

REGULAR OPEN MEETING GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD

Posted March 31, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

REVISED AGENDA

USDA Service Center – 314 S. Olive Street

Monday, April 4, 2010, 8 p.m.

1. Open Meeting – Chairman
2. Introduction of new CED – Abby Inglis
3. Review Minutes of the March Board Meeting – Secretary
4. Financial Report for March – Treasurer
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Review Time Sheets
 - Quarterly Reports
5. Unfinished Business
 - Drill Insurance – Ron Hardecke
 - Fair Review
 - Ed Seminar Review – Ron Hardecke
6. Cost-Share – Fund Status
 - Approve Conservation Plans, Cost-share Contracts, Change Orders, and Payments

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Hobein Brothers LLC ₁	C/S	DFR-5	Contract	\$6,000	062-10-0046
Michael/Pamela Miller ₂		DSL-2	Change Order	\$1,972.08	062-10-0008
Virgil/Ruth Laboube (FY11)	C/S	N574	Contract	\$3,058.71	062-10-0049
Eugene Koepke (FY11)	C/S	DSP-3.2	Contract	\$1,734.00	062-10-0050
Eugene Koepke (FY11)	C/S	DSP-3.3	Contract	\$1,204.50	062-10-0051
Dave/Ramona Culp ₃		DWC-1	Change Order	\$8,000.00	062-10-0026
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Roger Loeb	CSP				
Doratheia Koepke	CSP				
Joy Haeffner (Pasture)	CSP				
Joy Haeffner (Forestry)	CSP				
WM Boettcher Farm	CSP				
Stanley Shoemaker		N391	Payment	\$2,356.74	062-10-0038
Winona M. Coen Estate	HEL				

₁Approved by Dennis Berger, 03/12/10

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₃Approved by Ron Hardecke, 03/25/10

7. New Business
 - Annual Plan of Action
 - Board Reorganization
 - Terry DuBois request to attend Advanced Grazing School, June 17-18
 - Conservation Planning Training – May 17-21 and June 28 – July 2.
8. DNR Memorandums and Letters
 - ❖ Advanced Allocation Confirmation E-Mail
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-032, District Grants Eligible Expenses
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-033, REVISED State Mileage Allowance Rate Effective April 1, 2010
 - ❖ Letter of April 5, 2010
9. NRCS Reports, District Reports
10. Mail
 - Farm Bureau Letter of March 23, 2010

- MASWCD E-NEWS
- NACD e-notes

11. Calendar of Events

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Minutes of the
Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting – USDA Service Center, 314 S. Olive, Owensville
March 1, 2010

Chairman, Ron Hardecke, called the regular board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Those present were: Ron Hardecke, Chairman; Curtis Koelling, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Berger, Member; Gene Rademacher, Treasurer; Melinda Barch, District Conservationist; Kyle Lairmore, MDC Private Lands Conservationist; Terry DuBois, District Technician II, and Diana Mayfield, District Specialist II. Andy Read, Secretary; was absent.

Special guests were Jerry Lairmore, Southern Commissioner.

The minutes of the February meeting were read. Gene Rademacher made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Curtis Koelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The February treasurer's report and time sheets were reviewed. Beginning balance of \$32,864.13 and ending balance of \$26,422.41. Dennis Berger made the motion to approve the time sheets and treasurer's reports as presented. Curtis Koelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Unfinished Business

- ❖ The Culp Fencings issue was deferred due to the lack of a full board and the rescission of FY10 funds.
- ❖ The PowerPoint presentation for the upcoming commission meeting was presented. After review, the Board made a minor revision and Curtis Koelling made the motion to approve the PowerPoint presentation as amended. Dennis Berger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

New Business

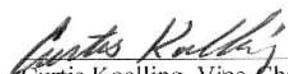
- ❖ Due to the current situation with the rescission, Curtis Koelling made the motion to approve any contract that we can get through between meetings. We currently have three applications waiting for approval. Gene Rademacher seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- ❖ Curtis Koelling made the motion to approve the FY11 early release of funds request for \$15,732 that the District Manager presented. Dennis Berger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- ❖ A request to remove the landowner limits due to the lack of a waiting list died for lack of a motion.
- ❖ A request to remove the 25 acre limit on the nutrient/pest management programs received no motion. It was suggested that we wait to see what changes are made on these two programs before we make specific changes.
- ❖ Staff reviewed the cost-share applications with the board. Gene Rademacher made a motion to accept the cost-share (listed separately) as presented.

