

Gasconade County SWCD

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Fiscal Year 2016—Awesome Finale!

The Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that our FY16 Cost-share Year has been our most successful - EVER! Thanks to the supplemental process implemented by the SWCD Program Office, we were able to receive an additional \$50,000 each month, in each resource concern that was obligated at or above 90%. This was a key factor in having the funds available for the many projects that were addressed.

We paid \$213,635.75 to assist landowners with their concerns relating to soil erosion and water quality issues. This is a 67% increase in funding over last fiscal year! In FY16 we addressed four resource concerns:

- ◆ **Grazing Management**—assists landowners with installing a water source (well/pond), water distribution (pipeline/tanks), cross-fencing for paddocks, one time lime application and/or one time legume overseeding. We paid out \$88,500.34 for these practices.
- ◆ **Sensitive Areas**—addresses water quality issues of our county. This could include stream protection, streambank stabilization, riparian forest buffers, spring development, and well closures. We paid \$8,706.54 for these resource concerns.
- ◆ **Sheet and Rill/Gully Erosion**—these practices all address erosion concerns that we are faced with. We accomplished several diversions and terraces this year and a few grade stabilization structures. We provided \$103,980.11 in assistance to landowners.
- ◆ **Woodland Erosion**—mainly this practice assists with fencing out woodlands and pond structures in order to control soil erosion and improve water quality. We had \$12,448.76 worth of projects.

For FY17, we have increased our number of resource concerns to six. The new resource concerns are:

- ◆ **Animal Waste Management**—building waste storage/winter feed lot facilities (a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan is required.)
- ◆ **Nutrient & Pest Management**—nutrient plans are developed and followed not only to improve soils but protect water quality and pest management plans can be used for herbicide and/or pesticide. Current obligation is at \$5,334.00.

For FY17, there have been several changes made in procedures and policy for cost-share.

- ◆ The Board voted to raise the landowner maximum from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year at their June 7th Board Meeting.
- ◆ For each resource concern that is obligated at 90% at the beginning of each month, \$60,000 will be sent to the district for funding.
- ◆ The Program Office is no longer providing the District with full reimbursement for Maintenance Agreement Filings; therefore, on July 5, 2016, the Board was forced to make the following policy change:
 - ✓ *Maintenance agreements will be notarized and maintained on all cost-share practices that have a 10 year maintenance and have received \$1000 or more. All maintenance agreements exceeding \$5000 will be filed at the appropriate County Court House at the cost-share recipient's expense.*
- ◆ Most all projects will have a termination date of 90 days from the date of Board approval. If the projects are not completed during this time, a letter must be submitted to the Board at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting prior to the termination date. The letter must state what has been accomplished, why it isn't finished, and when is the expected completion date. An extension may be for granted for an additional 90 days or less (depending on the time of year.)
- ◆ **Remember!** Never start a practice before you are completely Board Approved and have your cost-share packet in hand. Always check with us to see if you might qualify for financial assistance in your conservation efforts. These projects are funded through the 1/10 of 1% Parks and Soils Sales Tax—your tax dollars at work! Technical assistance is also available, free of charge, even if you do not qualify for cost-share.

Call our office at 573-437-3478, extension 3, anytime Monday—Friday, 7 a.m.—4:30 p.m. We will be happy to assist you!

Board of Supervisors:

Dennis Berger—Chairman
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Technician Craig Doerr—District Specialist I



NRCS Staff

Gorman Bennett—Acting District Conservationist
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MDC STAFF:

Seth Barrioz—Private Lands Conservationist
Scott Williams—Fisheries Biologist
Aaron Holsapple—Forester
Adam Jones—Wildlife Biologist

Roots *TO* Grow

Women in Agriculture 3rd Annual Event

Thursday, September 8, 2016

White Mule Winery

2087 US-50

Owensville, Missouri 65066

Send RSVPs and Check

by August 15, 2016 to:

Maries County SWCD-WIA

105 Parkway | Vienna, MO 65582

Email: sandy.stratman@swcd.mo.gov

573-422-3342

Admission: \$10 pre-paid/\$15 at the door

- Limited Seating -

Schedule of Events

- 3:00-5:30pm Open Registration
- 3:30-4:15 pm Rainfall Simulator and Cover Crops Workshop or Garden Pollinators Workshop
- 4:15-5:00 pm Visit with Area Vendors with Local Products
- 5:00-5:45 pm Rainfall Simulator and Cover Crops Workshop or Garden Pollinators Workshop
- 6:00 pm Dinner (Beef Brisket and Pork Loin)
- 7:15 pm Speaker, "The Feisty Farmwife"
Lorin Fahrmeier demonstrates how to cook homegrown fruits and veggies while discussing operations on her multi-generational not so traditional farm.



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Additional Attendee Names _____

NOTE: T-Shirts are only available with pre-registration—pre-paid by August 15th. The shirts are purple this year.

