

MINUTES OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 24, 2010

1. The State Conservation Commission conference call meeting was called to order by Rod Vorhees, Chairman and Area V Commissioner at 9:02 a.m., Monday, May 24, 2010, at the State Conservation Commission office at 109 SW 9th Street, Suite 500, Topeka, KS.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Elected Commissioners:

Ted Nighswonger, Area I Commissioner
Andy Larson, Area II Commissioner
Brad Shogren, Area III Commissioner
John Wunder, Area IV Commissioner, Vice-Chairman
Rod Vorhees, Area V Commissioner, Chairman

Ex-Officio & Appointed Members:

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Dan Devlin, Professor, Water Quality, Agronomy, Kansas State University

Staff:

Greg Foley, Executive Director
Scott Carlson, Assistant Director
Rob Reschke, Riparian & Wetland & Buffer Program Coordinator

Guest:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Ted Nighswonger to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

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4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion by John Wunder to approve the April 12, 2010 minutes as mailed in draft. Seconded by Brad Shogren. Motion carried.

5. COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Final legislative report, Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 budget status– Greg Foley.
- b. Review and take possible action on making Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPSPCP) funding available for acquiring engineering design on EQIP approved Livestock Waste System (LWS) contracts – Scott Carlson (see Attachment A).

Motion by Brad Shogren to deny the use of NPSPCP funds for engineering/technical design of existing EQIP federal contracts for LWS, for facilities less than 1, 000 animal units, to assist the multi-year backlog for those affected producers. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

- c. Update on the luncheon speaker for the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Annual Convention in Wichita on November 22, 2010 – Greg Foley.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and take action on the Fiscal Year 2011 county allocations for the Water Resource Cost Share Program (WRCSP) – Scott Carlson (see Attachment B).

Motion by Ted Nighswonger to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 WRCSP county allocations as presented in attached handout. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

- b. Review and take action on Fiscal Year 2011 county allocations for NPSPCP – Scott Carlson (see Attachment C).

Motion by Brad Shogren to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 NPSPCP county allocations as presented in attached handout. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.

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- c. Review and take action on Fiscal Year 2011 Watershed Dam Construction Program (WDCP) applications for new dam construction – Greg Foley/Hakim Saadi (see Attachment D).

Motion by Andy Larson to approve the FY 2011 WDCP applications as presented in attached handout. Seconded by John Wunder. Motion carried.

- d. Review and take action on Fiscal Year 2011 Water Supply Restoration Program (WSRP) applications – Greg Foley/Hakim Saadi (see Attachment E).

Motion by Ted Nighswonger to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 WSRP applications as presented in attached handout. Seconded by John Wunder. Motion carried.

- e. Final review and take action on Cooperative Agreement with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to execute a Soil Conservation Technician technical assistance initiative.

Motion by Andy Larson to execute the Cooperative Agreement with NRCS for technical assistance as presented. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.

- f. Administration – Greg Foley.
 - i. Review and authorize commissioner and staff travel – Greg Foley.
 - ii. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Leadership Conference – Greg Foley.
 - 1. Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) has taken board action requesting the SCC Executive Director join the Kansas partnership during the visits with the Congressional delegation and possibly the Conference at the KACD's expense.

Motion by Ted Nighswonger to authorize the Executive Director to attend the NACD Leadership Conference and Capitol Hill visits at the expense of the KACD and subject to scheduling. Seconded by Andy Larson Motion carried.

- g. Review and take action on the calendar year 2011 State Conservation Commission (SCC) meeting dates – Greg Foley (see Attachment F).

Motion by Brad to approve the 2011 SCC meeting dates as presented with the exception of changing the May 2, 2011 to May 16, 2011. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.

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9. REPORTS:

a. Agency Reports:

i. Natural Resource Conservation Service (see Attachment G) – Eric Banks.

b. Staff Reports – None.

c. Commissioner Reports – None.

10. ADJOURN:

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2010 (time TBD) in Pratt, Kansas.

Motion by Andy Larson to adjourn. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg A. Foley". The signature is stylized with a large initial "G" and a circular flourish at the end.

Greg A. Foley,
Executive Director



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Program Policy issue for FY 2011

NPS

- Should the SCC allow cost-share assistance for engineering design for an EQIP funded Livestock Waste System?
 - SCC has a \$10,000 limit for LWS design.

