

Annual Report

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

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C. MEETINGS

Number of SWCD Board Meetings Held: 10
Number of Special Meetings Held by Board: 1

ANNUAL MEETING

Number Attending: 141
Speaker/Address/Topic Farm and Conservation Fair

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Intensive Grazing School (Sponsorship)	1	17
CSP Meeting (Sponsorship)	1	7
Contractor Meeting	1	6
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	147

D. ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	7	585
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)	18	21 teams

AWARDS

	Yes or No
Family Cooperator Award	Yes
Volunteer Award	Yes
Area 5 and State Grassland Winners	Yes

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
4	1070
WebSite	70

	Number of
Radio Ads	0
Newspaper Articles	21x3
Public Displays	2
Web Page	updated regulary

TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

Type of Tours and Field Days	No. of Tours	Attendance
Family Conservation Tour	1	42
4th Grade Field Day	1	98
FFA Ag Field Day	1	90
Wurdack Farm Tour	1	23

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of
John Deere 10'Drill/acre	\$9.00	162.5
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre	\$9.00	266.3
Rotowiper/day	\$25.00	7
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	1
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	6
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder/day	Free	2
Soil Probe/use	Free	11
Audio Equipment/use	Free	3

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	\$ 20.00
Plat Books	\$ 163.90

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>	Hours Worked Per Year	<u>2080</u>
Email Address	<u>diana.mayfield@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.43</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>Yes</u>		
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Name	<u>Terry DuBois</u>	Job Title	<u>District Technician II</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 109</u>	Termination Date	_____
Start Date	<u>20-Apr-09</u>	Hours Worked Per Year	<u>2080</u>
Email Address	<u>terry.dubois@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.35</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>No</u>		

Gasconade County
Soil and Water Conservation District

Narrative Report 2010
July 1, 2009– June 30, 2010

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 Linn, MO on May 13-14, 2010. There were 17 attendees with 5 being from Gasconade County.
- **2010 FFA AG Field Day** – We co-sponsored our 4th FFA Ag Field day at Ben Branch Conservation Area. We revamped the program to include more hands on sites, and they were well received. We had 4 schools in attendance with 90 students. There were 38 staff and teachers on hand as well. Special events such as the saw mill and electro shocking were presented after lunch. This will be a bi-annual event.
- **Family Conservation Tour** – We hosted our first Family Conservation Tour at the Russell LaBoube farm. There were 40 landowners in attendance and there were also two children. We had three wagons loaded with people to view the entire farm and to discuss the "Old" vs "New" way of doing things. We then had dinner at the beautiful Bethany Church. The NRCS staff presented a program on the new CSP program and forage diversity. The district manager had projects for the youngsters to work on while their parents were in the meeting.
- **4th Grade Field Day** – The District organized and sponsored their ninth 4th Grade Field Day. There were 98 students from the Owensville school that got to attend. The Hermann schools were rained out, which was a first for us. Dennis Berger and Diana Mayfield took the informational packets to the Hermann Schools and visited with the students who did not get to come. 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 animal pelts, which was well received.
- **Wurdack Farm Tour** –The District sponsored their last bus tour to the Wurdack Farm in October. There were 23 landowners and staff that attended this very informative tour. Many of the attendees had never been to the farm and it found it very interesting.
- **Contractor Meeting** – We hosted a very informative Contractor Meeting on January 12th. There were 6 contractors and 8 staff and speakers. The MO One Call presentation was very informative with the new changes in the law. Enbridge pipeline also had a representative. The District provided a chili dinner and snacks.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** – The Forage and Beef Conference for the area was held in Cuba on February 22nd with approximately 147 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 economic outlook to residual feed intake. A two landowner producer panel discussed their different programs (one landowner was from Gasconade County) and the final guest speaker gave a presentation on Practical Nutritional and Management Options for Beef Cattle. There were several 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.
- **Farm and Conservation Fair** - The Farm and Conservation Fair was held on March 20th with 141 people in attendance at the Hermann High School. There were 7 workshops which were hosted and we had eighteen vendors present and a children's site.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's theme was "Conservation Habits=Healthy Habitats." The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. We receive 585 posters from 7 schools and our three judges had a very difficult time in making their selections. The awards were presented at the Farm & Conservation Fair on March 20th. Erin Gerlemann, of St. George School, was the State Award Recipient for the 7th – 8th Grade Division. She received her award at the Annual Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A and her poster was forwarded to the National Level.

- **Cooperator Family of the Year Award** – Dennis and Brenda Kurrelmeyer were chosen to receive this award this year for all the things that they are doing on their land as well as for the 4th grade field days.
- **Area 5 and State Grassland Farmer of the Year** – James and Dorathea Koepke were named as the Area 5 and State Grassland Farmers this year. They received a cash award and recognition at the Annual Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A.
- **Volunteer Award**–Jerome and Carolyn Winthorst were selected for the volunteer award this year.

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. An ATV Warm Season Spreader is free of charge for anyone who wishes to rent it.

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 70 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 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Missouri Department of Conservation (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 February with NRCS. The District Staff assisted NRCS with their State Quality Review.

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

The, NRCS, FSA, MDC, University Missouri Extension, 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.

This is the first year that our cost-share program has contained practices for water quality as well as soil erosion. Based on the new resource concerns, the following practices that have been claimed are (2) DSL-1, Permanent Vegetative Cover; (1) DSL-2, Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement, (2) DSL-11, Critical Area Establishment; (1) DSP-3, Planned Grazing Systems; (6) DSP-3.2, Grazing System Water Distribution; (4) DSP-3.3, Grazing System Fence; (5) DSP-3.4, Grazing System Lime; (2) DWC-1, Water Impoundment Reservoirs; (3) DFR-5, Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion; (3) N472, Use Exclusion; (1) N351, Well Decommissioning; and (1) N391, Riparian Forest Buffer. Due to the 2010 Rescission by the State our FY11 cost-share was reduced from \$171,931.05 to \$88,744.00 of which we have claimed 95%

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

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.

Our new technician completed his Technician II tests in December. He also completed the NRCS' 2 week Conservation Planning workshop as well as the Advanced Grazing School at Wurdack Farms.

Our District Manager attended several of the SWCD Commission meetings as well as presenting a program requesting diversity in the current cost-share allocation process to the SWCD Commission. This presentation was based on the disappointing FY-11 cost-share allocation received by the District based on an honest needs assessment.

The District proposed a Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), "Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues within the Bourbeuse Watershed in Gasconade County, MO." The partners for this CCPI are Farm Service Agency, Missouri Department of Conservation, Gasconade County Commission, and Representative Tom Loehner. The Area 2 Conservationist, Karen Brinkmann, and State Conservationist JR Flores have given their support for our CCPI. A special board meeting was held to approve the final draft.

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 County Commissioners have attended quite frequently as well as the DNR District Coordinator

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.