014 DISASTER DECLARATION

Gary Vandiver asked that Colleen Meredith provide some background on the issue. Ms. Meredith stated that when there is an emergency disaster declaration the Governor submits information to the President and then the President declares the disaster declaration. The official declaration is FEMA 4200 DR and it designated 20 counties as meeting the criteria for the declaration. The counties designated were Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Ralls, Shelby, Sullivan and Worth.

Ms. Meredith stated that the Commission does have policy on reconstruction. Without a disaster declaration, soil and water conservation district boards must make a request to the Commission for each individual practice that is under a maintenance agreement that requires reconstruction. A disaster declaration allows the boards to approve contracts anywhere within the designated area. She stated that the Commission can also approve reconstruction for practices not under maintenance or if a new practice has to be constructed to repair storm damage, as long as those practices meet NRCS standards and specifications.

Ms. Meredith stated that the meeting was to ask if the Commission wanted to consider allocating funding for practices under a maintenance agreement that were damaged, and also for new practices that may be needed due to the damage from the event. She stated if the Commission allocated funds for this declaration, only the counties listed in the declaration would be eligible for the funds and damage must be documented as the result of the storm(s) and not just due to a lack of maintenance. She stated the determination is the responsibility of the district board when they approve the contracts for reconstruction. She pointed out that this disaster declaration was specifically for the time period listed.

Charles Ausfahl made a motion to set aside those dollars and wait and see how many plans come in and see what it looks like. H. Ralph Gaw asked if Mr. Ausfahl was adopting the draft motion. Mr. Ausfahl asked if the amount under consideration to be allocated was \$500,000 and the answer was yes. Mr. Ausfahl answered that he was adopting the draft motion. H. Ralph Gaw seconded the motion.

Gary Vandiver asked Mr. Gaw to read the motion. Mr. Gaw stated that motion was, "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." When polled, Charles Ausfahl, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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C. ADJOURNMENT

H. Ralph Gaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Ausfahl seconded the motion. When polled, Charles Ausfahl, Thomas Bradley, H. Ralph Gaw and Gary Vandiver voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

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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