

# Gasconade County SWCD

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## ***2017 ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 30, 2017***


**OWENSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**3340 HWY 19N**

**OWENSVILLE, MO 65066**

- ◊ ***6:00—7:30 Election Polls Open***
- ◊ ***6:00—7:30 Dinner (Catered by Carol's Catering)***
- ◊ ***Rural Crime Awareness—***
- ◊ ***Darrin Haslag, Highway Patrol -Troop F***
- ◊ ***Awards Presentation***
- ◊ ***Election Results***

***RSVP BY MARCH 22, 2017, to the Gasconade County SWCD at  
573-437-3478 ext 3.***

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### **Board of Supervisors:**

Dennis Berger—Chairman  
Michael Haeffner— Vice-Chairman  
Matthew Estes—Treasurer  
Debra Nowack—Member  
Matt Herring—Secretary

### **District Staff:**

Manager Diana Mayfield—District Specialist IV  
Technician Craig Doerr—District Specialist II



### **NRCS Staff**

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

### **MDC STAFF:**

Seth Barrioz—Private Lands Conservationist  
Scott Williams—Fisheries Biologist  
Aaron Holsapple—Forester  
Adam Jones—Wildlife Biologist

# 2017 Election Candidates

The GCSWCD will be holding elections for the **Area II**-Roark and Boeuf Townships and **Area IV**-Canaan and Brush Creek Townships on March 30th from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The polls will be located at the USDA Service Center from 8—4:30 p.m. and then will move to the Owensville Middle School from 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Every agricultural landowner in Gasconade County (no matter what Township) has the right to vote for one representative in each area listed. The landowners must be listed on the Title of Deed. If owned by a husband and wife, both may cast a vote; however, if the land is in a Trust or other entity, only one person may cast the vote. One vote for each Area may be cast.

The **Area II** nominating committee, which consisted of Brenda Kurrelmeyer, Bill Diebal, and Russell Laboube, have nominated the following candidates:

**Edward Laboube:** Eddie has been farming for approximately 40 years. He owns a 150 acre farm and runs a diversified livestock operation of beef cattle and sheep. The cattle are run on a managed rotation grazing system and Eddie uses advanced technologies in timed synchronization protocols and Artificial Breeding (AI). He practices conservation management through terraces, waterways, and grazing management. Eddie currently works off the farm at the Callaway Energy Center. If elected, he would like to help solve problems related to conservation within his area. He would be available to support these activities both on-site and through office support. He would be actively involved in District Business. Eddie is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1914, Missouri Beef Cattleman Association, National Cattleman Beef Association and the Lions Club of Hermann.



**Harvey Hesemann:** Harvey and his wife, Rebecca have 3 children and 5 grandchildren, with one on the way. 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, wheat and raises all hay & silage

needed for the cattle. He uses rotational grazing for part of the cattle, and no-till and reduced tillage for the crops. They are currently working to reduce toxic fescue on some pasture land. He has been farming for 45 years. If elected for this position, he looks forward to working with other board members and working with county producers to meet their conservation needs. He is a member of St. John Lutheran at Drake and has been a delegate to MFA District Meetings several times. He is a member of Gasconade County Farm Bureau.



The **Area IV** nominating committee, which consisted of Kevin Hollander, Dorathea Koepke, and Virginia Buschmeyer, have nominated the following candidates:

**Joel Wehmeyer:** Joel 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 creek bottom ground



that is rented since 1985. He also combines fescue seed when available and does custom combining. Joel has been active in the programs installing a rotational grazing system, strip grazing, and pest management. He would like to help people become more aware of the cost-share practices that are available. He feels that the use of these programs and being able to apply them to your farm can greatly increase productivity. Joel is a delegate for MFA Oil Co, an Elder at the St. John Lutheran Church, a member of the MO Farm Bureau and a member of the MO Cattleman's Association.

**Daryl Glaser:** Daryl and his wife Judy have 3 children and operate a 192 acre farm. He has been farming for approximately 20 years. He rents 100 acres of

cropland producing mainly soybeans and he does custom harvest on approximately 300 acres. He is currently employed at Kingsford Manufacturing in Belle. Daryl believes in the benefits of no-till and he would like to continue to promote this practice to improve our soil health and water quality. Daryl is a Parish Council and Knights of Columbus member. He is on the FFA Ag Advisory Board.