	Number of Attendees	Price, each	Subtotal
		\$10.00	
Quantity of Shirts	Size (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)	Price, each	
		\$15.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			

Shuttle available from Linn & Vienna. Limited Seating. Call for more information.

OMG-WIA Guest Speakers



Feisty Farm Wife, Lorin Fahrmeier—Lorin Fahrmeier, “The Feisty Farmwife” of Fahrmeier’s U-Pick & Produce Market, lives in Lexington, MO with her husband Bret and son, Murphy. Working side by side with her husband on their family farm they grow close to 40 acres of fresh fruits and vegetables. A u-pick business features strawberries, blackberries, pumpkins and a roadside farm market. With a focus on selling their diverse crops direct to customers, Fahrmeier’s sell at the City Market in KC, restaurants and also grow for around 300 CSA subscriptions. Lorin, works diligently to help educate their customers about how their food is grown and more importantly, how to prepare it for their families. In the spring of 2014, Lorin competed on the Food Network show, “America’s Best Cook”, and shares that experience in cooking classes featuring farm fresh produce. The family welcomes visitors to the farm for tours and agricultural experiences.

“High Tunnel Your Way to Expanded Markets”

Life in agriculture has many highs and lows. In her presentation, Lorin will share some of her favorite experiences and tell you how her family farm operation have expanded and diversified their business through what they call, “high tunnel vision”.



Andrea King—is the NRCS Area Resource Conservationist at the Palmyra Area Office serving NRCS for over 20 years, where she currently provides Agronomic and Program information to Area staff. Prior working at the Area Office, Andrea assisted the Knox and Scotland County FOSA as District Conservationist, was a Resource Conservationist in Monroe County and worked as a Soil Conservationist in Shelby, Randolph and Chariton Counties. She started working for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) then NRCS at Leavenworth, Kansas as a Soil Conservationist. Andrea grew up on a diversified livestock and grain farm. She attended the University of Missouri in Columbia and earned an Agronomy BS degree and a Masters in Agricultural Education. Andrea lives with her husband Craig and two children on a small farm and continues the family tradition of raising Shropshire sheep near Taylor, MO.

“ Follow Your Rain to Soil Health”

Where does your rain end up in your fields? Your soil and management system will tell you and indicate its soil health! We will demonstrate five different management systems of cropland and pasture and the effect rain will have on the soil. Soil Health factors will be evident in how water moves through the soil. Come see the effects of management systems and how you can improve your soil health through conservation practices such as cover crops, no-till and rotational grazing systems.



James Quinn— has been the Horticulture Specialist for the Univ. of Missouri Extension for ten years; he now serves the East Central Region. He was a wholesale greenhouse salad green and herb grower for nine years in Michigan. Since moving to Missouri, he has been involved in a wide range of agricultural projects including greenhouses, vegetables, and alternative agronomic crops, IPM, high tunnels, and medicinal herbs. Jim presents on both vegetable and fruit gardening for Master Gardener training, and has taught a Hands on Fruit Workshop Series for the past 7 years

“What’s All This Fuss About Garden Pollinators? What Can You Do?”

Concern about honeybees has captured the public interest. Their decline, often real, sometimes ‘perceived’, has raised the issue, “if not honeybees, what else might fill the pollination role?” This presentation will cover the latest on pollinators. From what they might be, to if they are prospering or declining, and on to ‘what you can do’. A number of other states have started pollinator programs or initiatives. While some are under gardening programs (e.g. Master Gardeners) most are connected to gardens or gardening in some way. Lastly, some pesticides are known to be harmful to pollinators, and the difference consumers can make with their choices will be reviewed.

22nd Annual State WIA Conference Ramada Oasis Convention Center August 29—31, 2016 Springfield, MO



2016 State WIA Conference

Workshops: Holistic Farming—Rotational Beef Poultry, Organic Gardening/Pest Management, Soil Health, Young Living Essential Oils, Electric Fencing, Harvest Finds—Tips and Treasures for the Home

Tours: Talbot Conservation Area, Springfield Livestock Marketing Center, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

Registration is \$80 per person or \$100 after July 29th.
Room Pricing is \$84

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For a registration form, please contact Diana at 573-437-3478 ext 3. or
mowomeninag@gmail.com or
<http://swed.mo.gov/grundy/2016WIARegistrationBrochure.pdf>



2016 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!

The 2016 Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest theme was “We All Need Trees.” The children were presented their awards at the GCSWCD Annual Meeting on April 7th. From Left to Right front row: Carlie Walkenbach, Holly McGarrah, Eric Chorley, Easton Stiers, Daeden Hopkins, Aubrey Budnik, Karigan Lane, Elizabeth Chorley, Breckyn Koeller, Audrey Quilacio. Back row: Cori Holland, Garret Schneider, Rheanna Pottebaum, Chelsey Moeckli, Malerie Schutt, Cydney Moeckli, Jamie Morrow, Lance Bader and Rachel Lensing. (Not pictured: Gracie Winkelmann, Ginny Borgerding, and Jeanna Rood). Karigan Lane, Cydney Moeckli and Rachel Lensing were all selected as the state entries to be judged at the 2016 Annual Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A in November. Thanks to all who participated and to our judges: Shirley Landwehr, Connie Doerr and Sharon Mace.

