

# Gasconade County SWCD

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## Sign-up period for fall seeding and cover crops, and drought assistance

The Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) supervisors would like to remind area producers of the deadlines for registering for fall seeding and cover crops. The fall seeding deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup> and the cover crop deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Governor signed a Drought Executive Order 25-05, which became effective on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will expire on December 1, 2023. The Soil and Water Commission has approved the drought provisions listed below in bold print for areas listed in the D1 or above on the US Drought Monitor.

Those planning to utilize either of these programs is reminded to check with the district office to verify that you qualify. In order to receive cost-share or drought assistance, you must have a Board-approved packet in hand before you begin. Programs include:

DSL-1, Permanent Vegetative Establishment (Grass Seeding). Landowner assistance is authorized for lime/fertilizer, eligible seed, seeding operation and seedbed prep. Conventional tillage or the no-till method may be used for establishment. Soil tests are required (less than 2 years old) and the fields must be eroding above T (tolerable soil loss factor) either through Sheet and Rill Erosion or Ephemeral Gully Erosion, in order to qualify. Payment is based on 75% of the State Average Cost. Maintenance agreement – 5 years. **DROUGHT PROVISION: A VARIANCE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY DSL-1, DSL-2, DSP-3.5 THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER THE 5 YEAR MAINTENANCE AND HAS FAILED DUE TO THE DROUGHT. ONE MAY APPLY FOR COST-SHARE TO RESEED, EVEN IF THE 1 YEAR RESEEDING OPTION HAS BEEN UTILIZED. THIS WILL ONLY COVER THE COST OF THE SEED AND SEED DELIVERY AT 75% OF THE STATE AVERAGE COST.**

N-340, Cover Crop. Applies to cropland acres, which are currently in a minimum of a two production crop rotation. The cover crop must be terminated or grazed. The production crop, following the cover crops, must meet a no-till threshold of less than 20 Stir Value. The cover crop must be planned with a minimum of 25 percent grass. Annual Warm and Cool season grasses and legumes may be utilized. Payment of \$30 per acre for a one to two species planting or \$40 per acre for three or more species. A soil health analysis test will be required based on the land capability. After four consecutive years of cover crops, a follow-up soil health analysis test will be required. The district will pay up to 75% of the Soil Health test. The legal landowner may give the District authority to pay the Operator of Record for the cover crop, through the landowner authorization form. Lifetime maximum for this practice is \$20,000, no matter which county the Operator applies in. **DROUGHT PROVISION: A VARIANCE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE COVER CROP TO BE HAYED FOR FORAGE AND WAIVE THE TWO PRODUCTION CROP ROTATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEXT PLANTED PRODUCTION CROP. ANY OPERATOR THAT HAS EXCEED THE LIFETIME MAXIMUM AND WISHES TO HAY THE COVER CROP FOR FORAGE, MAY RECEIVE UP TO \$30 PER ACRE, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF COVER CROP SPECIES PLANTED. ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY, IF APPLICABLE.**

### Board of Supervisors:

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Luke Mangrum—Vice-Chairman  
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Mark Brandt—District Conservationist  
Megan Brown—Resource Conservationist

### District Staff:

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### MDC Staff:

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Scott Williams—Fisheries Biologist  
Aaron Holsapple—Forester  
Tracey Prenger—Public Lands Conservationist

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**NEW SWCD OFFICE HOURS 7:30—5:30,  
MONDAY—FRIDAY**

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**DSP-3.1 AND DSP 3.2 – A VARIANCE WILL BE GRANTED TO WAIVE THE GRAZING SCHOOL REQUIREMENT FOR 12 MONTHS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH ONE WATER WELL AND ONE WATERING FACILITY. A LANDOWNER MAY UTILIZE THIS VARIANCE ON TWO GRAZING SYSTEMS THAT ARE NOT CONTIGUOUS. ONCE THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN ATTENDED, THE REST OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE INSTALLED WITHIN 3 YEARS AND MEET THE 528 GRAZING STANDARD. OTHERWISE, ALL THE FUNDS WILL NEED TO BE REPAID IN FULL.**

**A VARIANCE WILL BE GRANTED FOR GRAZING ACRES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER MAINTENANCE FOR ACCESS CONTROL. GRAZING WILL BE ALLOWED, AS LONG AS THE ESTABLISHED FORAGES CAN WITHSTAND THE GRAZING ACTIVITY. ESTABLISHED PRACTICES THAT FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY ARE N-472 WOODLAND EXCLUSION, WQ10 STREAMBANK PROTECTION, DWC-1 WATER IMPOUNDMENT RESERVOIRS, AND N-391 RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFERS.**

