

# Gasconade County SWCD

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## Board of Supervisor Election

The Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that we are able to have our Area II (Roark and Boeuf Townships) and Area IV (Canaan and Brush Creek Townships) Board of Supervisor election.

After holding a self-nomination period through the month of November, incumbent Harvey Hessemann (Area II) and incumbent Joel Wehmeyer (Area IV) have registered to run for their respective areas. No other applications were filed.

During February 1—22, all qualifying landowners will be able to cast their vote for these candidates. Any agricultural landowner may cast one vote for each Area candidate. We are limited to one vote per farm. The ballots may be cast at the Owensville SWCD office from 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m Monday through Friday. Or, the ballots will be located on our website ([mosoilandwater.land/gasconade](http://mosoilandwater.land/gasconade)) on the 1st of February. You will be able to print it off and mail it in or hand deliver, whichever is more convenient.

**Harvey Hessemann** has been on the Board since 2017 and has served as a Member. He and his wife, Rebecca (Becky) have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Their home farm consists of 250 acres and he also leases crop and hay ground. Harvey operates a cow/calf herd—backgrounding calves and selling some Angus replacement heifers. He crops beans, corn, milo, and wheat and raises all hay & silage needed for his herd. He uses rotational grazing for part of the cattle, and no-till/reduced tillage for the crops. He has been farming for almost 50 years. He enjoys working with the other board members and enjoys the training opportunities provided by the Program. He believes in helping county producers meet their conservation needs.



**Joel Wehmeyer** has been the Board Treasurer since he was elected to the Board in 2017. He is a lifetime farmer. Joel and his wife, Sara, have 5 children and they own 510 acres and rent additional acreage that brings them to approximately 900 acres running a cow/calf operation. Joel's heifer calves are backgrounded until replacements are chosen. He has cropped some rented creek bottom ground. He combines fescue seed when available and does custom combining. Joel has taken advantage of the many cost-share opportunities available through the State and Federal programs to put conservation on his land and establish grazing systems for optimum productivity. He feels that the use of these programs and being able to apply them to one's farm can greatly increase productivity and save the soil and improve water quality.



Please be on the look out for the ballot on our webpage or at the office starting February 1st.

### Board of Supervisors:

Mike Haeffner—Chairman  
Luke Mangrum—Vice-Chairman  
Joel Wehmeyer—Treasurer  
Harvey Hessemann—Member  
Matt Herring—Secretary

### District Staff:

Manager Diana Mayfield—District Specialist IV  
Technician Sarah Berkemeyer—District Specialist III  
Shared Technician April Dudehoeffer—District Specialist III  
Shared Pest Management Specialist—Amy Neier, District Specialist IV

### NRCS Staff:

Gary Applegate—District Conservationist  
Mark Brandt—Lead Resource Conservationist  
Megan Brown—Soil Conservationist  
DJ Schroeder—Soil Conservation Technician

### MDC Staff:

Ryan Westcott—Private Lands Conservationist  
Scott Williams—Fisheries Biologist  
Aaron Holsapple—Forester  
Tracy Prenger—Public Lands Conservationist

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## Mid-year Changes to Cost-share Component Costs

Due to unprecedented inflation costs for many of the items that are used to complete cost-share practices, the Soil & Water Districts Commission has given approval to re-evaluate and increase prices for the remainder of fiscal year 2022.

The new component prices can only be used on NEW contracts board approved after January 7, 2022. In addition, change orders cannot be used to only increase obligations utilizing the new component prices.

Please remember that the acreage limits for Grazing Systems still play a key roll in the obligations for those practices.

### New MDC Private Lands Conservationist



Ryan Westcott is excited to be serving Cole, Gasconade, and Osage counties as the new MDC Private Land Conservationist. Ryan is originally from the St. Louis area but now resides in Vichy. Ryan earned a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife with a minor in Biology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. During college, Ryan worked two summers in Alaska for Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association where

he helped with sockeye salmon counts in the backcountry. Ryan's work with the Missouri Department of Conservation started in 2012 at the Meramec Springs Hatchery. He then spent time at Montauk and Shepard of the Hills hatcheries. Since transitioning into Forestry and Wildlife in 2016, Ryan has gained experience in woodland, glade, and forest management. Ryan will be working from the USDA office in Linn. For landowner assistance, he can be reached at 573-897-2138 ext 3032 or via email at [ryan.westcott@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:ryan.westcott@mdc.mo.gov).

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### 2022 Poster Contest



*Due Date: March 11, 2022*

*Contact: Diana Mayfield*

*Phone: 573-437-3478 x 3*

The 2022 Poster Contest is open to all 2nd–8th Grade Students in Gasconade County, whether public, private, or homeschooled. We have information packets available for everyone that is interested in participating, along with the required poster board. The board has been delivered to the participating schools. If your child is interested in participating but you haven't heard from their school, please contact me and we will get the information/materials to you.

