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## President's Message



by Dianne Bradley, President

I would like to congratulate Gary Van De Velde as he has been elected President of the Conservation Federation of Missouri. For many years Gary has served on the Show Me Chapter Representative to the Conservation Federation. His time and effort have been greatly appreciated and we are proud to have one of our own lead the Federation this next year. Best wishes.

The Executive Council is making plans for a Membership Drive to be conducted in the near future. Membership decline in the society and the chapter is still a concern. We plan to conduct a mailing to generate new members by targeting all NRCS employees and Missouri Department of Conservation employees. We hope in time we can target others (DNR, EPA, ect.) who might be impacted by what the Society can do and benefits they can provide within the next year. I encourage each of you to sign up a new member, and when the packets are mailed out, give those you work with and associate with a nudge, if possible. If you need information on what the chapter is doing, membership brochures, or pay deduct forms to share with potential members, please take a look at the chapter's web site or give me a call.

We plan to begin further efforts to raise funds for the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Endowment Fund. Peggy Lemons, the Endowment Fund Raising Committee Chair will be heading up the effort. She can use volunteers to prepare mailings, make personal visits to solicit funds, and any input from members on possible contacts for donations would be appreciated. Please send the names, email, and addresses of possible donors to Peggy at [peggy-lemons@mo.nacdnet.org](mailto:peggy-lemons@mo.nacdnet.org).

I would encourage everyone to become actively involved. If possible, plan on attending the 2002 SWCS 57th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 13th-17th. There are a number of interesting educational and informational topics at the meeting and lots of things for the family to do while at the conference. I have found the national conference to be very educational, a source of professional development, and an opportunity to network. In addition, the family and social events have proven to be a lot of fun for all. Check the conference out on the web, [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org).

As a reminder to all Directors and Councilpersons, you are encourage to conduct an Area SWCS Chapter Tour as an educational opportunity to our members and as an opportunity to recruit new members. I would be glad to attend if my schedule allows or assist with some ideas for the event. The Executive Council has also set aside funds to assist with small expenses that may be incurred.

### A Quick Inspiration:

If you don't keep walking you will never get where you're going.

Don't wait for someone to stop and carry you, you may weigh them down and you both could fall.

When you think the walk is too steep, press on for there is no mountain that can't be climbed.

When you see someone fall along the way, lend your hand. If someone lends you a hand, reach for it, to help you get back up again.

Hand in hand, together-each one helping the other can make this journey as precious as the place that we are all striving for.





## SWCS Membership Report

by **Curtis Gooch**, Membership Chair

Well, spring has sprung with new flowers and a new life as summer approaches. Just as the spring has sprung so have the following new members. Please give a warm Show-Me Chapter **WELCOME** to the following new members:



**Lori Robinson** - Ralls Co. SWCD

**Tim Zedialia** - NRCS-New London

**Le Ann Bullard** - DNR-Jefferson City

**Marilyn Simpson** - NRCS-Clarence

**Robert Howe** - NRCS-Bolivar

**Peggy Lemons** - MASWCD-Jefferson City

Even with these new members, our Chapter membership is not gaining as planned. Please continue to visit with co-workers and fellow conservation minded professionals to share the opportunities of our Chapter. If you have any ideas or suggestions which could be helpful in recruiting or maintaining our membership, the Executive Council and myself would like to hear them. You may send any comments to me directly or to any of the council members. Don't forget to check out the membership section of our web page for fellow members.

As always, if you need any membership applications or automatic withdrawal forms, please give me a call and I will be glad to send them out. Also please notify me of any changes in your e-mail or mailing addresses, so we can continue to get information to you.

Have a GREAT SUMMER.



## Member News

**Joe G. Dillard** recently was awarded a Leadership Award from Missouri Watershed Information Network (MoWIN). Joe received this award for his commitment, outstanding and invaluable leadership service to the MoWin project (1997-2001). Joe was the director of MoWIN from 1998 until 2000.