## 2017 Grazing School To Be Held In Maries County

Maries County will host the 2017 Grazing School for our area on May 23—25, 2017, at the Vichy Firehouse. Reservations, along with payment is required, as space is limited. The cost is still to be determined. Attendance is a requirement for the State Grazing System Management Practices.

Call the Gasconade County office at 573-437-3478, if you are interested in attending or to get information on other schools in the area.

# MDC DISCOVER Nature

## Pond Management Workshop

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**  
**6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
**Owensville Middle School**  
**3340 Highway 19**  
**Owensville, MO 65066**

Register for this free workshop by contacting the Missouri Department of Conservation at (573) 796-0286 ext. 4284. Space is limited.

Do you have questions about building a new pond or an existing pond on your property? If so, this workshop is for you. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Gasconade County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be hosting a Pond Management Workshop on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at no charge. The workshop will cover a wide variety of topics including, pond site selection, pond construction, pond stocking, fisheries management, aquatic vegetation management, pond watershed management and nuisance wildlife. Professionals from MDC, NRCS and SWCD will give presentations and will be available to answer questions. There will also be some very useful literature and brochures on pond management available as well as snacks and refreshments.

### Discover nature programs...

- Help Missourians discover and explore nature
- Provide expert instruction and hands-on activities
- Are available statewide

### New Shared Technician

Please welcome Derek Fick. He has been chosen as the new Shared District Technician for the Cole, Gasconade, Maries, and Osage Counties. He will be covering duties for SWCD as well as NRCS.

Derek was raised in Rich Fountain, MO. He grew up helping on his parent's farm as well as the Family Farm in Freeburg, MO, where he enjoys spending time with my family and friends. He is a 2012 graduate of Fatima High School in Westphalia, Mo. He briefly attended State Technical College of Missouri in Linn for Civil Construction Management. He decided to join the Soil and Water Conservation Districts because he enjoys being able to get out outdoors to help farmers and landowners with their erosion problems, as well as other critical needs on their property. He hobbies are hunting, fishing, and working on the farm. He is getting married to Kelly Tappel this September and they plan to reside in



## 2016 State Award Winners

Vice Chairman **Mike Haeffner** was selected as the 2016 Supervisor of the Year at the Annual Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A this past November. Mike was recognized for his outstanding service to the landowners, students and staff of Gasconade County.



**Rachel Lensing**, formerly of the St. George School was selected as the 2016 7th-9th Grade Division State winner for her poster. The theme for the contest was, "We All Need Trees." She and her family were invited to Tan-Tar-A to receive her reward. Her poster has been forwarded to the National Competition.



**Congratulations to you both!**

### NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GASCONADE COUNTY

To all land representatives of any farms lying within Gasconade County, Missouri, pursuant to the provision of the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation District Law, Sections 278.060 to 278.155 RSMo, 1978 notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of March 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., an election will be held to elect the required number of supervisors to the Board of Supervisors of the Soil and Water Conservation District of Gasconade County, Missouri.

All land representatives of any farm lying within Gasconade County, Missouri, are eligible to vote. A land representative is the owner or representative authorized by power-of-attorney of any farm lying within any area of the district; provided, however, that any land representative must be a taxpayer of the county. Eligible voters shall cast their votes at the following polling places.

**USDA SERVICE CENTER (FSA)**  
 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 316 Olive Street  
 Owensville, MO 65066

**OWENSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 3340 Hwy 19N  
 Owensville, MO 65066

All land representatives so designated by power-of-attorney must present their power-of-attorney form, properly signed, to the polling judges at the time of voting.

Soil and Water Conservation District of Gasconade County  
 Dennis Berger, Chairman

Copy of Official Ballot

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI SUPERVISOR ELECTION

Area I - Lark and Beef Townships  
 (4 Year Term)

Edward LaBoube   
 Harvey Hessemann

Area IV - Cassan and Brush Creek Townships  
 (4 Year Term)

Joel Wehmeyer   
 Daryl Glaser

Vote for one supervisor in each Area by placing an "X" in the square after his or her name.

