



Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

**MASWCD MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tan-Tar-A Resort**  
**Osage Beach, Missouri**  
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**Present**

Steve Radcliff, President  
Bruce Biermann, Area I  
Tom Lambert, Area II  
Kenny Lovelace, Area III  
Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV  
George Engelbach, Area V  
Ben Gorden, Area VI  
Dan Greeson, Area VII  
Steve Huber, Area VIII  
David Dix, Treasurer  
Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

**Not Present**

Fred Feldmann, Past President  
Sandy Hutchison, Employees Association

Drenda Williams, NRCS  
Bryan Hopkins, DNR SWCP Director  
Bill Wilson, DNR Soil & Water Program  
John Knudsen, MDC  
Mike Kelley, New Area VIII Director  
Henry Heinze, Clark SWCD  
Richard Hoelscher, St. Louis SWCD  
David Hale, Polk SWCD  
Ronnie Felten, Cooper SWCD  
Leon Phipps, Barton SWCD  
Bernard Chestnut, Buchanan SWCD  
David Morris, Livingston SWCD  
Kerry Fowler, Vernon SWCD

President Steve Radcliff welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Quorum established by roll call.

The minutes from the September 20, 2010 meeting were approved as presented. Motion for approval made by Tom Lambert, Bruce Biermann seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

A treasurer report was given by David Dix. There were two reports, one for 12 months from November 2009 to November 2010 to be given at the Business Meeting, and the other a calendar year report for 2010. He stated that the interest rate on the CD's continues to fall. A list by area of who has and has not paid MASWCD dues was distributed. To date 100 Districts have paid their MASWCD dues in full and 3 have paid partial dues. Two areas are paid at 100%. An internal audit was completed the night before by Kenny Lovelace and Steve Huber. They stated no problems were found, all looks good and commended David on the way he keeps the records. Bruce Biermann

motioned to approve the treasurer reports and the internal audit report. Tom Lambert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**MDC Report:** John Knudsen reported one of the workshops at the conference will be about the problems with wildlife including feral hogs. That workshop will be on Wednesday morning. There were questions for John about otter. He stated they seem to have stabilized and are not the problem they were. There were also questions about elk. John stated they plan to bring in about 50 to 75 eastern elk and plan to keep them in one zone. They are looking at ways to address issues should they get outside the one zone. They will monitor the elk for the first 5 years. Hopes are to release some in early spring. He stated that he also has a booth in the Trade Show if there are more questions later.

**NRCS Report:** Drenda Williams stated she was attending for J. R. Flores who was with Chief White. The EQIP/WHIP sign-up ended on November 19. They are currently doing CSP payments. The DC's have been working on numbers for workload over the past few weeks. In 2006 the workload totaled 450,000 hours and the workload in 2010 totaled 991,000 hours. In the 2010 workload they were able to capture hours that were not counted before. NRCS is working with DNR and MASWCD and the Employees Association to develop a new MOU for transportation. There will also be a separate MOU for Civil Rights and a third MOU for general operation. When asked if USDA had received the funds from BP for the Migratory Bird program she stated that they had for 2010.

**Commission Report:** Bryan Hopkins stated the Commission meeting later today will have pretty routine business on the agenda.

**Employee Association Report:** Due to helping with registration for the conference Sandy Hutchison was unable to be in the meeting.

**Old Business:** Steve Radcliff stated he had received notice that Missouri will be one of thirteen states recognized at the upcoming NACD meeting for their supervisor training program. He further discussed the issue of how to track the number of hours of training the supervisors were attending. He stated the training needs to be kept voluntary but it could be very useful with the Legislature and others to be able to state what percent of the supervisors are considered certified according to the number of hours training they have received. There were various ways of tracking this discussed, ways similar to the school boards, etc. This will be brought up at the business meeting for approval by the full body to proceed with plans to come up with some kind of a tracking system.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the 2010 Training Conference and the list of their various duties at the conference including who is presenting awards. Plans for the auction were discussed since this is the first year for it. Items for door prizes and the auction were reviewed. A roll call sheet will be used to establish quorum at the business meeting.

**New Business:** The new MOU being worked on was discussed earlier by Drenda Williams. There is a meeting set for December 8 to continue work on the transportation MOU.

The 2011 Education Seminar was discussed. A motion was made by Kenny Lovelace to hold the meeting in March. Beverly Dometorch seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**AREA Reports:** Bruce Biermann reported he had received very positive feedback on the Area Meeting this summer. They had a daytime meeting this year and he felt it was better. The cost share dollars in his area are pretty much spent.

Tom Lambert stated that he worked at the Envirothon this year and was impressed with the students. They have had a good fall for working, there has been a lot of terrace maintenance done. He stated he had heard from some counties with concerns about a certification requirement for supervisors.

Kenny Lovelace said his area meeting was well attended. Most of the districts in his area were out of cost share money and the extra funds are almost spent. He stated his area had received a lot of rain and he hated to think what it would be like had they not done the conservation practices to help control the run-off. Henry Heinze, alternate for Area III stated his particular county has not been able to use a lot of their cost share funds due to manpower. They have one district technician and part time NRCS technical assistance, but that NRCS has been tied up with ECP work.

Beverly Dometorch said her area had the largest attendance at area meetings. Half of her area is wet and the other half dry. The wet half has not been able to use a lot of their cost share dollars.

George Engelbach stated his area's harvest was in.

Ben Gorden reported his area had a real active fall and nice weather. The districts have received their additional cost share funds and are staying very busy. He did receive a letter from a district asking what benefits a district received for being a member of MASWCD and he read the response he sent back. He suggested the next MASWCD newsletter might include information on where the income comes from, what the expenses are and the benefits of membership.

Dan Greeson stated he would like ideas from the other areas on how to get feedback from the districts in his area. He stated he had not heard any complaints, the districts had received additional cost share funds and have spent part of that.

Steve Huber stated his area is getting a lot of work done. Once the crops got harvested they were able to get started using cost share funds. He stated he has not heard much about the migratory bird work. Bryon Hopkins stated the projects are getting done. The program does not take fields out of production but runs saturation outside of the crop cycle.

Steve Radcliff asked the Board if there were any resolutions they wanted to have MASWCD bring from the floor.

The NACD Missouri River Committee needs a member from each state along the river. Bruce Biermann has been that committee member this past year and said he would be willing to continue. Kenny Lovelace motioned to approve Bruce continuing on the NACD

committee. Tom Lambert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0). Steve asked for an alternate for the committee in case Bruce would be unavailable. Beverly Dometrorch volunteered. George Engelbach motioned approval for Beverly as alternate to the NACD committee. Kenny Lovelace seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Steve Radcliff thanked the Area Directors for getting judges for the District FFA Speaking Contests.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Other Business:** Due to the pre-registration cut-off of November 30 for the NACD National Meeting in Nashville, the Board will hold its reorganization today so registrations can be made for those who will attend the NACD meeting at the lower cost.

Steve Radcliff turned the meeting over to Peggy Lemons to start the election. Peggy asked for nominations for President. Kenny Lovelace nominated Steve Radcliff. Beverly Dometrorch seconded. George Engelbach moved nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation, Bruce Biermann seconded. Motion carried (8-0).

Steve Radcliff resumed control of the meeting and asked for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Ben Gorden nominated Kenny Lovelace. George Engelbach moved nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Steve Radcliff asked for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Ben Gorden nominated Beverly Dometrorch. Tom Lambert moved nominations cease and she be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Steve Radcliff asked for nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Kenny Lovelace nominated Bruce Biermann. Beverly Dometrorch seconded. Steve Huber moved nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Steve Radcliff asked for nominations for the NACD Board Member and Alternate. Kenny Lovelace moved to nominate Steve Radcliff as NACD Board Member. Tom Lambert seconded. George Engelbach moved nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously (8-0). Tom Lambert moved to nominate Beverly Dometrorch as NACD Alternate. Bruce Biermann moved nominations cease and she be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Steve Radcliff re-appointed David Dix as treasurer. George Engelbach motioned approval of this appointment, Tom Lambert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

David Dix stated that Sharon Gifford's name needed to be removed from the financial records. Beverly Dometrorch motioned approval to remove Sharon Gifford from the financial records. Bruce Biermann seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Steve Radcliff asked who was interested in attending the NACD meeting in Nashville. Bruce Biermann, Kenny Lovelace, Beverly Dometrorch along with Steve Radcliff and Peggy Lemons will plan to attend. Dan Greeson motioned approval for expenses for them to attend. Tom Lambert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0). Steve Radcliff then asked who planned to attend the NACD North Central meeting in Chicago in January.

Beverly Dometrorch will plan to attend along with Steve Radcliff and Peggy Lemons. Steve Radcliff also stated that he, Peggy and Sandy Hutchison had been approved for the stipend to attend the NACD Leadership Conference in Louisville in December.

The date for the next regular meeting will be at the Education Seminar and set at a later date. A conference call may be needed in January if issues arise before another regular meeting is scheduled. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Motion for adjournment made by Dan Greeson, Tom Lambert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Lemons, Executive Director

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Steve Radcliff, President