**DWC-2 POND CLEAN OUT VARIANCE. ANY POND THAT WAS BUILT WITH STATE COST-SHARE DOLLARS AND IS IN NEED OF CLEAN OUT MAY RECEIVE UP TO \$1,500 PER HALF ACRE (UP TO 2 ACRES) FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL. THE MAXIMUM COST-SHARE IS \$6,000 REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE POND. THIS APPLIES WHETHER THE POND IS UNDER MAINTENANCE OR NOT, HOWEVER IT MUST BE BROUGHT BACK TO SPECIFICATIONS AND THE 10 YEAR MAINTENANCE WILL BE REINSTATED FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT.**

If you are interested in any of these practices or have other resource concerns, please do not hesitate to call the office at 573-437-3478 x3.

## 2023 National 3rd Place NACD Poster Winner 4th—6th Grade Division Jahnvi Patel, Hermann Middle School





# 8th Annual Event

# WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

Thursday, September 7, 2023 • White Mule Winery

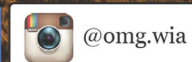
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3:00-5:30pm Open Registration and Vendors
- 3:30-4:15pm *Peak Season Produce*  
Presented by Tony White aka "Tomato Tony"
- 4:15-5:00pm Visit with Area Vendors with Local Products
- 5:00-5:45pm *Getting Started with Home Freezing & Dehydration*  
Presented by Rachel O'Halloran, MU Extension
- 6:00pm Dinner by White Mule Winery
- 7:15pm *Attitude Changes Everything*  
Keynote Speaker, Susie Thompson



**SUSIE THOMPSON** is Vice-President of Human Resources and Culture Officer at the Wood and Huston Bank in Marshall, MO. She has a vibrant and lively personality which works well for her as a motivational speaker for her side gig. Wife of a farmer in mid-Missouri, her hilarious stories will undoubtedly leave you feeling motivated, positive and grateful.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendee Names \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** *Shirt details are on Facebook. Orders are preferred with pre-registration—paid by August 11. Shirts ordered on the same registration form can be picked up at the registration table, and will be organized and grouped by the name of the main attendee on the registration form. **Shirt orders placed after August 11 WILL NOT be available for pickup at the event.***

## SEND RSVP & CHECK

by August 11, 2023:

**Gasconade County SWCD-WIA**

314 S. Olive St | Owensville, MO 65066

diana.mayfield@swcd.mo.gov

573-437-3478

Admission: \$20 pre-paid/\$25 at the door

*Limited Seating*



Number of Attendees _____ X \$20					
Qty of Shirts	Color/Style*		Size S-2XL	Price (each)	Subtotal
	Clay (LS)	Forest (SS)			
				\$18/20	
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<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>					

\*Options: Long-sleeve Clay \$20 or Short-sleeve Forest \$18



**2023 Central Region Sponsored  
Missouri Women in Agriculture  
Conference**

**Please contact the office at 573-437-3478 x 3 for a registration form.**

***Our lineup for the event includes:***

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

- ◆ 2008 MO State Fair Queen-Whitney Kinne
- ◆ Cowboy Poet, Dr. Doug Kiburz
- ◆ Impressionist Kathleen Boswell
- ◆ Entrepreneur Brandy Von Holten
- ◆ FSA Director Joe Aull and NRCS Area Conservationist Diane Bradley-Redden

**WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE**

- ◆ Animal Waste Storage Facilities
- ◆ Electrical Safety on Your Farm
- ◆ Alternative Grains & Greens
- ◆ Wildlife Diseases & Impacts on Farm Animals
- ◆ Chainsaw Operation & Safety
- ◆ State Fair Museum with State Fair Queen
- ◆ Farmers Market Programs for Buyers & Sellers
- ◆ Estate Planning for Farms
- ◆ Interactive Agricultural Activities

**TUESDAY TOURS**

- ◆ Missouri State Fairgrounds History Tour
- ◆ Trails End with Chuckwagon Cooking Demo and Surprise Activities
- ◆ Agricultural Field Tours



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## **STAFF PROMOTIONS!**

Gasconade County SWCD—Sarah Berkemeyer has promoted to District Specialist IV as of June 20th. She has been with the District 5 years now.