**Gary Van De Velde** was elected and installed as president of the Conservation Federation of Missouri at the organization's 66th Annual Convention held April 5-7 in Springfield, Missouri. Gary previously was a Conservation Federation Board Member representing the Missouri Show-Me SWCS Chapter. He has been active in representing our chapter to the Conservation Federation by being first vice-president, a board member, a committee chair and many other activities too numerous to count. **Congratulations Gary, this is a distinct honor!!**

**Ross Braun** was recently elected as a West North Central Regional Director on the Soil and Water Conservation Society Board of Directors. Effective July 17, 2002, Ross will also begin serving as Board of Directors Secretary as an elected officer. We look forward with regional reports from Ross about the direction of SWCS. **Congratulations Ross for being elected!!**

## West North Central Representative's Report

by **Ross Braun**

Starting with the Indianapolis Conference and Annual Meeting, I have the opportunity to represent the West North Central (WNC) Region on the SWCS Board of Directors. Our region includes Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. I believe that the WNC is the best of the nine SWCS regions. The successes of our regional conferences, avid participation in leadership workshops and achievements of all of the chapters are perfect examples of what SWCS is all about.

I hope you can participate in the 2002 SWCS Annual Conference, July 13-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting program will focus on three areas of concern: Land Use—Reconciling Economics, Ethics, and Ecology; Managing Non-point Source Water Pollution; and Measuring Conservation Progress.

The WNC Region will host a conference, "Changing Faces of Conservation and Agriculture," in Moline, Illinois, October 8 - 10, 2002. This is a perfect example of our region's ability to provide professional development opportunities. Dan Downing and Ken Bruene represent the Missouri Show-Me Chapter on the conference committee.

I am especially glad that continuing education units will be available for a variety of certifications, including Certified Crop Advisors. The intent of SWCS regional conferences is to provide opportunities similar to the national conference at a more affordable price, more accessible location and with an appropriate regional theme and flavor. More information is available at [http://www.iaswcs.org/west\\_north\\_central.htm](http://www.iaswcs.org/west_north_central.htm).

I look forward to hearing your ideas and ask you to continue your hearty involvement in SWCS so we can offer technical and leadership development benefits to our members, expand our conservation community, and broaden our influence to protect the environment. Let me know if you would like to help with the next WNC regional conference in 2004 or are interested in serving on a national committee. Contact me at 573-876-9426 (work), 573-592-9426 (home) or [ross.braun@mo.usda.gov](mailto:ross.braun@mo.usda.gov).

# Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Submitted by **Ron Redden**, 2002 Missouri Show-Me Chapter Secretary



**April 25, 2002 • Williamsburg, Missouri**

Present: **Reggie Bennett, Diane Bradley, Joe Dillard, Frank Gordon, Craig King, Andrea King, Bob Miller, Mike Morris, Paula Price, Ron Redden, and Gary Van De Velde.**

☛ **Diane Bradley**, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.

☛ **Ron Redden** presented the minutes from the previous executive council meeting held on January 30, 2002. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mike Morris. The motion was seconded by Paula Price and so approved.

☛ **Joe Dillard** read the Treasurer's Report. Paula Price made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Craig King, and so approved.

☛ After going over recently received chapter correspondence, **Diane Bradley** updated the council on the new chapter brochures. The cheapest quote, of three received, on 250 prints was \$1.38 each. **Gary Van De Velde** said he would try and get a fourth quote. Paula Price made a motion to have 250 brochures printed. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller and so approved.

☛ **Diane Bradley** reminded everyone about the upcoming SWCS Annual Conference in July to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana and the upcoming West North Central Regional Conference which will be held October 8-10 in Moline, Illinois.

☛ **Gary Van De Velde** provided an update on the Missouri Conservation Federation annual meeting. The executive council congratulated Gary on being recently selected the new Missouri Conservation Federation President. Gary also discussed the issue with our chapter's need to have at least 250 members in order that we might have our own representation on the federation's board. Currently, our membership is below that number. An alternative would be to have good chapter support for a chapter member who might run for an at-large board representative position.

☛ **Paula Price** reported that 6-7 chapter members manned the booth at the Society of Range Management, which recently held their meeting in Kansas City.

☛ **Diane Bradley** announced that there would be a meeting on May 16 in Columbia regarding the fund raising drive for the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

☛ **Diane Bradley** announced that membership in the chapter was continuing to decline. Council members were asked to survey coworkers and see if the chapter newsletter was being read since it being sent out by email. Letters and brochures regarding membership will be sent to NRCS employees who are not members as well as appropriate units within MDC and DNR.

