

Linn County Soil & Water Conservation District

Conservation Resources

August 2011

Supervisor Election

There will be a Supervisor Election held Thursday September 22, 2011 at the USDA Building (east door) from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The election will be held for Area II which includes the townships of Enterprise, North Salem, Baker and Grantsville and Area IV which includes the townships of Parsons Creek, Jefferson and Brookfield.

The candidate for Area II is Ryan Montgomery.

The candidate for Area IV is Brian Brockman.

To be eligible to vote in the election, you must own land that is agriculturally taxed. You will have only 1 vote regardless of how many farms you own. If a farm is owned by a corporation, it may be represented by one vote. If a farm is owned by a partnership, or jointly by husband and wife, the farm may be represented with two votes.

If a farm owner can not personally participate in voting, a Power of Attorney may be given to a tax paying citizen of the county who may represent the owner and cast a vote. A person may only represent one farm owner. If you are representing a farm owner, please be sure to bring a copy of the Power of Attorney to present to the election judges.

Customer Appreciation

The Linn County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting a Customer Appreciation lunch on Thursday September 22, 2011. Stop by to cast your vote in the election and then enjoy lunch from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The lunch will be served outside the south side of the USDA building. We will have a tent set up with picnic tables. The menu this year includes BBQ Brisket, company potatoes, baked beans and mixed fruit.

This lunch is our way of letting the landowners of Linn County know that we appreciate them. We hope to see you there!!

Fiscal Year 2011 Cost Share Update

The cost share for fiscal year 2011 came to an end in June. The District ended the year spending \$296,138 for 29 Linn County landowners to control erosion. There were 17 terrace practices (DSL-44), 10 ponds (DWC-1), 1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement (DSP-02) and 1 dry structure (DWP-1).

Our fiscal year 2012 cost share got underway July 1st with an allotment of \$270,599 in sheet and rill/gully erosion, \$11,010 in nutrient and pest management, and \$4,027 in grazing management. Landowners drawn first in the cost share drawing have been contacted and some have already begun their practices. In recent years, the District received an additional allocation in the fall to use towards more cost share practices. If the District receives additional funding, eligible landowners will receive a letter indicating this.



Cost Share Sign-up October 3rd - October 25th

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday
7:00 am-4:30 pm

Closed 12:00-12:30
daily for lunch

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East Yellow Creek Watershed

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Cost Share Sign-up

The Linn County Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding cost share sign up for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) October 3rd through October 25th, 2011. The sign-up will once again be held much earlier than previous years to allow adequate time to prepare our County Needs Assessment.

If you have signed up the last three years and did not receive cost-share assistance, you will automatically be placed at the beginning of the assistance list. We will send a letter to these landowners. If you receive a letter, you must still come in and sign up.

Just a reminder that if a landowner is receiving cost share assistance this fiscal year (July 1, 2011-June 30th, 2012) you will not be allowed to sign up this coming year.

If you are unable to be present for sign-up, you may designate someone to sign you up by completing an Authority to Represent form. These forms are available in the office and must be filled out prior to sign up. No fax or phone ins will be allowed for sign up. You can also print the form off of our website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/linn/events.htm>.

This is 75% cost share assistance with the maximums being \$15,000 for terraces, \$10,000 for ponds and \$5,000 for most other practices. Please contact the District for maximums of specific practices not listed.

3,000 Additional Acres for the CP38E (SAFE) Program in Missouri

The United States Department of Agriculture recently redirected 3,000 CP38E acres to Missouri to improve quail and small game habitat, while increasing profitability of your farm. Conservation Practice 38 (CP-38) is a Continuous CRP practice, meaning that landowners can enroll eligible acres at any time, without having to go through a process of bidding against others interested in enrollment. This program establishes a mixture of native grasses and forbs in an entire field or partial field, according to the farmer's discretion. CP38 practices can be installed in fields currently being farmed or in expiring CRP as long as the acres have a crop history. This practice presents an opportunity to provide income on marginal or other enrolled cropland, while at the same time developing quality habitat for quail, rabbits, and other wildlife. **This program is not the same as General CRP or the CP33 field border program, but is similar in many ways!**

Following are some of the details and requirements of CP-38:

- ◇ Only areas with crop history are eligible which means the field must have been farmed four out of six years from 2002-2006. Check with FSA to determine if your acres are eligible.
- ◇ Participants receive a soil rental payment, plus \$100/acre one-time signing bonus (in most cases), plus 90% cost share for practice establishment making CP38E more lucrative than general CRP.
- ◇ Enrolled acres can be whole fields, partial fields, terraces, odd corners or any portion of a field based on producer's discretion.
- ◇ Enrolled acres will be planted to native grasses and forbs.
- ◇ 1% of the enrolled acres must have adequate shrubby cover to provide winter cover in the form of shrubs, downed tree structures, or edge feathering. Where this cover is lacking, cost share is available for shrub establishment and downed tree structures.
- ◇ 10% to 20% of the contract acres must be planted to food plots. Half the food plot acres should be planted each year, with the other half being left idle. This is to ensure adequate brood rearing habitat within the contract acres for baby chicks.
- ◇ Periodic disturbance (light disking, burning, herbicide application) is required to keep habitat useful for quail. Mowing will not be allowed except during establishment year.
- ◇ Program length is 15 years