Issue: EQIP contracts for LWS's are waiting for designs to be completed. There are contracts that have been waiting up to three years for designs, mostly in NE Kansas. State average costs can be 4 years or more old when payment is made. SCC has had inquiry from 2 conservation districts in NE Kansas to see if NPS cost-share funds could be used to fund engineering designs for approved EQIP LWS contracts.

Discussion Points:

- There are no Technical Service Provider funds in EQIP for landowners to use to hire a private engineer for design.
- NRCS does contract directly with engineering firms to engineer some of their LWS projects.
- The EQIP contracts are locked into the payment schedule in the contract.
- Landowner out of pocket cost can go up greatly the longer it takes to get the project designed.
- Landowners would probably have significant out of pocket costs if they hire a private engineer for design even with the SCC \$10,000 funds for design. System design can range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 or more.
- Landowners would have to balance the reduced cost for construction verse the cost of the engineering design.
- Approved EQIP LWS contracts: **Do not know how many are 1,000 animal units or less at this time.**
 - FY 2008 – 62
 - FY 2009 – 34
 - FY 2010 – 26
- SCC could limit eligibility to High Priority TMDL Watersheds for Fecal Coliform Bacteria.
- It would be a conservation district board decision to fund engineering design on an EQIP contract.
- Benefits:
 - It would remove the pollution source in a shorter timeframe.
 - It may enhance future participation in the EQIP program by reducing the out of pocket costs to the landowner.
- Impact on NPS program.
 - Initially, a significant amount of NPS funds could be expended to cover engineering costs if a large number of conservation districts offered the assistance for engineering design on approved EQIP LWS contracts and a large number of landowners wanted to participate.
 - Districts would have to use funds from the districts NPS allocation or request Supplemental LWS Funds. There is \$100,000 of Supplemental LWS Funds available for FY 2011.

WRCSP FY 2011 Allocations May 24, 2010 \$2,013574 - Total Available for Allocation

FY 2010 Allocations				FY 2011 Allocations				
COUNTY	Basin/ TMDL	DNA	TMDL	FY 2010 Total	DNA	TMDL	FY 2011 Total	Inc/Dec
ALLEN	MDC,NEO	18,252	725	18,977	13,473	550	14,023	4,954
ANDERSON	MDC	18,252	9,232	27,484	13,473	6,998	20,471	7,013
ATCHISON	KLR	19,971	3582	23,553	14,743	2,407	17,150	6,403
BARBER	Lark	25,130	1278	26,408	18,551		18,551	7,857
BARTON	Lark,Uark	22,551	11650	34,201	16,647	8,820	25,467	8,734
BOURBON	MDC	18,252	12024	30,276	13,473	9,116	22,589	7,687
BROWN	KLR	20,831	5912	26,743	15,377	4,801	20,178	6,565
BUTLER	VER,WAL	22,551	8255	30,806	16,647	6,505	23,152	7,654