☛ **Bob Miller** announced that the Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MRNC) to be held in January 2003 was

*"Facing Resource Issues In The Midwest – From Research to the Field"*. Bob also indicated that the Fall Forum would have a wetland theme and tentatively planned for October 3, 2002. Hopefully, plans call for a lunch to be catered giving more time for participants to discuss issues.

☛ **Mike Morris** reminded members to be thinking of silent auction items for the chapter to use at the MNRC.

☛ Forthcoming area tours include a combination Southwest Area tour and the Miami/Drexel Lake Water Quality tour and an upcoming North Fork Watershed Conference.

☛ It was noted that the Area 5 Envirothon had requested chapter sponsorship. It was decided to keep our financial support limited to the state competition.

☛ The next executive council meeting is planned for June 27 in Columbia at 10:00 am. A meeting in August is tentatively planned to be held at the Discovery Center.

☛ **Frank Gordon** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm. The motion was seconded by **Bob Miller** and so approved. Immediately following the meeting, **Reggie Bennett** provided interested members a tour of the conservation practices that have been implemented on the Prairie Fork Conservation Area.

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## Recommend the Journal to Friends

We've made considerable changes to the publication over the last year. As always, our research section authors are professionals in soil and water conservation-scientists, researchers, administrators and policymakers-highly knowledgeable, well educated and active in their fields. Research papers that are published in the Journal offer expertise in a wide variety of areas, including agronomy, erosion and sediment control, GID, GPS, nonpoint source pollution, watershed management and wetland restoration, to name just a few.

But the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation NOW has a front section filled with in-depth articles on issues of the day – viewpoints that offer differing views to provoke thought or shed light on a topic and "how-to" articles about the latest science.

Specific improvements to the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation are:

- Expanded content and improved design;
- A news section, viewpoint, in-depth articles on issues of the day, and articles about cutting-edge technologies; and
- Increased the number of issues per year to six.

Our authors have learned it means something to be published in the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation. And our readers are benefiting.

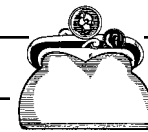
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# Notes from the Treasurer

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by Joe Dillard, Treasurer



## Treasurer's Report

January 23, 2002 - April 25, 2002

Ending Total Assets\*, April 25 ..... **\$18,987.29**  
Beginning Total Assets, January 23 ..... **\$17,411.00**  
Net Change in Assets for the Period ..... **\$ 1,576.29**

Total Income or Increase for Period .....	\$2,438.39	Total Expenses or Decrease for Period .....	\$ 862.10
Interest on savings account - Jan-Feb-Mar .....	102.43	Missouri Envirothon .....	300.00
Interest on checking account - Jan-Feb-Mar .....	1.70	2001 North Fork Project Conference .....	100.00
Increase in Brommelsiek Fund Investment .....	32.26	Student Chapter Meeting Refreshments .....	49.66
Membership dues from Ankeny .....	444.00	Gavel .....	18.94
Brommelsiek Fund Donations .....	100.00	Complimentary Banquet Ticket for Gaylon Watson .....	18.00
Raffle and Silent Auction .....	1,658.00	Award Frames .....	29.70
Commemorative Walnut Gift Boxes .....	100.00	Award Plaques .....	285.80
		Complimentary Membership for Bryan Mayhan .....	60.00

### \*Asset Distribution

Conservation Employees Credit Union (CECU) ..... **\$17,143.68**  
Savings Account Balance ..... 17,138.74 | Checking Account Balance ..... | 4.94 || EdwardJones ..... | \$1,843.61\*\* | Betty Broemmelsiek Endowment Fund ... | 1,843.61 |

\*\* Invested in the Growth and Income Fund of the Investment Company of America  
(Account No. 650-11108-1-8)

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## Timelines & Deadlines

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### SWCS 2002 Annual Conference

#### “Setting the Pace for Conservation”

The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is “setting the pace for conservation” this July in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 13-17 at the Westin Hotel, the Society will be providing conservation professionals with another great opportunity for professional development. Highlighted topics will include: land use-reconciling economics, ethics, and ecology; managing nonpoint source water pollution; and measuring conservation progress. The 57-year-old conference is a combination of workshops, plenary and concurrent sessions, and educational tours. The conference will focus on how conservation of natural resources is linked to local, regional, national, and global concerns.