TRI-COUNTY GRAZING SCHOOL

September 14, 15, 16, 2016

J&A Room, 116 The Square, Linn, MO

This school meets the requirements for cost-share assistance in the Grazing Management Resource Concern. The fee for one person is \$150 and \$190 for two people with one set of materials.

Seating is Limited

For more information or to register for the class, please contact Angie Cole, Osage County SWCD, at 1-800-811-4649 extension 3.

Calling All Volunteers

We are looking for fun loving volunteers to assist with our upcoming 4th Grade Field Days on October 5 & 6 at the Kurrelmeyer Farm.

Great opportunity to mingle with our youth and teach them a little something to boot!

Please give us a call at 573-437-3478 x 3 and sign-up today!

Thank You!

Thanks to the following businesses or individuals that donated items or monetary gifts for the silent auction during our Annual Meeting!

White Mule Winery
Wurst Haus
Commissioner Jerry Lairmore
Commissioner Larry Miskel
Creekside Nursery
Missouri Department of AG
FCS Financial—Union
Rosebud Tractor
Legends Bank—Owensville
Mike & Susie Haeffner
Maries County Bank—Owensville
Jost Tire
First Bank—Hermann

We were able to raise \$674 towards the future purchase of a new drill. We also wish to thank everyone who participated in the event. We had 160 people in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Election Notification

The GCSWCD will be holding an election in the spring of 2017 for the Board Supervisor positions listed below. We will be needing two nominating committees, consisting of 3 persons each, willing to seek candidates to run for these positions.

To serve on the nominating committee, you must be an agricultural landowner and cooperator of the district and a tax paying resident for a minimum of 2 years, and you must live in the designated area.

A Supervisor candidate must also be an agricultural landowner and cooperator of the district and a tax paying resident for a minimum of 2 years; however, they must own agricultural land in the designated area, but they do not necessarily have to live in the area. The candidate must be willing to attend all Board Meetings which are scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The term of office is 4 years.

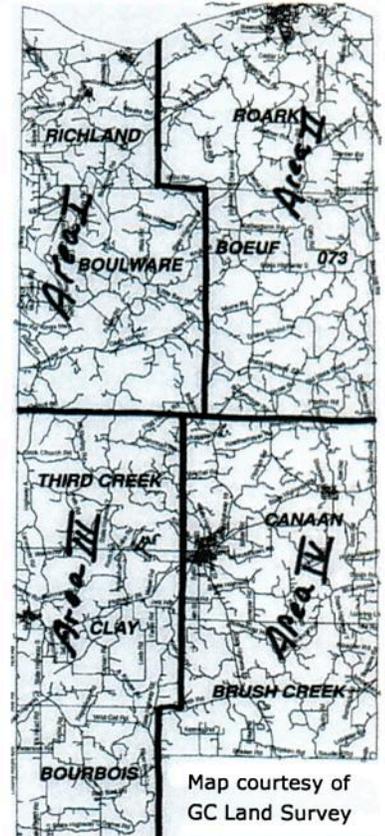
If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or as a Supervisor candidate, please contact the office at 573-437-3478 x 3.

Area II

Townships: Roark & Boeuf
Current Supervisor: Dennis Berger

Area IV

Townships: Canaan & Brush Creek
Current Supervisor: Matthew Estes



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2016 Dates to Remember

July 5	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
July 27–30	Come see us at the Gasconade County Fair!
August 2	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
September 5	Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed
September 6	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
September 8	OMG-WIA Event—White Mule Winery
September 14-16	Tri-County Grazing School—Linn, MO
September 27-29	Wurdack Grazing School
October 4	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
October 5–6	4th Grade Field Days, Kurrelmeyer Farm
October 10	Columbus Day Holiday, Office Closed
November 1	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
November 11	Veteran’s Day Holiday, Office Closed
November 24	Thanksgiving Day Holiday, Office Closed
November 28-30	Annual Training Conference, SWCD out of Office
December 8	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
December 26	Christmas Day Holiday Observed, Office Closed
January 2, 2017	New Years Day Holiday Observed, Office Closed
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday, Office Closed

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Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.

Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$100.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$10.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$9.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless otherwise indicated.

◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at James Miller, Second Creek Farms, 2828 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call 573-529-2507 to schedule.

◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

Vehicle insurance cards must be presented!

Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Rotowiper - \$25 a day
- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer, Disk) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece or \$50 for all three
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge