

# Annual Report

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

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## C. MEETINGS

Number of SWCD Board Meetings Held: 10  
Number of Special Meetings Held by Board: 0

### ANNUAL MEETING

Number Attending: 187  
Speaker/Address/Topic Billy Hampton - MODOT  
Changes that could affect landowners

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Intensive Grazing School (Sponsorship)	1	31
Elsberry Farm Bus Tour	1	28
DSP-3 Landowner Mtg	1	43
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	208

D. ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	6	468
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)		24 teams
Mid-Mo Grassland Competition (sponsorship)		

AWARDS

	Yes or No
Family Cooperator Award	Yes
Volunteer Award	Yes

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
4	1050
WebSite	40

	Number of
Radio Ads	1x6
Newspaper Articles	16x3
Public Displays	3
Web Page	updated regularly

TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

Type of Tours and Field Days	No. of Tours	Attendance
4th Grade Field Day - October 1 & 2	2	230
Day with Wildlife - February 21st	1	200

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of Users
John Deere 10'Drill/acre	\$9.00	219.9 ac
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre	\$9.00	442.2 ac
Rotowiper/day	\$25.00	1
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	2
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	8
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder	Free	4
Soil Probe	Free	21
Audio Equipment	Free	6

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	\$ 60.00
Plat Books	\$ 128.00

OTHER

E. No. of Cooperators Waiting for Service: 0  
Average Time Waiting for First Contact: 1 week

Were accomplishments presented to county commission? Yes  
Was budget presented to county commission? Yes

F. CURRENT DISTRICT STAFF

Name	<u>Diana Mayfield</u>	Job Title	<u>District Program Specialist II</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 3</u>	Termination Date	
Start Date	<u>20-Jan-00</u>	Worked Per	<u>2080</u>
Email Address	<u>diana.mayfield@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.33</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>Yes</u>		

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Name	<u>Terry DuBois</u>	Job Title	<u>District Technician I</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 109</u>	Termination Date	
Start Date	<u>20-Apr-09</u>	Worked Per	<u>800</u>
Email Address	<u>terry.dubois@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$10.59</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>No</u>		

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Name	<u>Debbie Raaf</u>	Job Title	<u>District Technician I</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 109</u>	Termination Date	<u>3-Apr-09</u>
Start Date	<u>21-Nov-05</u>	Hours Worked Per Year	<u>1725</u>
Email Address	<u>deborah.raaf@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$11.21</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>No</u>		

**Gasconade County  
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Narrative Report 2009  
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) primary goal for the county is to conserve our natural resources. All programs and related activities are based on reaching the goal of "T".

Gasconade County SWCD programs and activities encourage participation by the public, which include our children, who will be the future leaders of our nation. Some of the activities and programs of the district, which are funded by Administrative funds and local funds include:

- **Intensive Grazing School** –We co-sponsored an Intensive Grazing School at Swiss, MO on May 14-15, 2009. There were 31 students attending his school. This school was the first to give the students an opportunity to design a system on an undeveloped farm. This exercise was well received. The students went to the farms of Joy and Cindy Haeffner and Ruth Brink.
- **Landowner DSP-3 Meeting** – We hosted a landowner meeting to go over the changes with the DSP-3 program. Will McClain presented a simplified version of his fertilizer presentation. There were 39 landowners in attendance.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day** – The District organized and sponsored their eighth 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day. There were 198 students from 3 local schools. The students were allowed to visit eight different educational stops on the Dennis and Brenda Kurrelmeyer farm north of Owensville, MO. The lunch for the students and staff was provided by local businesses and prepared by volunteers. The MDC Conservation Agent gave a special presentation during the lunch period on both days on animal pelts, which was well received.
- **Elsberry Plant Materials Center Tour** –The District sponsored their second bus tour to the Elsberry Plant Materials Center in August. There were 28 landowners and staff that attended this very informative tour. It was interesting to see how the different grasses survived (or not) the flood.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** – The Forage and Beef Conference for the area was held in Cuba on February 23<sup>rd</sup> with approximately 208 people in attendance. An evening meal was provided for those attending the conference. There were several guest speakers talking on a wide range of subjects, from farm diversity to cost-share programs. A two landowner producer panel discussed their different programs (one landowner was from Gasconade County) and the final guest speaker gave a presentation on Basis of Diet Selection by Grazing Livestock. There were 18 registered vendors at this event, who donated door prizes that were presented throughout the course of the evening. We had two staff members at the meeting, who helped with set up/down and registration..
- **Annual Meeting** - The Annual Meeting was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> with 186 people in attendance at the Lions Hall in Owensville. Billy Hampton, MoDOT, was the guest speaker for the evening. He discussed the new changes with MoDOT in regards to commercial vehicles on the roads. DNR brought the banners for the new Resource Concerns.
- **Day with Wildlife** – District staff, along with NRCS hosted a booth at the Day with Wildlife, which was held in Hermann this year. The booth consisted of the display board and a wide variety of information/education materials for both young and old. We also had a worm view set up for everyone to see.
- **Area II and Area IV Board Election** – The election was held on March 19th with Ron Hardecke retaining his position in Area IV and Dennis Berger winning the Area II position.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's theme was "Dig It, the Secrets of Soil." The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. We receive 467 posters from 6 schools and our three judges had a very difficult time in making their selections. We presented 258 blue ribbons, 204 red ribbons, and 20 white ribbons. The awards were presented at the Annual meeting on March 19th . We were fortunate to have a State Winner this year.
- **Cooperator Family of the Year Award** – A new twist to the Cooperator of the Year Award was added this year to include the family. Joy and Cindy Haeffner were chosen to receive this award this year.
- **Volunteer Award**–Cathy Mauzey was selected for the volunteer award this year.