Executive Director, Craig Cox, says, “This year’s annual conference will be an opportunity for integrated learning and sharing across key natural resource topic areas. It could be our best conference ever.” The Hoosier Chapter of SWCD will serve as the host for this year’s conference. Knowing the area as they do, they’ve come up with terrific tours and family activities. A number of tours include Purdue University USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Lab, Dow AgroSciences, Monsanto, the National FFA Organization Headquarters, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The preliminary program with more details and registration form is on the SWCS website at:[http://www.swcs.org/t\\_what2002conffrontpage.htm](http://www.swcs.org/t_what2002conffrontpage.htm)

Contact Pat Mulligan, [patm@swcs.org](mailto:patm@swcs.org), (515) 289-2331,



ext. 17 with any conference questions or Deb Happe-vonArb, communications director, [deb@swcs.org](mailto:deb@swcs.org) or (515) 289-2331, ext. 26.

### 18th North American Prairie Conference

The 18th North American Prairie Conference will be held in Kirksville, Missouri, on June 23-27, 2002 at Truman State University. This year’s theme is “Promoting Prairie” and the conference will focus on the following major subthemes:

- Restoration and Reconstruction of Prairie
- Prairie Biodiversity and its Importance to Society
- Legislative and Organizational Initiatives to Preserve Prairie
- Prairie Education and Outreach
- Commercial Ventures: Backyard Prairies and Landscaping
- Prairies as Pollution Control and Environmental Improvement

The program has concurrent sessions of oral and poster presentations, engaging workshops, a symposium on creating a native plant market, and a full day of unique and diverse field trips including a picnic at Thousand Hills State Park with a Native American Storyteller, a luncheon and banquet with featured speakers. For more information you can refer to the website: [www.napc2002.org](http://www.napc2002.org).

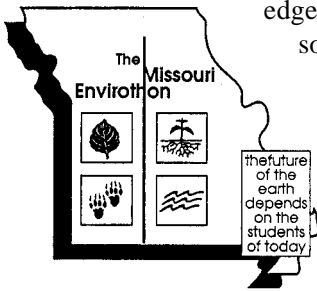


## 5th Annual Missouri Envirothon

by Craig King, Northeast Director

On May 2, 2002, 21 high school teams made the trip to the Lake of The Ozarks for the 5th annual Missouri Envirothon. The competition was held at Camp Clover Point in Osage Beach, Mo., amidst the wooded hills next to the lake. This writer felt the day to be most enjoyable. Although a bit nippy in the morning, the day turned out to be very pleasant.

Envirothon is a problem-solving natural resource competition for students in grades 9 through 12. Teams of high school student are tested on their knowledge of a state's natural resources: soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics, and a current conservation issue. Students visit four "in-the-field" test stations (45 minutes each) where written and hands-on problem solving are required. The current conservation issue is addressed through an oral presentation by each team to a panel of judges using visual aids. The idea is for each student to participate in the presentation.



The history of the envirothon started in 1979, in Pennsylvania. Nine years later, in 1988 the first national contest was held. By 1995, 31 states participated including the United States, Canada, and Australia. The First State Envirothon was held in Missouri in 1998 with ten teams participating in the pilot project. Now, each region has its own competition and the top three teams go to state. This totals 21 teams at the state competition.

This year first place went to Union Star (A) with 424.7 points, second place to Leeton with 416.7, and third to Union (B) with 403 points. The scores are out of possible 600 total points. The Union Star (A) Team is now eligible to compete in the National Competition in Massachusetts, which is sponsored by Cannon USA Inc.

The schools that participated in this year's state competition were as follows and in no certain order: Chilhowee, Union Star (A), Norborne, Union Star (B), Scotland County, South Pemiscot, Valle Catholic, Leeton, St. Mary's, Ralls County, Highland, McCluer North, St. Charles West, Ladue, Marshall, Lincoln, Tuscumbia, Glendale (A), Licking, and Glendale (B). One team was unable to compete.