Curtis Koelling seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- ❖ Diana Mayfield updated the board on the Farm and Conservation Fair and said that she would be mailing the agenda to the Board as soon as possible.
- ❖ Diana Mayfield requested that she be allowed to assist with the Regional Envirothon again this year. Kyle Lairmore had indicated that he would be available to keep the office open, as Terry DuBois would be on vacation and Mark Brandt would be at training. Dennis Berger made the motion to approve the request. Curtis Koelling seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- ❖ The Board reviewed the memos and letters. Main concerns were the present economic situation which was forcing a shutdown of funds in the cost-share program. Diana Mayfield informed the Board that the Tech II testing has been suspended until further notice.
- ❖ The Board reviewed the District reports. Melinda Barch explained a little about the Organic EQIP sign up and the High Tunnel program. She informed the Board that they were currently under their quality review.
- ❖ Kyle Lairmore indicated that he is moved in and they are interviewing for a PLC in Osage County this week.
- ❖ The board reviewed the calendar of events.
- ❖ Ron Hardecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Dennis Berger so moved. Gene Rademacher seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.
- ❖ Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010, at 8 p.m.



Ron Hardecke, Chairman



Curtis Koelling, Vice Chairman

Change Orders Approved

62 - GASCONADE SWCD
314 SOUTH OLIVE
OWENSVILLE, MO 65066
(573)437-3478 EXT. 3

62 - GASCONADE SWCD

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Resource Concern</u>	<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Change Order</u>	<u>Change</u>
GM 062-10-0042	CO1 DSP 3.3	GRAZING MANAGEMENT	KEMNA, RICHARD & REBECCA	01/04/2010	CO1	02/05/2010 \$2,172.00	\$216.72
SGE 062-10-0010	CO1 DSL-11	SHEET AND RILL / GULLY EROSION	STOCKTON, MICHAEL & SANDY	09/01/2009	CO1	03/01/2010 \$493.25	\$0.00
WE 062-10-0043	CO1 DFR-05	WOODLAND EROSION	KEMNA, RICHARD & REBECCA	01/04/2010	CO1	02/05/2010 \$2,003.62	(\$976.13)

3 Change Orders Board Approved

Change In Obligation (\$759.41)

Contract Payments Approved

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(573)437-3478 EXT. 3

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<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Resource Concern</u>	<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Contract Payment \$</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
GWP 062-10-0025	N351	2010 GROUND WATER PROTECTION 2010	KURRELMMEYER BROTHERS FARM	02/05/2010	\$400.00	PAID	02/16/2010

1 Contract Payments Board Approved

Sum of Contract Payment \$ \$400.00

CS Farm/Tract Records

62 - GASCONADE SWCD
314 SOUTH OLIVE
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(573)437-3478 EXT. 3

<u>Farm #</u>	<u>Tract #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Legal Owner</u>	<u>HUC</u>	<u>Primary PWSS</u>	<u>Secondary PWSS</u>	<u>Cons Plan App Date</u>
1934	2071	S-28 T-41 R-6	BUDDEMEYER, WILLIAM & RICHARD	07140103-040002	6010716-206		03/01/2010

By: DIANA
03/29/10 7:41am

GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD
Treasurers Report

Checking account #: MAIN
Dates: From 03/01/10 To 03/31/10

Check/Dep-# Date Description Payee Amount

Checking account: MAIN Beginning Checking Account Balance for: Mar \$26,422.41
Auto bal account #: 00-00-100