Natural Resources Conservation Service:

- ◆ Mark Brandt has promoted to District Conservationist for the Cole, Gasconade, Maries, and Osage County Field Office Service Area.
- ◆ Megan Brown has moved up to the Gasconade County Resource Conservationist.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!**





## Self Nominating Period for Area I and III Board of Supervisor Position Coming in November!

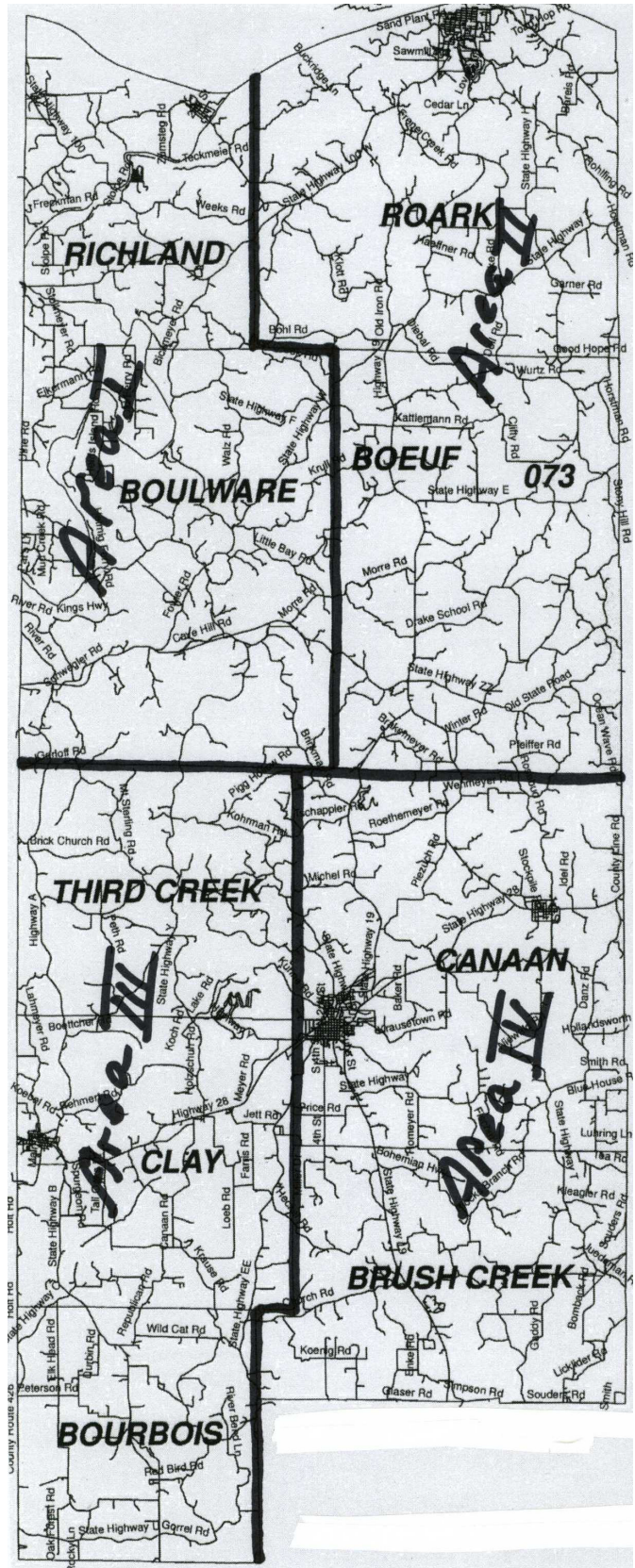
The Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) Board of Supervisors will be opening the Self-Nomination Period for the Area I (Richland and Boulware Townships) and Area III (Third Creek, Clay, and Bourbois Townships) Supervisor Positions from **November 1—30**. Have you ever considered serving in this capacity?