## New NRCS District Conservationist

Gary Applegate has been chosen as the new NRCS District Conservationist for the Cole, Gasconade, Maries, and Osage Counties. Gary grew up in southern Knox County, MO (between Kirksville and Hannibal) on a combination grain and livestock farm. Gary was always interested in farming and raising livestock. As an avid hunter and fisherman, he has always had a passion for conservation and a desire to be a good steward of all the resources that nature has given us. Gary attended college at the University of Missouri, in Columbia, MO, where he earned a B.S. in Agronomy and a B.S. in Animal Science in 1982 and an M.S. in Animal Science in 1986. After completing grad school, he worked for the University of Wisconsin Extension for 5 years and the University of Missouri Extension for 19 years as an Extension Livestock Specialist in South Central Missouri.

Gary began his NRCS career in 2010 serving as a Resource Conservationist covering all of Eastern Wyoming. There he worked primarily with large cattle feeding operations and ranches writing CNMP's and helping the ranchers through the EPA and DNR permitting process. Gary served as a multi-county Resource Conservationist serving Grundy, Hardin, Marshall and Story Counties in north central Iowa. In January of 2015, Gary became District Conservationist serving the Wayne/Lucas County management unit in south central Iowa. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Gary began his duties as District Conservationist for the Linn FOSA.

Gary's favorite thing about working for NRCS is the fulfillment he feels knowing he is helping both the local agricultural producers and at the same time helping to improve and sustain the natural resources for future generations. While in the Linn, FOSA Gary wants to build strong relationships with local producers to help them preserve the soil and water resources in the area and hopes to be a positive influence on fellow employees, helping them to achieve their aspirations. Gary and his wife, Lisa, have three children. Ben, age 28, of Gladstone, MO, Rebekah, 26, is a Registered Nurse in Columbia, MO, and Dylan, 21, is a soldier at Fort Bliss, TX. He enjoys hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and wood working—particularly refurbishing old buggies, wagons and sleighs.

# 2017 Forage and Beef Conference

Monday, February 27, 2017

Cuba, Missouri  
Knights of Columbus  
I-44 East – Hwy. UU Exit

- 12:30 - Registration/Trade Show
- 1:00 - Missouri Department of Agriculture Programs for Producers – John Knudsen, Alan Freeman
- 1:45 - Prevention and Control of Anaplasmosis/VFD Update – Dr. Payne, MU Extension Veterinarian
- 2:30 - BREAK
- 3:00 - Livestock Risk Protection Insurance – Rachel Hopkins, University Missouri Extension
- 3:45 - BREAK
- 4:15 - Producer Panel – Winter Feeding Strategies  
Joy & Cindy Haeffner – Stockpiling/Stripgrazing  
Andy Carrender – Winter Feeding Facility
- 5:15 - "Can we have a low input cowherd that is high output?" – Lee Leachman with Leachman Cattle of Colorado



Lee Leachman is the CEO and owner of Leachman Cattle of Colorado. After college, Lee joined his father Jim and brother Seth at Leachman Cattle Company, in Billings, MT. Together, the family built the company into the largest beef seedstock company in North America. Lee then moved to Colorado in 2003 and formed Leachman Cattle of Colorado.

Leachman Cattle of Colorado markets over 1,300 bulls per year and is currently the third largest Seedstock breeder in the US. The bulls are bred by 35 cooperators who annually mate over 6,500 females. Breeds include Angus, Red Angus, South Devon, Charolais and Stabilizer. Selection objectives are largely based on the company's proprietary indexes.

Lee and his wife and family reside in Fort Collins, Colorado. Together they enjoy a wide variety of family activities and also are active in their church community through small groups and marriage ministry.

6:30 - Dinner

RSVP by February 17, 2017 to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732, ext. 3, or 573-364-6202, ext. 3.

**\*\*There is a \$10.00 per person charge for the conference – payable at the door.\*\***



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# FSA Updates

## **NEW PROGRAM! FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM (FSFL) HAS EXPANDED OPTIONS:**

FSFL expanded program now allows producers to obtain a low-interest loan for new or used equipment, in addition to previously allowed hay barns or grain bins. Examples of items now eligible for loan are bale beds, grain trucks, grain trailers, hay trailer, skid steer, grain auger, hay wrapper, grain cart, gravity wagon, grain vac, round hay bale gripper, portable grain dryer, and pup trailers.