CHASE		19,971	570	20,541	14,743		14,743	5,798
CHAUTAUQUA		19,111		19,111	14,108		14,108	5,003
CHEROKEE	NEO	17,392	8854	26,246	12,839	6,702	19,541	6,705
CHEYENNE		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
CLARK		25,130		25,130	18,551		18,551	6,579
CLAY	KLR	22,551	2512	25,063	16,647	1,889	18,536	6,527
CLOUD	KLR	21,691	606	22,297	16,012		16,012	6,285
COFFEY	NEO	19,971	1269	21,240	14,743	863	15,606	5,634
COMANCHE	Lark	24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
COWLEY	Lark	22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
CRAWFORD	MDC	18,252		18,252	13,473		13,473	4,779
DECATUR		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
DICKINSON		22,551	2008	24,559	16,647	1,520	18,167	6,392
DONIPHAN	MIS	20,831		20,831	15,377		15,377	5,454
DOUGLAS	KLR,MDC	19,971	13557	33,528	14,743	10,275	25,018	8,510
EDWARDS	Lark, Uark	20,831	1775	22,606	15,377	990	16,367	6,239
ELK	VER	19,111		19,111	14,108		14,108	5,003
ELLIS		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
ELLSWORTH	Lark	22,551	11723	34,274	16,647	8,903	25,550	8,724
FINNEY	Uark	25,990	2107	28,097	19,185	1,595	20,780	7,317
FORD	Uark	24,270	2083	26,353	17,916	1,579	19,495	6,858
FRANKLIN	MDC	19,971	4160	24,131	14,743	3,147	17,890	6,241
GEARY	KLR	19,111	953	20,064	14,108	728	14,836	5,228
GOVE		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
GRAHAM		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
GRANT		21,691		21,691	16,012		16,012	5,679
GRAY	Uark	22,551	1778	24,329	16,647	1,307	17,954	6,375
GREELEY		22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
GREENWOOD	VER,NEO	20,831	7066	27,897	15,377	5,357	20,734	7,163
HAMILTON		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
HARPER	Lark	23,410	9103	32,513	17,281	6,913	24,194	8,319
HARVEY	Lark,WAL	19,111	9136	28,247	14,108	6,616	20,724	7,523
HASKELL	Uark	23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
HODGEMAN	Uark	22,551	6414	28,965	16,647	4,863	21,510	7,455
JACKSON	KLR	20,831	9613	30,444	15,377	7,284	22,661	7,783
JEFFERSON	KLR	19,971	520	20,491	14,743		14,743	5,748
JEWELL		23,410	2932	26,342	17,281	2,266	19,547	6,795
JOHNSON	KLR,MDC	19,111	3245	22,356	14,108	2,449	16,557	5,799
KEARNY	Uark	22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
KINGMAN	Lark	23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
KIOWA	Lark, Uark	21,691	4951	26,642	16,012	3,721	19,733	6,909
LABETTE	VER,NEO	18,252	3594	21,846	13,473	2,729	16,202	5,644
LANE	Uark	22,551	1870	24,421	16,647	2,423	19,070	5,351
LEAVENWOR	KLR	19,971	1386	21,357	14,743	1,028	15,771	5,586
LINCOLN		22,551	4199	26,750	16,647	3,180	19,827	6,923
LINN	MDC	18,252	706	18,958	13,473	535	14,008	4,950
LOGAN		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
LYON	MDC,NEO	20,831	7789	28,620	15,377	5,488	20,865	7,755
		1,207,807	179,137	1,386,944	891,595	133,547	1,025,142	