### What does being a Board Member entail?

1. Promoting all reasonable measures for saving soil and improving water quality within the GCSWCD.
2. The Board is made up of four agricultural landowners and one Ex Officio Officer from the University of Missouri Extension. The members are organized as: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Member. The secretary position is the Ex Officio Officer.
3. A Board member must be an agricultural landowner in Gasconade County for at least two years and a cooperator of the GCSWCD. He or she must reside in or own a farm lying in the same "Area" where there is an expiring term, and be 18 years of age or older by the election date.
4. This is a volunteer position, and the term is four years. Reimbursement for travel to all meetings, or to fulfill other duties related to the operations of the district is provided.
5. Monthly Board meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center. Attendance at the Annual Training Conference (the week after Thanksgiving) and Annual Area Meetings are strongly encouraged and beneficial. All expenses are covered by the GCSWCD.
6. The job of the Board of Supervisors is to maintain and/or establish local policy for the Cost-share Program and to approve applications and payments. This is under the umbrella of the Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) Commission policy and guidelines. Work closely with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), The SWC Commission and DNR Program Office. The position is also responsible for administration of the staff and financial management, as well as District's equipment. Participation and support in the GCSWCD information/education activities throughout the year, is greatly appreciated.

The current Board members who are serving these areas are Mike Haeffner (Area I) and Luke Mangrum (Area III). See the map to see if you are in Area I or III.

Please consider serving your local community by becoming a Board Supervisor and make plans to self-nominate yourself in November. If you have any questions about the position, feel free to talk with the current supervisors or call the office and talk to the staff.



# FSA News

**Acreage Reporting:** The deadline to report spring planted crops, including hay & pasture, is July 15th. If you are done planting 2023 crops, please give FSA to schedule an appointment.

**Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)** provides payments to eligible livestock owners who suffered grazing losses during the drought and are physically located in a county rated by the US Drought Monitor as having a D2 (severe drought) drought for at least 8 consecutive weeks or a D3 (extreme drought) drought at the time during the normal grazing period. Currently, Cole, Gasconade, Maries, and Osage are eligible. You will need to provide your livestock inventory numbers as of June 6th. If you sold any livestock, due to the drought conditions, in the 60 days prior to June 6th, you will need to provide sales receipts to go with your application.

**Emergency financial assistance** is available through ELAP to Osage and Gasconade Counties. This provides financial assistance to eligible producers to help cover the cost of transporting feed for livestock that are in excess of normal years.

**PARP & ERP Deadline has been extended to July 14th.**

**Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase 2** will provide assistance for crop losses due to qualifying weather events in 2020 or 2021 on crops grown for commercial sale.

**Pandemic Revenue Assistance Program (PARP)** will provide financial assistance to eligible producers who experienced a 15% or more decrease in revenue from 2020 compared to either 2018 or 2019 for most agricultural commodities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPOINTMENT IN GASCONADE COUNTY, PLEASE CALL 573-437-3478 X 2.

## Federal Funding Opportunities through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) by Megan Brown

The USDA-NRCS offers several federal cost-share programs to improve the soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources on your property. One commonly used program is the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), which offers cost-share to implement resource conservation practices such as grazing systems, wildlife-pollinator habitat, forest management, and cover crops. Over the next 5 years, NRCS will be receiving additional funding through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), to fund projects like these and other climate smart activities. EQIP is a competitive program. The sign-up period is always open, but typically applications are only reviewed and ranked once a year. This year, November will be the cut-off to be considered for 2024 funding, so make sure to stop by the office to see if EQIP is right for you!

### Volunteers Needed

Looking to spend some quality time, helping 4th graders learn about the farm and our natural resources? If so, contact us and volunteer for our Annual 4th Grade Field Days on October 4-5, 2023.

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## 2023 Dates to Remember

July 4	Independence Day, Office Closed
<b>May 15-Sept 15</b>	<b>Cover Crop Signup period</b>
Aug 1	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Aug 15-Jan 15</b>	<b>Spring Seeding Signup period</b>
Sept 4	Labor Day, Office Closed
Sept 5	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 7	OMG WIA Event, White Mule Winery pg 3
Sept 18-20	MO WIA Event, State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, pg 4
Oct 4-5	4th Grade Field Days/Board Mtg, White Mule Winery
Nov 1- 30	Self-Nomination period for Area I and III Supervisor
Nov 7	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 10	Veteran's Day Holiday, Office Closed
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
Nov 27-29	Training Conference, Margaretville, Staff out of office
Dec 5	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas Day, Office Closed
Jan 1	New Year's Day, Office Closed

### 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.**

- ◇ 2019 1590 John Deere 10 ft no-till drill! \$12 per acre charge. Located at 3325 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call Gary Miller at **573-502-4400** to schedule.
- ◇ 2022 706NT Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office. \$12 acre. To schedule call **573-473-3478 x 3**.

**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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