Bank ID: 081009428 Bank name: First Bank
Acct #: 4876403659 Phone:

Checks

1614049	03/05/10	MARCH PREMIUM	mchcp	\$1,277.12
4048	03/05/10	DUBOIS, PAYROLL-03/05/10	TERRY	\$925.51
4049	03/05/10	MAYFIELD, PAYROLL 03/5/10	DIANA	\$728.43
4057	03/11/10	POSTER AWARDS	SWCD	\$210.00
4059	03/16/10	FOOD FOR FAIR	LIONS	\$188.01
4050	03/19/10	ED SEMINAR 2010 HOTEL	CAPITAL PL	\$78.00
4051	03/19/10	DUBOIS-PAYROLL 03/19/10	TERRY	\$925.51
4052	03/19/10	MAYFIELD-PAYROLL 03/19/10	DIANA	\$728.43
4053	03/19/10	STATE TAX 1ST QTR	STATE TAX	\$331.00
4054	03/19/10	RETIREMENT PYMT	RETIRE	\$626.71
4055	03/19/10	DIANA'S AFLAC W/H PYMT	AFLAC	\$139.62
4056	03/19/10	POSTER JUDGING REIMBURSEM	DIANA	\$7.37
4058	03/19/10	HAMBURGERS FOR FAIR	JNL2	\$132.67
9414052	03/19/10	941 MARCH	EFTPS	\$886.96
4060	03/20/10	READ- SUPV TRVL	ANDY	\$58.28
4061	03/20/10	DUBOIS-EMPL TRVL	TERRY	\$80.70
4062	03/20/10	KOELLING-SUPV TRVL	CURTIS	\$85.07
4063	03/20/10	RADEMACHER-SUPV TRVL	GENE	\$20.68
4064	03/20/10	BERGER-SUPV TRVL	DENNIS	\$79.43
4065	03/20/10	MAYFIELD-EMPL TRVL	DIANA	\$239.70
4067	03/20/10	SETUP/TAKEDOWN	BOY SCOUT	\$200.00
4068	03/20/10	FCF MEAL PREP/SERVE	SWISSCHURC	\$500.00
4069	03/20/10	FCF JANITOR	BenN	\$210.00
4072	03/24/10	ENVIROTHON TRVL	DIANA	\$84.60
4066	03/30/10	HARDECKE-SUPV TRVL	RON	\$124.55
			Total Checks	\$8,868.35

Deposits

CR030510	03/05/10	CASH RECEIPTS 03/05/10	(\$106.00)	Deposit
BI022810	03/19/10	BANK INTEREST 02/28/10	(\$2.29)	Deposit
DR032410	03/24/10	DRILL RENTAL	(\$90.00)	Deposit
		Total Deposits	(\$198.29)	

Total Deposits less Checks for the month: \$8,670.06

Ending Checkbook Balance: Mar \$17,752.35

By: DIANA
03/29/10 11:05am

GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD
Treasurers Report

Checking account #: 150
Dates: From 03/01/10 To 03/31/10

Check/Dep-#	Date	Description	Payee	Amount
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Checking account: 150 Beginning Checking Account Balance for: Mar \$14,791.99
Auto bal account #: 00-00-150

Bank ID: Bank name: FIRST BANK
Acct #: 876660004479 Phone:

Checks

Total Checks \$0.00

Deposits

CD021810 03/19/10 CD INTEREST 02/18/10 (\$26.76) Deposit

Total Deposits (\$26.76)

Total Deposits less Checks for the month: (\$26.76)

