

**PETTIS COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Notice of Board Election

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

MARTIN	JAN
LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17
OFFICE CLOSED	
BOARD	FEB
MEETING @ 10 AM	3
ANNUAL MEET- ING/ CONTRAC- TOR'S MEETING	FEB 16
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB
OFFICE CLOSED	21
2020 PLAT BOOK	\$30

Let it be known that the Pettis County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election for one supervisor in each of two different territories in the county. Territory 2 (Longwood, Heath's Creek, Cedar, or Bowling Green Township) and Territory 4 (Flat Creek, Smithton, or Lake Creek Township). The election will take place from February 1, 2022 to February 22, 2022. Ballots are available to print online at <https://mosoilandwater.land/pettis>. Printed ballots may be returned to the district by mail and must be postmarked no later than February 20th. You may also vote in person from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon-Fri at the USDA Service Center at 1407 W. 32nd St. Sedalia, MO 65301. Each eligible land representative in the district is allowed one vote. A land representative is defined as the owner or representative authorized by power of attorney of any farm lying within an area proposed to be established, and subsequently established, as a soil and water conservation district under Chapter 278, RSMo. Each farm is entitled to representation by a land representative; provided, however that the land representative is a taxpayer of the county within which the soil and water district is located.

The following qualified candidates will be considered for election:

Territory 2 – Alan Ream, Cedar Township

Territory 4 - *Nicholas Asbury*, Lake Creek Township

Supervisors manage the administration of district policies and programs, as well as district personnel and funds. The district is supported by the one-tenth-of-one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax. For additional information on the district election, contact the district office at 660-826-3339 x. 3 or ashlynn.stevenson@swcd.mo.gov.

Equipment Rental

John Deere 15' No-Till Drill.....	\$15.00/ac
Great Plains 10' No-Till Drill.....	\$10.00/ac
Truax 6' No-Till Drill.....	\$12.00/ac
Highline Bale Pro Mulcher	\$200.00/day
Silt Fence Plow.....	\$100.00/day

Please call the office at 1-660-826-3339 (ext. 3) for details and reservations. *All equipment rentals require a deposit, copy of insurance card used for transporting the equipment, and a hitch pin. Interest of 1.5 % per month is applied to all late unpaid rental bills.

Annual Meeting/ Contractor's Meeting

When: February 16, 2022 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: First United Methodist Church
1701 W 32nd St. Sedalia, MO 65301

Lunch will be served!

*Please R.S.V.P to 660-826-3339 Ext. 3 or ashlynn.stevenson@swcd.mo.gov

We Are Looking for Board Election Judges!

To qualify you must reside in Pettis County.

If interested please contact Ashlynn Stevenson at 660-826-3339 Ext. 3 or at ashlynn.stevenson@swcd.mo.gov

Conservation Choices: Contour Farming



What it is:

-Contouring means farming with row patterns nearly level around a hill – not up and down hill. The rows form hundreds of small dams that slow water flow and increase infiltration to reduce erosion.

How it Helps:

-Contour farming can reduce soil erosion by as much as 50 percent compared to up and down hill farming.
 -By reducing sediment and runoff and increasing water infiltration, contouring promotes better water quality.

Planning Ahead:

-Will more than one key contour line be needed because of steep or irregular slopes?
 -Are terraces or strip cropping needed for steeper slopes?
 -Are field borders needed to replace end rows in the contouring system to control sheet and rill erosion?

Cost-Share Policy:

-Farming operations must be parallel to terraces, with the exception of planting crops over terraces in areas where the slope is less than three (3) percent. All other ground contact farming practices have to be on the contour with the terraces with the exception of incidental crossing of the terraces such as planting end rows and point rows.



Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Employee, Nathaniel Feldman, Shared District Specialist III

Nathan Feldman grew up in Centerview, Missouri and graduated from Crest Ridge High School in 2017. In high school, Nathan was very involved in sports and the FFA, competing in trapshooting competitions and being an officer in the FFA. He went to State Fair Community College in Sedalia and studied wildlife conservation. In May of 2019 he started working for the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District as a technician. In April of 2021 Nathan started working for Pettis, Saline and Lafayette county as a shared technician split between the three counties.



New Employee, Ashlynn Stevenson, District Specialist I



Ashlynn Stevenson grew up outside of Sedalia, Missouri and graduated from Northwest High School in 2018. After high school she attended State Fair Community College and graduated with an Associates of Science Degree in 2020. She decided to continue her education at the University of Central Missouri and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science with an Emphasis in Agronomy in 2021. During her time at SFCC, Ashlynn worked as an intern at the Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District. Now she is working as one of the District Specialist's in Pettis County. She is very excited to be here, meet new people, and learn new things!

PETTIS COUNTY SWCD

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Website: <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/pettis>

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Sedalia, MO 65301

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Pettis County Soil and Water Board Members:

Alan Ream, Chairman
Brandon Meyer, Vice-Chairman
Gene Schmitz, Secretary
Charles Hardy, Treasurer
Mark Rieckhoff, Member

District Personnel:

Ashlynn Stevenson, Program Specialist I
Tiffani Scott, Program Specialist IV
Zachary Harding, Program Specialist IV
Nathaniel Feldman, Shared Program Specialist III

NRCS Personnel:

Brian McCarthy, District Conservationist
Ryan Peck, Lead Resource Conservationist
Adam Gumbel, Soil Conservation Technician
Charli Plymell, Area Business Tool Specialist
Bobbi Wilson-Hogan, Administrative Support Contractor

Missouri Department of Conservation Personnel

Dave Niebruegge, Private Land Conservationist

ATTENTION COUNTY RESIDENTS:

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