The Envirothon Competitions are sponsored by the Missouri Association Of Soil And Water Conservation Districts, The Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Department of Conservation in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Missouri Extension, Local Conservation Districts and RC&D offices. Also there are many professional societies and organizations such as the Missouri Show-Me Chapter of the Soil And Water

Conservation Society, The Wild Turkey Federation, American Fisheries Society, and many others.

There is no doubt in this writer's mind that every participant has increased their knowledge in conservation and natural resources. They become more aware of how important each topic is to one another, and also get acquainted with some of the agencies that are helping save our valuable resources.

## WNC Leadership Conference Notes

by Bob Miller, President Elect

Show Me Chapter Executive Council members attended a very enlightening leadership training conference at Ankeny, Iowa held March 27th and 28th. The objectives included updating members on Society activities, leadership development, and provide suggestions to SWCS Board Members. Two highlights were the discussions with Craig Cox and the exchange with other chapters. Craig gave a good history of our Society and discussed some challenges and opportunities facing us. Attendees returned from this conference energized for chapter activities and with an increased commitment to the Society.

We, as resource professionals, have a challenge of meeting the needs of a diverse membership in a constantly changing resource field. Adding professionals with many resource interests creates this challenge, but also strengthens our efforts. This causes a much greater need for members to be involved in Chapter activities to address the greater variety of interests. Our Society has grown from a soil conservation society to a soil and water conservation society to addressing total resource conservation. Our natural resource dependency upon our soil leads these changes.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society has two main objectives: professional development and improving policy and practices. Much effort has gone into the policy as evidenced by the great conservation emphasis of the forthcoming farm bill. Your membership in the Society has made that possible and, in many cases, the Society has maintained our jobs to implement these conservation provisions. Now the farm bill is near completion. Our Society can direct attention to professional development of members.

Craig Cox explained no road map is available for our Society. The best direction is determined with the ability to adapt. "We will live and die on our ability to recognize and grab opportunities." Your continued membership will support this effort and your involvement in chapter activities will help identify opportunities and chart our course.

Your Executive Council appreciates your support to attend the leadership training at Ankeny and hope you can take the opportunity to attend such a conference in the near future.

## *Southwest Area Tour*

### *June 11 • Miami Creek/Drexel Lake*

The Missouri Show-Me SWCS Chapter Southwest Area is hosting a tour on June 11, 2002. The Miami Creek/Drexel Lake Watersheds will be subject to a tour of Water Quality Efforts in Bates County.

Items included on the tour include Warm Season Grass Planting, Tree Planting, and a Rock Chute at Butler City Lake, field visit on Integrated Crop Management Systems, Animal Waste Management System, UGO Discharge Option with a Filter, and a Planned Grazing System. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the tour; **however, reservations must be made before June 5, 2002.** To make reservations, call 660-679-6124, ext. 3.

Further details about the tour can be found at <ftp://ftp.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/pub/Area1/FieldDays/MCFieldDay.pdf>

## *Careers in Conservation*

The federal employment web site is located at [www.usajobs.opm.gov/](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/) You can search for jobs by profession, agency, series, state and more. NRCS Human Resources staff caution that searching by series may not reveal all vacancy announcements for that series. They recommend searching by agency.

## *Calendar of Events*

- 🏠 3rd Annual Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest, June 10-12, 2002.
- 🏠 Southwest Area Tour of the Missouri Show-Me Chapter, June 11, 2002, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm., Bates County Field Office, MO.
- 🏠 18th North American Prairie Conference, "Promoting Prairie", June 23-27, 2002, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.
- 🏠 Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS Executive Council Meeting, June 27, 2002, NRCS State Office, Columbia, MO.
- 🏠 SWCS 2002 Annual Conference, "Setting the Pace for Conservation", July 13-17, 2002, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 🏠 North Fork Regional Watershed Conference, "The Land, Your Community, Everyone's Watershed", July 30, 2002, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.
- 🏠 West North Central SWCS Conference, "Changing Faces of Conservation and Agriculture - the Future of Working Lands", October 8-10, 2002, Holiday Inn, Moline, IL.

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