CP38E (SAFE) along with the already popular CP33 program (wildlife field borders) offer the best hope in decades for restoring bobwhite numbers throughout the state and nation. In areas where field borders have been established in quality cover, quail and small game response has been very good. Missouri allocated its original 6,250 acres about two years ago. Missouri has been waiting 18 months to receive more acres, so these 3,000 acres will likely go fast. For more information on CP38E give MDC Private Lands Conservationist, Brent Vandeloecht, a call at 660-258-5732 ext 111 in the Brookfield USDA office.

Board Hires New Employee

The Linn County Board of Supervisors recently hired Earl Keune to fill a 12 month position available within the District. Earl will assist SWCD and NRCS staff with the MRBI (Mississippi River Basin Initiative) workload. He will begin work on September 6th.

Earl has recently retired from the Missouri Department of Transportation and has several years of engineering and surveying experience. Earl and his wife Theresa live in southeastern Sullivan County and have two adult sons, Travis who lives in St. Louis and Adam who lives in Chicago.

Please join us in welcoming Earl to the Linn County SWCD staff.

State Cost Share Practices

Gully, Sheet and Rill Erosion

DSL1-Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment
 DSL2-Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement
 DSL4-Terrace Systems
 DSL5-Diversions
 DSL11-Permanent Vegetative Cover: Critical Areas
 DSL111-Permanent Vegetative Cover: Confined Animal Feed Lots
 DSL15- No-Till Systems
 DWC1-Water Impoundment-Reservoirs (Ponds)
 DWP1-Sediment Retention, Erosion, or Water-Control Structure
 DWP3-Sod Waterway
 N380-Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
 N332-Contour Buffer Strips
 N585-Contour Strip cropping

Woodland Erosion

C100-Timber Harvest Plans
 DFR4-Forest Plantation
 DFR5-Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion (Fence)
 N655-Restoration of Skid Trails, Logging Roads
 N472-Use Exclusion

Irrigation Management

N442-Irrigation Systems, Sprinklers
 N443-Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
 N447-Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery
 N430-Irrigation Water Conveyance
 N587-Structure for Water Control
 N554-Drainage Water Management

Grazing Management

DSP3.1-Grazing System Water Development
 DSP3.2-Grazing System Water Distribution
 DSP3.3-Grazing System Fence
 DSP 3.4-Grazing System Lime
 DSP 3.5-Grazing System Seed
 DSP-2-Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement

Sensitive Areas

N386-Field Border
 N391-Riparian Forest Buffer
 N393-Filter Strip
 WQ10-Stream Protection
 N380-Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
 WQ10-Stream Protection
 C650-Streambank Stabilization
 N351-Well Decommissioning
 N574-Spring Development -
 N725-Sinkhole Treatment
 DSP31-Sinkhole Improvement
 BDSP31-Buffer Sinkhole Improvement Incentive

Animal Waste Management

N312-Waste Management System
 N317-Composting Facility
 N316-Incinerator

Nutrient & Pest Management

N590-Nutrient Management
 N595-Pest Management



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Rental Equipment

15 ft. John Deere No Till Drill-\$7.50/acre	Pull Behind Sprayer-\$30.00/day
10ft John Deere No Till Drill-\$7.00/acre	6ft Rotary Tiller-\$40.00/day
Truax Drill- \$7.00/acre	Ditcher- \$50.00/day
2 Row No Till Planter-\$50.00/day	Blower- \$10.00/day
ATV Spreader-\$15.00/day	Burn Equipment- \$10.00/day
ATV Sprayer with Boom-\$15.00/day	Blower & Burn Equipment-\$15.00/day
ATV Sprayer- \$10.00/day	Root Plow- \$15.00/1st day, \$5.00 each consecutive day
Pull Behind Spreader- \$25.00/day	Big Bale Processor-\$100.00/day in county \$150.00/day out of county
10 ft. Brillion Seeder-\$5.00/acre	Knight 1140 Manure Spreader-\$150.00/1st day; \$50.00 each additional day. Maximum of 3 days rental.
Phillips Rotary Harrow - \$100.00/day + \$3.50/acre	
24ft Pasture Harrow-\$100.00/day	
Portable Corral-\$100.00/1st day; \$50/ 2nd and 3rd day.	
Compaction Tester- \$5.00/day	



Tractor Rental

John Deere 7530 Tractor-\$25/hour with a minimum of \$100/day. Call the office for information.



We're on the Web!!

Visit our web page for upcoming events, cost share information, rental equipment information and much more!!

<http://www.swcd.mo.gov/linn>