WRCSP FY 2011 Allocations								
FY 2010 Allocations								
COUNTY	Basin/ TMDL	DNA	TMDL	FY 2010 Total	DNA	TMDL	FY 2011 Total	Inc/Dec
MARION	Lark,WAL	21,691	11817	33,508	16,012	8,471	24,483	9,025
MARSHALL	KLR	22,551	9094	31,645	16,647	6,890	23,537	8,108
MCPHERSON	Lark	22,551	31619	54,170	16,647	23,971	40,618	13,552
MEADE		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
MIAMI	MDC	19,971	10428	30,399	14,743	7,901	22,644	7,755
MITCHELL		21,691	2343	24,034	16,012	1,997	18,009	6,025
MONTGOMERY	VER	18,252		18,252	13,473		13,473	4,779
MORRIS	KLR,NEO	20,831	4847	25,678	15,377	4,530	19,907	5,771
MORTON		21,691		21,691	16,012		16,012	5,679
NEMAHA	KLR	22,551	10826	33,377	16,647	8,204	24,851	8,526
NEOSHO	VER,NEO	18,252	3728	21,980	13,473	4,564	18,037	3,943
NESS **	Uark	25,130	4497	29,627	18,551	3,409	21,960	7,667
NORTON	URE	23,410	3872	27,282	17,281	2,936	20,217	7,065
OSAGE	KLR,MDC	19,971	5746	25,717	14,743	4,356	19,099	6,618
OSBORNE		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
OTTAWA		22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
PAWNEE	Lark, Uark	23,410	2107	25,517	17,281	1,008	18,289	7,228
PHILLIPS	URE	24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
POTTAWATOMI	KLR	22,551	2079	24,630	16,647	1,580	18,227	6,403
PRATT	Lark	20,831	8784	29,615	15,377	6,715	22,092	7,523
RAWLINS		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
RENO	Lark	22,551	17887	40,438	16,647	13,560	30,207	10,231
REPUBLIC	KLR	20,831	6062	26,893	15,377	4,575	19,952	6,941
RICE	Lark, Uark	20,831	38808	59,639	15,377	29,453	44,830	14,809
RILEY	KLR	19,971	5545	25,516	14,743	4,215	18,958	6,558
ROOKS		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
RUSH	Lark	23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
RUSSELL		22,551	7546	30,097	16,647	5,721	22,368	7,729
SALINE		22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
SCOTT		22,551	5081	27,632	16,647	3,853	20,500	7,132
SEDGWICK	Lark,WAL	22,551	13743	36,294	16,647	10,392	27,039	9,255
SEWARD		21,691		21,691	16,012		16,012	5,679
SHAWNEE	KLR	19,111	5889	25,000	14,108	4,449	18,557	6,443
SHERIDAN		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
SHERMAN		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
SMITH		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
STAFFORD	Lark, Uark	20,831	10061	30,892	15,377	7,606	22,983	7,909
STANTON		22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
STEVENS		22,551		22,551	16,647		16,647	5,904
SUMNER	Lark	24,270	958	25,228	17,916	1,639	19,555	5,673
THOMAS		24,270		24,270	17,916		17,916	6,354
TREGO		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
WABAUNSEE	KLR,MDC,	20,831	4453	25,284	15,377	3,795	19,172	6,112
WALLACE		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
WASHINGTON	KLR	22,551	16888	39,439	16,647	12,834	29,481	9,958
WICHITA		23,410		23,410	17,281		17,281	6,129
WILSON	VER	19,111		19,111	14,108		14,108	5,003
WOODSON	NEO,VER	18,281	1124	19,405	13,473		13,473	5,932
WYANDOTTE		19,971		19,971	14,731		14,731	5,240
		1,083,514	245832	1,264,193	799,808	188,624	988,432	
	Totals 2010	2,291,321	424,969	2,716,290	1,691,403	322,171	2,013,574	
FY 2011								
DNA		\$1,691,403						
TMDL Allocation:		\$322,171						
		\$2,013,574	Total Allocation					

FY 2011 NonPoint Source Pollution Control Program Allocations:

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County	Base Cost-Share	Total TMDL	FY2011 Total Cost-Share	Inc/Dec	FY2010 Total Cost-Share
Allen	\$13,974	\$785	\$14,759	(\$203)	\$14,962
Anderson	\$13,974	\$8,972	\$22,946	(\$203)	\$23,149
Atchison	\$17,195	\$4,388	\$21,583	(\$250)	\$21,833
Barber	\$14,332	\$1,065	\$15,397	(\$208)	\$15,605
Barton	\$14,332	\$16,631	\$30,963	(\$208)	\$31,171
Bourbon	\$13,974	\$8,658	\$22,632	(\$203)	\$22,835
Brown	\$16,122	\$9,168	\$25,290	(\$234)	\$25,524
Butler	\$17,195	\$12,082	\$29,277	(\$250)	\$29,527
Chase	\$19,343	\$1,123	\$20,466	(\$281)	\$20,747
Chautauqua	\$15,048	\$0	\$15,048	(\$218)	\$15,266
Cherokee	\$17,195	\$3,903	\$21,098	(\$250)	\$21,348
Cheyenne	\$9,679	\$0	\$9,679	(\$141)	\$9,820
Clark	\$13,616	\$0	\$13,616	(\$198)	\$13,814
Clay	\$15,048	\$2,594	\$17,642	(\$218)	\$17,860
Cloud	\$15,764	\$0	\$15,764	(\$228)	\$15,992
Coffey	\$17,195	\$1,243	\$18,438	(\$250)	\$18,688
Comanche	\$14,332	\$0	\$14,332	(\$208)	\$14,540
Cowley	\$17,195	\$1,918	\$19,113	(\$250)	\$19,363
Crawford	\$15,048	\$0	\$15,048	(\$218)	\$15,266
Decatur	\$11,111	\$0	\$11,111	(\$161)	\$11,272
Dickinson	\$17,195	\$2,127	\$19,322	(\$250)	\$19,572
Doniphan	\$15,048	\$2,327	\$17,375	(\$218)	\$17,593
Douglas	\$16,122	\$12,242	\$28,364	(\$234)	\$28,598
Edwards	\$12,900	\$4,461	\$17,361	(\$188)	\$17,549
Elk	\$18,269	\$0	\$18,269	(\$265)	\$18,534
Ellis	\$14,332	\$0	\$14,332	(\$208)	\$14,540
Ellsworth	\$15,048	\$3,106	\$18,154	(\$218)	\$18,372
Finney	\$10,753	\$17,230	\$27,983	(\$156)	\$28,139
Ford	\$12,900	\$6,586	\$19,486	(\$188)	\$19,674
Franklin	\$17,195	\$16,764	\$33,959	(\$250)	\$34,209
Geary	\$16,122	\$2,048	\$18,170	(\$234)	\$18,404
Gove	\$10,753	\$0	\$10,753	(\$156)	\$10,909
Graham	\$13,616	\$0	\$13,616	(\$198)	\$13,814
Grant	\$10,395	\$766	\$11,161	(\$151)	\$11,312
Gray	\$10,753	\$6,279	\$17,032	(\$156)	\$17,188
Greeley	\$10,037	\$766	\$10,803	(\$146)	\$10,949
Greenwood	\$18,269	\$16,873	\$35,142	(\$265)	\$35,407
Hamilton	\$10,037	\$0	\$10,037	(\$146)	\$10,183
Harper	\$15,048	\$11,078	\$26,126	(\$218)	\$26,344
Harvey	\$15,048	\$6,010	\$21,058	(\$218)	\$21,276
Haskell	\$10,037	\$1,532	\$11,569	(\$146)	\$11,715
Hodgeman	\$12,185	\$14,013	\$26,198	(\$176)	\$26,374
Jackson	\$18,269	\$19,523	\$37,792	(\$265)	\$38,057
Jefferson	\$18,269	\$1,911	\$20,180	(\$265)	\$20,445
Jewell	\$15,764	\$0	\$15,764	(\$228)	\$15,992
Johnson	\$15,048	\$11,046	\$26,094	(\$218)	\$26,312
Kearny	\$10,395	\$613	\$11,008	(\$151)	\$11,159
Kingman	\$15,764	\$1,172	\$16,936	(\$228)	\$17,164
Kiowa	\$14,332	\$8,798	\$23,130	(\$208)	\$23,338
Labette	\$15,048	\$3,479	\$18,527	(\$218)	\$18,745
Lane	\$10,037	\$2,527	\$12,564	(\$146)	\$12,710
Leavenworth	\$17,195	\$6,280	\$23,475	(\$250)	\$23,725
Lincoln	\$13,616	\$1,460	\$15,076	(\$198)	\$15,274
Linn	\$15,048	\$1,023	\$16,071	(\$218)	\$16,289
Logan	\$10,753	\$0	\$10,753	(\$156)	\$10,909
Lyon	\$19,343	\$10,886	\$30,229	(\$281)	\$30,510
Marion	\$17,195	\$7,504	\$24,699	(\$250)	\$24,949
Marshall	\$15,764	\$12,833	\$28,597	(\$228)	\$28,825
McPherson	\$14,332	\$7,718	\$22,050	(\$208)	\$22,258
Meade	\$10,753	\$0	\$10,753	(\$156)	\$10,909
Miami	\$15,048	\$14,403	\$29,451	(\$218)	\$29,669
Mitchell	\$13,616	\$1,116	\$14,732	(\$198)	\$14,930
Montgomery	\$17,195	\$0	\$17,195	(\$250)	\$17,445

FY 2011 NonPoint Source Pollution Control Program Allocations:

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County	Base Cost-Share	Total TMDL	FY2011 Total Cost-Share	Inc/Dec	FY2010 Total Cost-Share
Morris	\$17,195	\$6,178	\$23,373	(\$250)	\$23,623
Morton	\$10,395	\$0	\$10,395	(\$151)	\$10,546
Nemaha	\$18,269	\$23,082	\$41,351	(\$265)	\$41,616
Neosho	\$15,048	\$1,418	\$16,466	(\$218)	\$16,684
Ness	\$12,185	\$9,189	\$21,374	(\$176)	\$21,550
Norton	\$14,332	\$2,772	\$17,104	(\$208)	\$17,312
Osage	\$18,269	\$22,816	\$41,085	(\$265)	\$41,350
Osborne	\$15,048	\$0	\$15,048	(\$218)	\$15,266
Ottawa	\$14,332	\$0	\$14,332	(\$208)	\$14,540
Pawnee	\$14,332	\$4,089	\$18,421	(\$208)	\$18,629
Phillips	\$14,332	\$0	\$14,332	(\$208)	\$14,540
Pottawatomie	\$18,269	\$2,457	\$20,726	(\$265)	\$20,991
Pratt	\$15,048	\$4,261	\$19,309	(\$218)	\$19,527
Rawlins	\$9,679	\$0	\$9,679	(\$141)	\$9,820
Reno	\$17,195	\$16,511	\$33,706	(\$250)	\$33,956
Republic	\$15,048	\$7,236	\$22,284	(\$218)	\$22,502
Rice	\$13,616	\$7,111	\$20,727	(\$198)	\$20,925
Riley	\$18,269	\$4,369	\$22,638	(\$265)	\$22,903
Rooks	\$12,900	\$0	\$12,900	(\$188)	\$13,088
Rush	\$12,900	\$787	\$13,687	(\$188)	\$13,875
Russell	\$14,332	\$1,460	\$15,792	(\$208)	\$16,000
Saline	\$15,048	\$0	\$15,048	(\$218)	\$15,266
Scott	\$10,395	\$2,395	\$12,790	(\$151)	\$12,941
Sedgwick	\$15,764	\$26,430	\$42,194	(\$228)	\$42,422
Seward	\$11,111	\$0	\$11,111	(\$161)	\$11,272
Shawnee	\$18,269	\$6,826	\$25,095	(\$265)	\$25,360
Sheridan	\$11,111	\$0	\$11,111	(\$161)	\$11,272
Sherman	\$10,395	\$0	\$10,395	(\$151)	\$10,546
Smith	\$15,048	\$0	\$15,048	(\$218)	\$15,266
Stafford	\$15,048	\$6,537	\$21,585	(\$218)	\$21,803
Stanton	\$9,679	\$0	\$9,679	(\$141)	\$9,820
Stevens	\$10,395	\$0	\$10,395	(\$151)	\$10,546
Sumner	\$14,332	\$650	\$14,982	(\$208)	\$15,190
Thomas	\$11,111	\$0	\$11,111	(\$161)	\$11,272
Trego	\$14,332	\$0	\$14,332	(\$208)	\$14,540
Wabaunsee	\$18,269	\$9,395	\$27,664	(\$265)	\$27,929
Wallace	\$10,753	\$0	\$10,753	(\$156)	\$10,909
Washington	\$15,048	\$18,565	\$33,613	(\$218)	\$33,831
Wichita	\$10,395	\$0	\$10,395	(\$151)	\$10,546
Wilson	\$15,048	\$0	\$15,048	(\$218)	\$15,266
Woodson	\$13,973	\$1,436	\$15,409	(\$204)	\$15,613
Wyandotte	\$12,900	\$0	\$12,900	(\$177)	\$13,077
TOTAL	\$1,505,935	\$495,000	\$2,000,935	(\$21,846)	\$2,022,781

Base C/S \$ 1,505,935
TMDL C/S \$ 495,000
Supp. LWS C/S \$ 100,000
Total \$ 2,100,935

WATERSHED DAM CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

New Dams Construction

SCC FY-11 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

NO.	DISTRICT	SITE	COUNTY	BASIN	DETENTION	DRAINAGE	COST-SHARE		B/C Ratio
					(ac-ft)	(acres)	Requested	Recommended	
1	Marmaton WJD 102 *(Supp)	H-2	BB	MDC	146	609		21,158	1.64
2	Rock Creek WJD 84	255	MR	NEO	413	1,170	120,000	120,000	2.89
3	Marmaton WJD 102	E-1	BB	MDC	297	972	120,000	98,842	1.32
4	Pottawatomie Cr. WJD 90	B-1	FR	MDC	112	394	49,493	49,493	1.37
5	Tri-Creek WJD 100	A-3	WL	VER	511	1,939	120,000	120,000	2.87

(*) Funded FY 2008 [\$42,880]

Flood & Sediment Control (Above Federal Reservoirs): 1 New Site	\$ 120,000
Flood Control (Statewide): 3 New Sites and 1 Supp	\$ 289,493

Grand Total = \$ 409,493

Water Supply Restoration Program

FY	Sponsor	Site	Approved	Paid	Balance
08-09	City of Horton	Mission Lake	2,600,000	1,601,772	998,228
09	WS CO RWD No. 1	Water Supply	882,069	93,000	789,069
Grand Total [2 contracts]					\$ 1,787,297

Funding

FY	Mission Lake	WS CO RWD No.1	Augusta Lake
2008	\$2,483,603		\$0
2009	\$116,397	\$882,069	\$0
2010	\$0	\$0	\$0
2011	\$0	\$0	\$283,000

Total =	\$2,600,000	\$882,069
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Augusta City Lake [FY2011 = \$656,298]

Initial Contract for \$283,000

Hold \$373,298 Until April/May, 2011

Proposed State Conservation Commission Meeting Dates

Presented for approval at the SCC Meeting May 24, 2010

August 2, 2010 - Joint SCC/KACD: Pratt

September 13, 2010 – State Fair: Hutchinson or near by

November 21, 2010 – KACD Convention: Wichita

January 18, 2011 – KACD Legislative Fair

April 11, 2011 – Topeka

May 9, 2011 - Topeka



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**NRCS HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES
for the
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**TELECONFERENCE
MAY 24, 2010**