**Friday, March 4, 2022**



**Central Missouri  
Forage & Beef  
Conference**

Knights of Columbus Hall

206 6th St., Vienna, MO

***\$10/Person - DINNER INCLUDED***

Registration & Trade Show - 12 PM

Speaking Starts - 1 PM | Dinner at 6:30 PM

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*Topics*

**Milo Grazing • Livestock Outlook • Fertilizer Choices &  
Manure Management • Nitrate & Weed Toxicity**

**Producer Panel: *Diversified Cattle Operations***

Ted Cunningham, Salem - Contract Grazing

Bud Schulte, Meta - Backgrounding

**RSVP: February 25**

**Online:** <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/central-missouri-forage-and-beef-conference>

**In-Person:** Maries County SWCD (573)422-3342



## ***From the Desk of Hannah Heintz, FSA County Executive Director***

Hello Gasconade producers, as we look ahead to 2022, if you are making any changes including revising the structure of your operation and/or farming new land, please contact us so we can begin making the changes early in the year. It will also be necessary for you to follow through with updating your records with RMA (crop insurance) and NRCS. Additionally, I want to remind you of the Livestock Indemnity Program, which covers livestock deaths due to weather events. With some lightning events the past few weeks, there could have been some losses and with upcoming winter weather, we may continue to see livestock losses throughout the county. A notice of loss must be submitted **within 30 days** of when the loss is apparent to be considered eligible, and you must be able to show inventory and loss data through items such as: photos of death, insurance visit documentation, inventory records, vet records, etc.

Below are some other reminders and announcements from your local FSA Office:

**ARCPLC (Agricultural Risk Coverage Price Loss Coverage) Enrollment/Election:** The deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Production:** Please submit your 2021 NAP production for your covered crops as soon as possible if you have not already. Many folks have coverage on mixed forage hay, and need to weigh a bale on a certified scale and submit a weight ticket with a bale count. This is necessary to calculate an accurate production history if a loss is incurred. If you are a beginning farmer or socially disadvantaged, you may qualify for a free policy in 2022- contact us prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Marketing Assistance Loans:** These loans are now available on harvested corn and soybeans. These low interest, 9-month loans are made to give farmers flexibility in market decisions while providing some cash flow. The grain is used as collateral and there are no early pay off penalties.

**Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL):** Have you seen the new loan rates for a farm storage facility loan? FSA can make loans for grain bins, hay sheds, grain trailers, augers and auger wagons, and several other grain and forage handling equipment types. Depending on the funds needed, you could acquire a 3 to 12-year loan term with fixed interest rates of 0.875%-1.375% for items under \$100,000. FSA will finance 85% to 95% of the cost, depending on the amount of funding needed. Construction cannot begin before approval.

If you have any questions please contact the office at 573-437-4131. ext. 2. We look forward to working with you.

## **Cost-Share Spotlight Grazing Management**

**County Maximum is \$20,000 per year/per landowner. Board will address additional funding per year on a case by case basis. Landowner/operator must have attended UME/NRCS certified Grazing School.**

**DSP-3.1, Water Source Establishment** - Maximum of \$110 per serviced acre for well, and/or pond. Old ponds or wells may be brought up to specifications, if it is the least cost alternative. Maintenance Agreement – 10 years.

**DSP-3.2, Water Distribution** - Maximum of \$120 per serviced acre for trenching, pipeline, and tanks. System may be new; or if existing, the system must be intensified with new acres or increased paddocks. Maintenance Agreement – 10 years.

**DSP-3.3, Fencing** – Maximum of \$70 per serviced acre. The cost is based on the least cost component, which is generally a one-wire high-tensile for deterrent (cross-fencing) only. Maintenance Agreement – 10 years.

**DSP-3.4, Lime** - Maximum of \$50 per serviced acre. This is a one-time application per field/per operator. Operators are limited to 50 acres per year. Lime requirement is based on current soil test (<3 years). Sign-up period: March 15—June 15. Maintenance Agreement – 5 years.

**DSP-3.5, Seed** - Maximum of \$40 per serviced acre. This is a one-time application per field/per landowner. This practice covers seed and delivery of the seed. Minimum fertility must be met at the landowner's expense. Sign-up period: March 15—June 15. Maintenance Agreement – 5 years.

**Gasconade County will be hosting a Certified Grazing School in the spring of 2022.**  
**If you are interested in attending, please contact our office to get on the mailing list.**

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## 2022 Dates to Remember

<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>Board Meeting, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	President's Day Holiday, Office Closed
<b>Feb 1–22</b>	<b>Voting Period Open</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Board Meeting, TBD, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>March 4</b>	Central Missouri Forage & Beef Conference, Vienna MO
<b>March 11</b>	Posters for the 2022 Poster Contest are due
<b>March 15– June 15</b>	Dormant or Grazing Lime/Overseed Legume Seeding Sign-up period
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Board Meeting, TBD, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>April 15</b>	Nutrient/Pest Management deadline
<b>April 15–July 15</b>	Fall Seeding Sign-up Period
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Board Meeting, TBD, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 15–Sept 15</b>	Cover Crop Sign-up period
<b>May 30</b>	Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting, TBD, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>June 15</b>	Deadline for FY22 Cost-share Claims

### Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

**A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED EACH YEAR AND ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.**

**Drills: Minimum of 10 acres applies. Proof of vehicle insurance is required at the time of pickup.**

- ◇ 1590 John Deere 10 ft no-till drill! \$12 per acre charge. Located at 3325 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call Gary Miller at 573-690-9065 to schedule.
- ◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office. \$10 acre, \$9 per acre over 50. To schedule call 573-473-3478

**Located at the SWCD Office:**

- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge

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