

Annual Report

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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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:

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON/AWARDS - 119 IN ATTENDANCE

AREA MEETING
Number Attending:

1

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	137
Tri-County Grazing School (Sponsor)	1	35

D ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	4	158
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)	0	0
Envirothon (Sponsorship-State)	12	75

AWARDS

	Name
Family Cooperator Award	Harold Roethemeyer
Volunteer Award	Nicole Hubbard
Partnership Award	Owensville Middle School

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
2	850
WebSite (e-mail notification list)	1009

	Number of
Radio Ads	0
Newspaper Articles	xxx
Public Displays	0
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	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID	
OMG WIA Event	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID	

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of AC/#
John Deere 10'Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$12.00	617.6
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	277.5
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	2
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	0
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder/day	Free	0
Soil Probe/Soil Health Equipment	Free	12
Audio Equipment/use	Free	0

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	
Plat Books/Wall maps	\$2,844.09

OTHER

E.

No. of Cooperators Waiting for Service:
Average Time Waiting for First Contact:

1-2 days

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

Yes

Yes

F. CURRENT DISTRICT STAFF

Name Diana M Mayfield
Phone Number 573-437-3478 ext 3 Job Title: District Specialist IV, Manager
Start Date 1/20/2000
Email Address diana.mayfield@swcd.mo.gov Termination Date _____

Current Hourly Wage **\$20.71**

Primary Staff Contact Y/N **Yes**

Hours Worked
Per Year

2080

Name Sarah Berkemeyer Job Title: District Specialist III, Technician
Phone Number 573-437-3478 ext 109
Start Date 6/24/2018 Termination Date _____
Email Address sarah.berkemeyer@swcd.mo.gov
Current Hourly Wage **\$17.91** Hours Worked
Per Year 2080
Primary Staff Contact Y/N **No**

**Gasconade County
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Narrative Report 2022
July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022**

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 on May 10-12 in Argyle, MO. There were 34 people in attendance.
- **OMG Women in Ag Event** - The September 2021 event was cancelled due to COVID-19. Plans are on schedule to host the event on September 8, 2022.
- **4th Grade Field Day** - The October 2021 event was cancelled due to COVID-19. Plans are underway to host the October 5-6, 2022, event at the White Mule Winery.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** - The 2022 event was held on March 4th in Vienna, MO. District Technician Sarah Berkemeyer and NRCS Soil Conservationist Megan Brown assisted with this event. The District sponsored the event financially. There were 137 people in attendance.
- **2022 Annual Meeting** - As we are still unable to host a large event indoors, we decided to host an Appreciation Picnic Lunch and Awards presentation at the Owensville Park. This event was very well received and we had 119 people in attendance. The Board grilled bratwurst and burgers and provided Potato Salad, chips, cookies, and drinks to everyone. They also provided gift bags to the adults in attendance. In addition to the poster contest awards, the Board presented the 2022 Conservation Family Award to Harold Roethemeyer, Partnership Award to the Owensville Middle School, and the Volunteer Award to Nicole Hubbard.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's (2022) theme was "Healthy Soil=Healthy Life." The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. There were 158 posters from 4 schools. The Top three posters from grades 2-3, 4-6, and 7-8 were forwarded, digitally, to the State Level Competition.
- **Regional Envirothon Competition**: The regional event was not held. A virtual regional test was offered to all regions and from that the top 3 teams from each region were invited to participate in the "in-person" State Envirothon Competition. The State Envirothon Competition was held on May 4th at the Runge Center in Jefferson City. District Manager Diana Mayfield, District Specialist Sarah Berkemeyer, NRCS Soil Conservationist Megan Brown, and Board Chairman Mike Haeffner and his wife, Susie, all worked this event.
- **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 the treasurer for the Regional Envirothon Competition and the OMG AgriPride Women in Ag Committee. She is also on the State Women in Ag Committee representing the Central Region. The Central Region State WIA Conference is scheduled to be held in September of 2023 and Diana Mayfield and Sarah Berkemeyer are serving on this planning committee. Planning has begun for this event. Diana Mayfield is also the lead NRCS office supply coordinator for the FOSA. She is also assisting with the HEL determination processes and system DMS uploads for EQIP, CSP, and GCI federal contracts.

The staff have worked diligently to serve the landowners through this trying health crisis. Our Board Chairman retired this year, from the Missouri Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts for Area 5.

The District has a 10 ft. 1590 John Deere no-till drill, a 7 ft. Great Plains no-till drill, and an ATV sprayer and cool season grass seeder. The District also has burn equipment and soil probes available for public use. An ATV Warm Season Spreader is available free of charge. Plans are underway to replace the current 7 ft drill and upgrade the 10 ft drill in 2024.

A semi-annual newsletter was mailed to approximately 830 cooperators at each mailing this past fiscal year. The newsletter is now located on the District Web site, which is updated on a regular basis. We are currently using the E-Gov alert system to notify over 1013 landowners, when the newsletter or other special events are posted to the web. The purpose of the 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 1/10th of 1% 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 and their web page. This is very effective in getting information and upcoming events out to the landowners.

Based on the Cost-Share Resource Concerns, the following have been claimed: Animal Waste Management (\$0.00), Sheet/Rill & Gully (\$80,752.12) Grazing System Management (\$120,871.23); Woodland Erosion (\$9,379.34), Sensitive Area (\$0.00) Nutrient/Pest Management (\$4,738.00. The District has claimed \$215,740.69 total.

The Annual Training Conference was held at Margaretville on November 29 – December 1. Chairman Mike Haeffner, Vice-Chairman Luke Mangrum, Member Harvey Hesemann, District Manager Diana Mayfield, and District Technician Sarah Berkemeyer all attended this event. Gasconade County was pleased to have the 2nd – 3rd Grade Division State Winner for the 2021 Poster Contest: Healthy Forests: Healthy Communities, Brynn Meyer from Hermann, Missouri. Gasconade County submitted a Resolution to remove the acreage limits on grazing systems and limit the number of tanks based on the NRCS Standard requirement of 800' walking distance. This Resolution was approved by the voting assembly and forwarded to DNR.

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. District staff are on the OMG WIA Committee, 2023 Central Region State Women in Ag Committee, and the District Manager is on the Central Region Envirothon Committee as well as the State Women in Ag Committee.

The district follows the federal guidelines for Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity. They review these policies annually with NRCS. District staff continue to process all Federal training requirements.

The Gasconade County Board of Supervisors meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the meetings have been held at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room at 1106 Hwy 28 West, Owensville. One meeting was held with a teleconference. 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 Southern County Commissioner, Jerry Lairmore, had the opportunity to attend one meeting this year. The DNR District Coordinator has attended either by phone or in person.

The bi-annual election was held this year, following the new guidelines put out by DNR. We held the election for Area election for Area II-Roark and Boeuf Townships and Area IV-Canaan and Brush Creek Townships in February of 2022, certifying in March 2022. For Area II, incumbent Harvey Hesemann was re-elected and for Area IV, incumbent Joel Wehmeyer was re-elected. There were no other candidates that self-nominated themselves. DNR is reviewing their policy.

A budget request was submitted to the Gasconade County Commission, which was approved. We appreciate this very much.

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 and local funding.