PERSONNEL

New Hire: Troy Nelson, Soil Conservation Technician, Ellsworth

Reassignments: Muriel Morgenthaler, Office Assistant for the Water Resources Staff, Salina
to Secretary for the State Conservationist, Salina
Kevin Stoecklein, Soil Conservation Technician, Sharon Springs
to Soil Conservation Technician, Ness City
Monte Cales, Engineering Technician (Civil), Manhattan
to Engineering Technician (Civil) with the Department of Army,
Ft. Riley

Resignation: Shane Linnebur, Soil Conservation Technician, Altamont

OPERATIONS

The draft agreement with the State Conservation Commission (SCC) on the soil conservation technicians has been sent to SCC for review and comments. The soil conservation technicians should start work by mid-July in ten management units. The contract for clerical assistance is ready to be awarded pending the outcome of a protest from an unsuccessful bidder. The Clerical Assistance Agreement provides administrative assistance to six heavier workload management units.

PROGRAMS

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

We anticipate information related to a second ranking period soon.

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

The Federal Register notice of request for proposals was issued on Monday, April 12, 2010.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

As of May 5, 2010, 750 EQIP applications had been approved for \$16.3 million. There is a backlog of almost 1,300 applications for over \$35 million.

The 2010 Organic Initiative, a nationwide special initiative to provide financial assistance to National Organic Program (NOP) certified organic producers, as well as producers in the process of transitioning to organic production had an application evaluation period cutoff date of March 12, 2010. All eligible applications were funded. Six contracts were funded under Organic-Certified for \$28,090 and 47 Organic-Transition were funded for \$243,372.

Kansas has received an additional \$1,811,350 of financial assistance funds. We are currently making funding decisions related to the remaining eligible applications received prior to the established ranking period cutoff.

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)

Work continues for closing on three Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 conservation easement parcels and one FY 2009 parcel. FRPP is now a continuous signup program, and cooperating entities can submit application parcels throughout the year. At the present time, no new applications have been submitted for FY 2010 funding consideration. A ranking cutoff date has been set for February 15, 2010, to rank submitted applications.

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

The GRP allows for applications to be accepted continuously throughout the year. There have been 120 applications so far this fiscal year. Our initial allocation of \$1.67 million allowed us to fund four applications for permanent easements covering over 4,500 acres. Recently, additional funds were requested and received from our national office to allow for the acquisition of an additional 18 permanent easements on approximately 8,774 acres.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Package

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas continues to work on the completion of watershed projects funded under ARRA. The following four watershed projects have received funding:

- Lyons Creek, Site 15 – (New Construction) Morris County
- Switzler Creek, Site 7 – (Rehabilitation) Osage County
- Big Caney, Site 18 – (Remedial) Cowley County
- Wet Walnut, Site 53 – (Remedial) Ness County

Malm Construction was awarded the contract on Lyons Creek, and construction started on March 9. Construction is anticipated to be completed on this site by September 30, 2010.

Permits have been requested for Switzler Creek, and the final design is on schedule to be completed soon. Construction funds are expected to be obligated in FY 2010 with final completion expected in FY 2011.

The contract for remedial repair on Wet Walnut, Site 53, was awarded the week of April 5. The "Notice to Proceed" with construction was issued on April 29, 2010, and construction was expected to start immediately thereafter.

TP Environmental and Pipeline Services has been awarded the contract on the Big Caney, Site 18, remedial repair project, and construction was scheduled to begin May 1, 2010.

The three Kansas ARRA enrollments in the Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Floodplain Easements (EWPP-FPE) have been acquired. These permanent easements have been recorded at the respective courthouses. The acres and county location of the three approved sites are as follows:

- Doniphan County – 564 acres
- Labette County – 48 acres
- Rice County – 223 acres

EWPP-FPE easement restoration was completed on the Rice County site and has started on the remaining two easements. All required restoration must be completed by December 31, 2010.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)

The State Association of Kansas RC&D Councils will be hosting the Southwest States RC&D Regional Conference in Dodge City on March 13-16, 2011. RC&D council members and staffs and NRCS RC&D coordinators and program managers from Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas will meet in Dodge City for several days of RC&D training and a “taste of the Old West.”