District Staff assisted their cooperating partners with registering people for some of their events. Some of these events include MDC's Quail Forever Meetings and burn workshops and NRCS's two pasture walks/rides

The District still owns a 10 ft. John Deere no-till drill, a 7 ft. Great Plains no-till drill, and a Rotowiper. The District also has burn equipment and soil probes available for public use. The district now rents an ATV sprayer, seeder, and disk in conjunction with MDC. The Quail Unlimited Chapter donated a new ATV warm season spreader for landowner use.

A quarterly newsletter was mailed to approximately 1050 cooperators at each mailing this past fiscal year. The newsletter is now located on the District Web site, and is updated quarterly. We are currently sending the newsletter via e-mail to 40 landowners. The purpose of this newsletter is to make the landowners more aware of district goals, programs, and accomplishments in controlling soil erosion, water quality, etc. The newsletter also contains information and events for the cooperating partners - NRCS, FSA, and MDC. The funding of this newsletter has been made possible by the soil and parks tax and local funding.

The Soil and Water Conservation District co-sponsored the Mid-MO Grassland Competition. The District sent one staff member to assist with the District Envirothon.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and the Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements in April with NRCS.

The District Staff works with NRCS to assist with the Federal Programs that are being implemented.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, University Missouri Extension, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Rural Development, County Contractors, the County Commission, and county and state public officials continue to be very supportive of the District.

A combination of the news media, radio, a District Newsletter, website, correspondence, and personal contacts are used to keep the public informed of state programs and Board sponsored activities. The cost-share brochure has been updated with the new practices that have become available and made available to the public in the hopes of promoting and explaining the cost-share system. A survey was used this year to determine the needs assessment of the county.

The participation in the Cost-Share program has good considering the economy. Those practices that have been claimed are (9) DSL-1, Permanent Vegetative Cover; (5) DSL-2, Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement, (6) DSP-3, Planned Grazing Systems; (5) DWC-1, Water Impoundment Reservoirs; (3) DFR-5, Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion. The District has claimed approximately 68% of their \$147,628.83 allocation this year. The raining season was a major contributing factor in the decline of cost-share spending. Although assistance and planning are given in a timely fashion, there is a waiting list for grazing system assistance. The district participated in the resource concern inventory, which will put us into a 5 year needs assessment program.

Two office personnel and one supervisor attended the State Training Conference held in November.

Two office personnel and two board members attended the Area 5 Annual Meeting in Warrenton.

The Annual Plan of Action is followed monthly as a guideline for district activities during the year. The District is continually looking for educational opportunities.

We did experience a change over in staff in the month of April. Our new technician began on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

The Gasconade County Board of Supervisors meets regularly on the first Monday of each month. The agenda for each meeting is posted in the USDA Service Center on the Wednesday before each meeting. The County Commissioners, Natural Resources Conservation District Area Staff, and the Department of Natural Resources are invited to each meeting and any visitors wishing to attend the meetings are encouraged to do so.

The Board of Supervisors continues to stress the need for soil and water conservation and they are very conscious of their responsibility of being faithful stewards of tax payer dollars.