3, 5, 7, 10 or 12 year notes available up to \$500,000. Loan amounts less than \$50,000 only require 5% down payment.

January Fixed Interest Rates:

3 Years: 1.5%      5 Years: 1.875%      7 Years: 2.250%      10 Years: 2.375%      12 Years: 2.5%

## **ANNUAL CROP REPORTING DEADLINES:**

**2017** spring-seeded grains and CRP must be reported by **July 15, 2017**

**2017** grapes/apples/peaches must be reported by **January 15, 2017**

**2017** spring oats & potatoes must be reported by **May 15, 2017**

**2018** hay and pasture acres must be reported by **November 15, 2017**

**2018** Fall barley, wheat and other fall seeded small grains must be reported by **December 15, 2017**

## **Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC):**

ARC/PLC is a financial safety net program that comes into effect when there are substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. Annual contract signing for 2016 began on December 1, 2015, and will continue until August 1, 2016. Producers who do not sign an annual contract will lose possibility of a payment for that year. Call the FSA office to check on the status of your contract.

## **MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS (MAL):**

MALs are available to producers after they have harvested their grain crop, and have it stored on the farm.

Producers can use the loan proceeds to refrain from selling the grain crop until the market price is higher. The loan can be used to pay for current expenses, or to reduce cost of seed and fertilizer by purchasing it earlier.

A lump sum is advanced to the producer in an amount equivalent to the value of the grain stored on the farm, or a lesser amount if the producer so chooses.

January Interest Rate: 1.875% for 9 Months

## **NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

Provides financial assistance to producers who produce agricultural commodities that are not covered through standard crop insurance agencies.

Provides financial assistance when a natural disaster occurs and causes lower yields, crop losses, or completely prevents the planting of crops.

Some crops that may be eligible include fruits and vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, forage and grazing crops, aquaculture, ginseng, honey, syrup, and industrial crops.

## **CONTINUOUS CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CCRP):**

Through CCRP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) helps farmers offset the costs of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and strengthen wildlife habitat. Contact the local FSA office to hear about competitive cash rental rates for acres taken from production and put into a grass stand. Cost-share is eligible for planting the acres to grass. This includes field borders, stream buffers, etc.

## Gasconade County SWCD

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Owensville, MO 65066  
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FAX: 855-842-7890

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## 2017 Dates to Remember

<b>February 7</b>	<b>Board Mtg-USDA Service Center 6:30 pm</b>
<b>February 20</b>	George Washinton's Birthday Holiday-Office Closed
<b>February 27</b>	Forage & Beef Conference-KC Hall, Cuba
<b>March 2</b>	Pond Workshop-Owensville Middle School 6:30-9 pm
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Board Mtg-USDA Service Center 6:30 pm</b>
<b>March 9</b>	2017 Posters due in office
<b>March 30</b>	Annual Meeting-Owensville Middle School 6:00 pm <b>April Board Mtg to follow Annual Meeting</b>
<b>April 12</b>	Central Region Envirothon, Runge Center
<b>April 15</b>	Nutrient/Pest Management approval deadline
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Board Mtg-USDA Service Center 6:30 pm</b>
<b>May 23-25</b>	Tri-County Grazing School, Vichy, MO
<b>May 29</b>	Memorial Day Holiday-Office Closed
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Board Mtg-USDA Service Center 6:30 pm</b>
<b>June 15</b>	Cost-share year 2017 Ends
<b>June 30</b>	Fiscal Year 2017 Ends
<b>July 4</b>	Independence Day Holiday-Office Closed
<b>July (TBD)</b>	<b>Board Mtg-USDA Service Center 6:30 pm</b>

*The GCSWCD is now on Facebook. Search for Gasconade County MO Soil & Water Conservation District. Be sure to like us on Facebook so you don't miss out on any important updates!*

## Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

**LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.**

**Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$100.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$10.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$9.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.**

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless otherwise indicated.

- ◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at Gary Miller, 3325 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call 573-529-2507 to schedule.
- ◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

**Vehicle insurance cards must be presented!**

**Located at the SWCD Office:**

- ◇ Rotowiper - \$25 a day
- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece or \$50 for all three
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge