

Annual Report

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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C. MEETINGS

Number of SWCD Board Meetings Held: $\frac{12}{0}$
Number of Special Meetings Held by Board:

ANNUAL MEETING
Number Attending:

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	159
Tri-County Grazing School (Host)	1	39

D ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	7 (1 Homeschool)	369
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)	17	83

AWARDS

	Name
Family Cooperator Award	Richard Greunke Farm
Volunteer Award	Kathy Shoemaker
Partnership Award	VFW Post 6133

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
2	780 mailed
WebSite (e-mail notification list)	375 E-Alert notification

	Number of
Radio Ads	1
Newspaper Articles	21
Public Displays	1 (Fair-3 days)
FaceBook	updated regulary
Web Page	updated regulary

Gasconade Republican, Hermann Advertiser, Bland Courier,
Cuba Free Press

TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

Type of Tours and Field Days	No. of Tours	Attendance
4th Grade Field Day	2	214 Students
OMG WIA Event	1	265
Gasconade County Fair	3	150+ people

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of AC/#
John Deere 10'Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	609.4
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	311.1
Rotowiper/day	\$25.00	2
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	1
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	1
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder/day	Free	3
Soil Probe/Soil Health Equipment	Free	16
Audio Equipment/use	Free	2

*Over 50 acres

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	
Plat Books	\$1,387.47

E. OTHER

No. of Cooperators Waiting for Service:
Average Time Waiting for First Contact: 1-2 days

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

F.

CURRENT DISTRICT STAFF

Name Diana M Mayfield Job Title: District Specialist IV
Phone Number 573-437-3478 ext 3
Start Date 1/20/2000 Termination Date _____

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Current Hourly Wage **\$17.51** Hours Worked Per Year 2080
Primary Staff Contact Y/N **Yes**

Name August H Horstman Job Title: District Specialist II
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Start Date 4/17/2017 Termination Date 1-Jun-18
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Current Hourly Wage **\$14.39** Hours Worked Per Year 2080
Primary Staff Contact Y/N **No**

**Gasconade County
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Narrative Report 2018
July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018**

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:

- **Tri-County Grazing School** - The grazing school is hosted by the Osage, Maries, and Gasconade County FOSA. The meeting was held in Owensville, MO, on May 23 - 24 with 39 landowners in attendance. This school is a requirement for the State Cost-share Grazing System Management program.
- **Gasconade County Fair** – Staff and Board members hosted a booth at the Gasconade County Fair July 26 – 29, 2017.
- **OMG Women in Ag Event** – On September 7, 2017, the 5th Annual Osage, Maries & Gasconade (OMG) Counties Women in Ag Event was held at the White Mule Winery with the theme of "Keep Your Soul Clean and Your Boots Muddy." The committee for this event included staff from FSA, NRCS, SWCD, and Extension from all three counties. Sponsorship funds were received from many different sources. There were 265 registered attendees. The meal that was prepared by the White Mule Winery was outstanding. Our speakers were Jane Sueme, Beekeeping Made Easy; Beck Matney (MDC), Back to the Wild-Why Natives are the best for your Forest; Susie Oberdahlhoff (O for short), Kids, crops, Sows and Cows: Life Happens-Learn to Bounce. The planning committee has been meeting and planning for the 2018 event on September 6, 2018 (5th Year Celebration).
- **2017 State Women in Ag Conference** – District had two staff members serving on the planning committee for the 2017 State Women in Ag Conference which is to be held at Old Kinderhook on September 11-13, 2017. The District Manager attended the 2017 State Women in Ag Conference in Camdenton, MO. Two hundred and three ladies from all over the state attended.
- **4th Grade Field Day** – The District organized and sponsored their 17th 4th Grade Field Day on October 4th and 5th at the Kurrelmeyer Farm. There were 214 students from the Gasconade County R-I, Gasconade County R-II, and St. George School. The lunch for the students and staff was provided in part by donations from local businesses. We continued to have the 8 sites that the children rotate through. Several volunteers, cooperating partners and staff work to make this project a success. Conservation Agent Jason Eikermann presents the lunch time program by discussing animal pelts and the animal's habits.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** – The Forage and Beef Conference for the area was held in Cuba on March 12, 2018, with approximately 159 people in attendance. An evening meal was provided at the end of the conference. The producer panel discussed their pasture usage and their reducing hay production. There were several vendors at this event, who donated door prizes that were presented throughout the course of the evening. We had two SWCD staff members, two Board Members and four NRCS personnel at the meeting, who helped with set up/down and registration.
- **2018 Annual Meeting & Election**– This year's Annual Meeting was held at the Owensville Middle School on March 22nd. There were 179 people in attendance. The meal was catered. Our guest speaker was Rusty Lee, UME Agronomist, who spoke on Drones in Agriculture. We hosted a silent auction to raise funds for a new drill. Our Conservation Family Award was presented to the Richard Greunke family, Volunteer Award went to Kathy Shoemaker, and the Partnership Award was presented to the VFW Post 6133.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's (2018) theme was "Watersheds-Our Water, Our Home." The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. There were 369 posters from 7 schools and 1 homeschool. The awards were presented at the Annual Meeting. The Top three posters from grades 2-3, 4-6, and 7-8 will be forwarded to the State Level Competition.
- **Regional Envirothon Competition**: The GCSWCD District Chairman and his wife, District Manager and Technician, NRCS Kymberlyn Davis and FSA PA Brenda Kurrelmeyer assisted with the regional Envirothon Competition that was held on April 11th at the Runge Center in Jefferson City. There were 17 teams participating with 83 students. The three area winners also place in the top 10 at the state level – 2nd, 6th, and 10th. The District Manager is a member of the planning committee with a role in test preparation, material provider for new teams and treasurer. The local schools have been contacted (high school counselors and STRIVE coordinator) about trying to become active participants in this exciting competition.
- **Partnership Support**: The GCSWCD District Manager is the lead NRCS Earth Team Volunteer coordinator for the four county FOSA which includes Cole, Gasconade, Maries, and Osage County. She is also the lead office supply coordinator for the FOSA. She is assisting NRCS with their Data Management System (DMS) uploads for the EQIP and CSP contracts. She is also assisting with the HEL determination processes.

The District still owns a 10 ft. John Deere no-till drill, a 7 ft. Great Plains no-till drill, an ATV sprayer, seeder, and a Rotowiper. The District also has burn equipment and soil probes available for public use. An ATV Warm Season Spreader is available free of charge.

A semi-annual newsletter was mailed to approximately 780 cooperators at each mailing this past fiscal year. The newsletter is now located on the District Web site, which has been updated. We are currently using the E-Gov alert system to notify over 375 landowners when the newsletter or other special events are posted to the web. 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, in part, by the Parks and Soil and Water Sales tax and local funding.

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

The NRCS, FSA, MDC, University Missouri Extension, 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 district is putting information on Facebook now as well as a new web page. This is very effective in getting information and upcoming events out to the landowners.

Based on the new resource concerns, the following have been claimed: Sheet/Rill & Gully (\$101,671.76) Grazing System Management (\$54,677.52); Woodland Erosion (\$3,961.54); Sensitive Area (\$13,275.25); Nutrient/Pest Management (\$3,440.00). The District has claimed \$177,026.07.

One staff member and two supervisors attended the full State Training Conference held on November 27-29. The District Technician and one supervisor attended a one day session.

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. The district follows the federal guidelines for Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity. They review these policies annually with NRCS.

The District Technician resigned his position on June 1, 2018. The District hopes to have a new technician in place by July 1, 2018.

The Gasconade County Board of Supervisors meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 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. Administrative and technical services are provided free of charge to Gasconade County Landowners. The office is supported by half of the 1/10th of 1% Parks and Soils and Water Sales Tax.