Ending Checkbook Balance: Mar \$14,818.75

-----End of report-----

**FY 10
BUDGET**

EXPENDITURE	PROPOSED	GRANTS					LOCAL FUNDS-01	YEAR TO DATE
		PERSONNEL GRANT-02	OTHER EXPENSES-03	ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT-04	INFOED GRANT-05	BUS TOUR-22		
INFOED								
ANNUAL MTG/FAIR	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00				\$ 1,510.21	
POSTER CONTEST	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00				\$ 541.15	
INFOED MATERIALS	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 280.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 28.36	
NEWSLETTER	\$ 1,900.00					\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,552.70	
FIELD EVENTS	\$ 500.00					\$ 500.00	\$ 574.44	
DONATIONS	\$ 50.00					\$ 50.00		
BUS TOURS	\$ 1,850.00				\$ 1,850.00		\$ 1,554.28	
DUES & SPONSORSHIP								
MASWCD DUES	\$ 450.00					\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
ELECTION EXPENSES								
ELECTION								
OPERATING EXPENSES								
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00					\$ 500.00	\$ 693.28	
OFFICE MAINTENANCE	\$ 50.00					\$ 50.00		
ADVERTIZING/PROMOTION	\$ 150.00					\$ 150.00	\$ 338.24	
INSURANCE EXPENSES								
MOPERM	\$ 419.00		\$ 419.00				\$ 450.00	
EQUIPMENT	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00				\$ 625.09	
POSTAGE & MAILING								
POSTAGE	\$ 400.00		\$ 381.00				\$ 19.00	\$ 313.58
ITEMS FOR SALE								
FLAGS	\$ -							
PLATS	\$ -							
SUPERVISOR EXPENSE								
Supervisor Travel	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00				\$ 936.01	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT								
EQUIPMENT	\$ -							
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE								
John Deere Maintenance	\$ 600.00					\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Great Plains Maintenance	\$ -						\$ -	
John Deere Repair	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 1,000.00	\$ 955.35	
Great Plains Repair	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 1,000.00	\$ 358.09	
Rotowiper/ATV	\$ 100.00					\$ 100.00	\$ 38.48	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,269.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 6,439.00	\$ 11,519.26	

Reporting period: 01/01/10 to 03/31/10

Starting account: First Ending account: Last

Details are not shown

Print zero dollar accounts: No
Fund: 01

Local Funds

Account-#	Description	Beg-Bal	Tot-Debit	Tot-Credit	End-Bal
1-00-300	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	(\$26,661.99)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$26,661.99)
01-00-400	INTEREST EARNED ON CHECKING	(\$10.89)	\$0.00	(\$5.50)	(\$16.39)
01-00-401	INTEREST ON CD	(\$266.61)	\$0.00	(\$79.28)	(\$345.89)
01-00-403	NEWSLETTER ADVERTIZING DONATIO	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$250.00)
01-00-404	COUNTY COMMISSION	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)
01-00-406	DONATIONS FIELD DAYS	(\$200.00)	\$0.00	(\$25.00)	(\$225.00)
01-00-415	SALE OF GOODS	(\$114.00)	\$0.00	(\$33.90)	(\$147.90)
01-00-430	ATV EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
01-00-431	ROTOWIPER RENTAL	(\$150.38)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$150.38)
01-00-432	JOHN DEERE DRILL RENTAL	(\$1,352.40)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,352.40)
01-00-433	GREAT PLAINS DRILL RENTAL	(\$1,471.30)	\$0.00	(\$90.00)	(\$1,561.30)
01-00-435	BURN EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10.00)	(\$10.00)
01-00-545	SUPERVISOR TRAVEL	\$15.00	\$144.27	\$0.00	\$159.27
01-00-546	SUPERVISOR TRAINING	\$735.16	\$20.00	(\$735.16)	\$20.00
01-00-631	DRILL INSURANCE	\$473.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$473.55
01-00-632	JOHN DEERE DRILL REPAIR	\$955.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$955.35
01-00-633	GREAT PLAINS DRILL REPAIR	\$98.61	\$259.48	\$0.00	\$358.09
01-00-635	JOHN DEERE MAINTENANCE	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
01-00-637	ROTOWIPER INSURANCE	\$151.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151.54
01-00-638	ROTOWIPER REPAIR	\$11.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.38
01-00-639	ATV REPAIR/EXPENSE	\$27.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.10
01-00-640	ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$338.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$338.24
01-00-700	MASWCD DUES	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
01-00-800	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$667.91	\$25.37	(\$25.37)	\$667.91
01-00-830	ANNUAL MEETING	\$163.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163.03
01-00-831	POSTER CONTEST	\$0.00	\$217.37	(\$217.37)	\$0.00
01-00-832	NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$1,072.95	\$359.26	(\$359.26)	\$1,072.95
01-00-833	DEMONSTRATIONS/FIELD DAYS	\$398.96	\$47.62	(\$47.62)	\$398.96
01-00-915	COST-SHARE MAINTENANCE	\$135.00	\$108.00	(\$135.00)	\$108.00

Summary Page:

Beginning Balance:	(\$26,683.79)
Total Income:	(\$323.68)
Total Expenses:	(\$338.41)
Funds Remaining:	(\$27,345.88)

BOARD MEETING REPORT from Terry DuBois

March

Training:

Possible cost-share practices / expressed interest / not yet looked at:

- *Darryl Rasmussen – Pond & Grazing System – Appointment Set
- *Jerome Huerner (Dean Winter Op.) DSP –Grazing System
- *Dr. Sims – DSP-3.5 (Grazing System Seed)
- *Ruth Brink – DSP-3.5 (Grazing System Seed)
- *Joy Haeffner – DSP-3.4 (Grazing System Lime)
- *Berniece Michener – DSP-3.4 (Grazing System Lime)
- *Charles Schlottach – 2 Farms DSP-3.4 (Grazing System Lime)
- *John Hall – N590 (Nutrient Management) July
- *Greg Minter – DWC-1 (Pond)

Possible cost-share practices being looked at / worked on:

- *Mike Abel – N574 (Spring Development) / Paperwork Completed – Waiting For Available Funds
- *Roy Koelling – DSL-5 Diversion – Surveying Scheduled
- *Russel Laboube – N574 (Spring Development)/Paperwork Completed – Waiting For Board Approval
- *Steve Hobein DSP-3.2 (Water Dist. - Solar Pump System)Waiting for DNR Energize MO Approval
- *Ray Wehmeyer N655 (Restoration of Skid Trails) New Component DNR Approved

*Bill Diebal – N472 (Use Exclusion Ponds) / DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP -3.3 (Cross Fences)

*John Lawson – DSL-2 (Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement)

*Malvern Huebner – C650 (Streambank Stabilization)

*Dale Aubuchon – DSL-11 (Critical Area) & N351 (Well Decommissioning)

*Curt Frolker – C650 – (Streambank Stabilization / Possible Cost-Share from SWCD & MDC)

Cost-share practices submitted to DNR for eligibility, awaiting response:

Cost-share practices DNR approved, the work is approved to start or started:

- *Richard Kemna – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP-3.3 (Cross Fences), DFR-5 (Woodland Protection)
- *Steve Hobein - DFR-5 Woodland Exclusion
- *Eugene Koepke – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution)
- *Bill Buddemeyer – N595 (Pest Management)
- *Bill Buddemeyer – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP-3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Rick Grellner Farm # 3168 – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP- 3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Michael Stockton – DSL-11 (Critical Area)
- *Ramona Culp – DWC-1(Water Impoundment Reservoir)
- *Ramona Culp - DFR-5 (Woodland Protection)
- *David Lottman – DSL-11 (Critical Area)
- *Carles Sparks – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP- 3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Sandy Kohlbusch – DSL-4 (Diversion with Riser Inlet & Relief Outlet)
- *John Withouse – DWC-1 (Water Impoundment Reservoir)
- *Dale Aubuchon N472 (Use Exclusion) & DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution) Approved but the land owner backed out.

Completed cost-share practices that I've done the final checks on:

- *Joe Grellner Farm # 3242 – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP- 3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Stanley Shoemaker – N391 – Riparian forest Buffer

Non cost-share or technical advice only:

*Don Sebben – Pond Pipe / Dam issues

*Status Reviews Completed:

*Farm Reconstituions Completed:

District Manager Report
Diana Mayfield
April 4, 2010

I created maps, soil descriptions and/or updated toolkit files for:

Decker Family Farm LLC, Recon Willa Happel, CRP Ruth Brink, C/S Anna Highfill, Recon/CRP James Held, Recon	A&M Farms, HEL Charles Schlottach, C/S Warren Michner, C/S Beverly Schammel, Recon/CRP
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I assisted NRCS in preparations for the Quality Review Process.

We judged 585 posters on March 8th. The judges were Delores Diekmann, Shirley Landwehr, and Cathy Mauzey.

Terry, Dennis Berger, and I presented our cause to the commission on the 10th. The presentation was praised for being professional and opening their eyes to some issues that need to be addressed immediately. We received no change in our cost-share allocation, however, I feel that the commissioners are now aware and promise to do something about the situation.

I have spent many hours preparing for the fair. The fair was well received as there were 141 of people present. There were several other conflicting events going on that day. I sent a news article to the papers for the winners of the poster contest. I have updated our website with pictures of the event and the winners of the poster contest. I also added articles of our winning landowners to the website. I sent a similar article to the papers.

I processed the quarterly reports and financial records for the month of March.

I assisted Mark with the CSP landowner folders.

I assisted with the scoring at the Regional Envirothon at Windermere. Cathy Mauzey also volunteered her time for the event. The students were asked to address questions in regards to soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and current issue at each designated site. They received the most points in the designated areas and then up to 40 points for the related questions. Example: At the soils site they could receive 60 points for the soil questions, 10 for aquatics, forestry, wildlife and current issue. They also had to give an oral presentation as a group with the researched topic that was provided prior to the event.



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March 2010 NRCS Board Report

During the month of March I attend the SWCD board meetings in Gasconade, Maries and Osage Counties.

The first week of March was busy for the FOSA as we had a Quality Review performed by Area and State Office Staff. Karen Brinkman, Area Conservationist, will attend our FOSA meeting in May to review the results of the review. At this time there is nothing major that has been brought to my attention.

Karen Brinkman, selected myself as chairperson and four other Area 2 staff to serve on a task force to develop solutions to concerns that were brought forth during the DC meeting at the Training Conference. As Chairperson of the Area 2 group I also then serve on the State Task Force with folks from the other three areas in the state. We met in Columbia to develop solutions for the top 15 state concerns. These solutions will then be presented to JR Flores, State Conservationist.

NRCS staff has been working on EQIP/WHIP rankings and cost estimates for the FY10 applications.

As one of the Regional Grazing School coordinators I picked up the grazing school materials in Columbia for the Central Region.

I attended the Tree and Shrub Workshop sponsored by Quail Forever, MDC and NRCS held in Osage County.

I met with Amy Neier, Maries County District Technician II, and DNR staff to look at a DFR-5 practice in Maries County.

I attended the Gasconade County Farm and Conservation Fair sponsored by the Soil and Water District. NRCS/SWCD had a display and I also gave a presentation on Farm Bill Programs. Mark Brandt, Resource Conservationist, gave a presentation on Nutrient and Pest Management.

I attended the Maries County Annual Meeting. I attended the Osage County Open House and awards reception for the Poster and Cooperator Awardees.

JR Flores, State Conservationist, Dick Purcell, State Engineer, Karen Brinkman, Area Conservationist and I met with Dan Engeman, Congressional assistant to Congressman Luetkemeyer at an Osage County landowners to listen to his concerns.

Jay Lingwall, Area Resource Conservationist, assisted NRCS staff on landowner information for CSP.

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