Watershed Operations

The State Association of Kansas Watersheds and the National Watershed Coalition in cooperation with NRCS will be holding a nationally sponsored Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Training Workshop on July 27-28, in Jackson County, Kansas. This training session is targeted to watershed dam sponsors and state and federal agency staffs who have watershed dam O&M responsibilities. The first day will be classroom training relating to O&M policy and procedure, legal issues, and sponsor responsibilities. The second day will consist of completing an O&M inspection checklist in the field for a watershed dam and demonstrations and exhibits featuring tools to assist sponsors with O&M responsibilities.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

Thirty-five applications have been received since the beginning of FY 2010 offering 4,559 acres for enrollment into WRP. Easements have been recorded on seven WRP enrollments since the beginning of FY 2010 on approximately 1,100 acres. Seven offers have been made for new enrollments for FY 2010 on just over 2,000 acres. All but one offer have been accepted by landowners. Offers are made to landowners based on the current approved WRP 2010 Geographic Area Rate Cap for counties. These rates are available on the Kansas NRCS Web site (<http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/> >Programs > Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) > Kansas Program Information > Kansas WRP Geographic Area Rate Caps).

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Thirty-eight contracts for \$310,725 were funded with the initial financial assistance allocation received. Kansas has received an additional \$563,000 of financial assistance funds. We are currently making funding decisions related to the remaining eligible applications received prior to the established ranking period cutoff.

TECHNOLOGY

We are managing our agreement with the State Conservation Commission (SCC) and their contractors, The Watershed Institute (TWI) and Wildhorse Riverworks, Inc., to get streambank projects designed and built. Construction has been completed on one project this past month, and there are nine additional projects in various states of construction. High water in the rivers continues to delay the survey and design of several projects. Those surveys should be completed this spring, and designs should be completed by summer.

The design of another group of 15 2008/2009 EQIP streambank protection projects had been sent out for bid by the SCC, and they should award a contract soon. Work on those projects should begin in late spring or early summer.

We have once again contracted with an architect and engineer (A&E) firm to provide design and construction assistance for conservation practices. EA Engineering, Science, & Technology, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been issued their first task order for the design of an animal waste management system.

OTHER

National Resources Inventory (NRI)

This summer we will again be collecting data for the Grazing Lands On-Site Study. This is the eighth year of this data collection. This year we will collect data on 95 sites. Each site contains two points which will be intensely inventoried to determine species composition, range condition and health, and much more. This year the sites are located in 29 counties that lie across the northern one-third of the state. Data from the previous years of this data collection is slated to be released this year. The preliminary results, which have been shown to us via maps, show some very interesting results so look forward to viewing this data when it is released.

This summer all of our field offices will be involved in collecting data on 1,967 sites. This data collection is called the "Local Data Collection" which is the primary data collection workhorse for the National Resources Inventory (NRI). Field offices will be using the World Wide Web to enter data for three points in each site. This portion of data collection focuses primarily on cropland activities, erosion, and conservation program participation. Results from the 2007 NRI data collection were released on April 27. Information that shows the current land use acres in the state of Kansas, erosion rates, and land use changes from 2002 is available in this report.

Outreach Activities

- Women in Agriculture – Saline and Ottawa County women, who are involved in agriculture as an owner, partner, helper, or absentee landlord, were invited to attend an evening meeting. Fifty women of all ages attended. The women heard Marylyn Bell speak about "Tips from the Trenches." These were her personal experiences as a farm wife whose husband suddenly died leaving her to take over the farm. The women gathered into networking groups where they shared their successes and challenges. Also on the program was a panel of agricultural experts—NRCS (state and county), Farm Service Agency (FSA) (state and county), Risk Management

Agency, American AgCredit, Extension Service, and Saline County Farm Bureau. Evaluations were positive, and a fall meeting is planned. These women are eager for information about estate planning, transitioning the farm, what goes on at the NRCS and FSA offices, and where they can get help.

- NRCS celebrated its 75th anniversary on April 27, 2010. News releases were sent to all offices, partners, and media. Eric Banks, State Conservationist, did an interview with KKSU with Eric Atkinson on Agriculture Today, and it aired on KFRM. An exhibit highlighting the 75th anniversary will be available for field offices to use at county fairs. Hutchinson News published an article on May 2, 2010, about the 75 years. Eric was interviewed for the article.
- On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. to noon, the Manhattan Plant Materials Center (PMC) will host a Pollinator Event with speaker Dr. Chip Taylor, University of Kansas, Monarch Watch. Taylor is a world authority on the Monarch Butterfly and its habitat and migratory patterns. Wildflower and pollinator observation and habitat issues will be discussed. The public is invited and need to call the PMC to register. National Pollinator Week is June 21-25.