

# MLICA Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2009

Mortimer Kegley's  
Jefferson City, Missouri

## CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Milburn Davis at 12:40 p.m.

## ROLL CALL:

(Names in parentheses served as proxy for absent Board Member)

Dist.#1: Ray Garrett - (Jeff Lance) Tyler Bledsoe - (Jim Bledsoe)

Dist.#2: Nelson Wilson - absent Mel Kleinsorge - absent

Dist.#3 John Houston - present Brent Limback - absent

Dist.#4: Bob Parks - (Gerald Bauer) Larry LaFollette - present

Dist.#5: Ken Balkenbusch - present Paul Jacquin - absent

Dist.#6: Vacant Vacant

Executive Committee: Chairman Milburn Davis - present

President Larry LaFollette - present

Vice President Jim Bledsoe - present

Secretary/Treasurer Ozzie Wallace - present

Staff: Debbie Dickens; Executive Director - present

Ladies Committee: Pat Houston - present

Associates Committee: Vacant

Guests: Sally Bauer and Mona Bledsoe

## MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jeff Lance and seconded by Gerald Bauer to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2008 Board Meeting as written. The motion carried.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Larry LaFollette reported the following: I am looking forward to my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Missouri LICA President! Please let me know when your District meetings are going to be held so I can make arrangements to attend.

We had a good Winter Convention in Boonville, MO. Attendance was down a bit but a lot of new faces! We were able to set up the committees with Chairmen and staffed with volunteers. The Committees are:

Legislation - Gerald Bauer and Bob Parks, Co-Chairmen

Convention/Education - Ken Balkenbusch, Chairman

Budget and By-Laws - Ozzie Wallace and Nelson Wilson, Co-Chairmen (I will be assisting on this one!)

Government Relations - Jeff Lance and Mont Gilbert, Co-Chairmen

I want to personally thank each and every one who volunteered to work on a committee. This is where our organization can really make a difference. A special "thank you" to the Ladies' Auxiliary for decorating the banquet hall in the 50s-60s theme. Everyone looked great in their old clothes ... or were they your "old" clothes? The OSHA class was well attended and several there were able to get their CEUs for the Missouri Health Department's Waste Water license.

I was fortunate to attend the National LICA Winter Convention in Nashville this February. I attended several of the committee meetings. The LICA benefits have changed slightly. The Mini-Med Program has been increased to assist your major medical programs. The retirement plans look inviting. I wish I had started saving sooner! The Excavating and Earthmoving committee anticipates a new rule change via the Department of Natural Resources and OSHA with the new administration. During the membership meeting, Jerry Biuso announced 200 new members! The 2009 Summer Meeting will be held in Des Moines, IA and correspond with the Iowa LICA Field Day. The 2010 Winter Convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ, with a pre-tour of the John Deere Testing Grounds. The 2010 Summer Meeting will be held in Peoria, IL, with a pretour of the Cat factory. The 2010 Winter Convention will be held in conjunction with CONEXPO in Las Vegas.

The dates and location for the 2009 Missouri LICA Summer Meeting will be decided at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting (10:00am - upstairs at Mortimer Kegley's - 115 East High Street - Jefferson City, MO - lunch will be provided). I hope to see you there! All District Board members ... please attend!.

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ozzie Wallace presented the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by John Houston to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Executive Director reported the following:

- Roger Hansen, Missouri Natural Resources Conservation Service's State Conservationist, will be retiring this year. Missouri LICA has been invited to attend a retirement party in his honor. Jeff Lance, Larry LaFollette and Ozzie Wallace have agreed to be present to represent LICA.
- National LICA has started a new Associate member benefit. Each state Associate member will receive a complimentary subscription to the LICA Contractor magazine, even if they are not a National LICA Associate member.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Associates** - Vacant. No report was given.

**Budget/By-Laws** - Ozzie Wallace asked Board Members to review the list of non-renewed members. Each District President was encouraged to contact the non-renewed members in his District to work on member retention.

The expense of producing the Membership Directory, along with associated expenses was discussed. A motion was made by Gerald Bauer and seconded by Jeff Lance to produce the Membership Directory bi-annually, beginning with the 2009 issue. The motion carried.

The following by-laws change was approved by the Committee to present to the membership for a vote at the Summer Meeting on August 8, 2009:

Current By-Law: ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 4. Any person genuinely and sincerely interested in the furtherance and promotion of sound soil and water conservation practices and any sales person dealing in the sale of materials, equipment or services incidental to the soil and water conservation industry, but not eligible for either active or

associate membership shall be eligible for membership as a supporting member. Supporting members shall not be entitled to a vote in the Association.

**Proposed By-Laws Change:**

Section 4. Any person genuinely and sincerely interested in the furtherance and promotion of sound soil and water conservation practices; [and] any sales person dealing in the sale of materials, equipment or services incidental to the soil and water conservation industry, but not eligible for either active or associate membership; **and any contractor over the age of 70 shall be eligible for membership as a supporting member.** Supporting members shall not be entitled to a vote in the Association.

**Convention/Education** - Ken Balkenbusch, Chair, reviewed the success of the 2009 Winter Convention. A motion was made by Larry LaFollette and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to hold the 2010 Winter Convention at the Isle of Capri Hotel & Casino in Boonville, MO, with January 8-9, 2010 being the first option and January 15-16, 2010 as the second option. The motion carried. The Committee also suggested a class on the updates to the over-weight and over-width permits.

Ken also reported that the Ladies Auxiliary had suggested that the 2009 Summer Meeting be held at Bennett Spring State Park in Lebanon, MO. The Executive Director will reserve a pavilion, as well as any available hotel rooms and/or camp sites. The Committee suggested August 8 as a first option for the meeting and July 25 as a second option.

The 2009 Drainage Workshop was discussed. Because the attendees are predominantly landowners, it was suggested that the Workshop be shortened to a 2-3 hour session which would include a reporting of Dr. Kelly Nelson's research results, research results on the use of pull-behind plows, as well as the benefits of hiring a trained contractor. It was suggested that the class be held at the Kansas City Farm Show, if possible.

**Field Day** - Jim Bledsoe, Chair, reported that MU indicated they would hire one of Missouri LICA's contractors to complete the Drainage test plots, since weather had cancelled the event for all three attempts in 2008.

Allen Thompson with the University of Missouri Extension has applied for a grant to improve a web-based interface layout tool to work in various field topographies. If approved, the grant would fund a study over the next three years, including three small field days. A motion was made by Jeff Lance and seconded by Gerald Bauer for Missouri LICA to assist with these field days. The motion carried.

**Governmental Relations** - Jeff Lance, Chair, reviewed proposed legislation impacting the state Cost-Share Program. At this point, the legislation does not appear to be damaging to the Missouri LICA membership, so no position will be taken. The Committee will continue to work with the Legislative Committee to track this and other pieces of legislation and alert the State Office if any action is required.

Due to the change in administration, (no named Soil and Water Program Director), as well as Roger Hansen's retirement, future activity in the state and federal cost-share programs is hard to predict. The Committee will continue to monitor this situation and alert the State Office if any action is required.

**Ladies Auxiliary** - Pat Houston reported that the Ladies Auxiliary has decided on a Mardi Gras theme for the 2010 Winter Convention. They will discuss the details further at the Summer Meeting and the October Board Meeting. At the 2009 Summer Meeting, the Ladies will also review proposed changes to the Auxiliary Scholarship Program when language has been received from Linn State Technical College.

**Legislation** - Gerald Bauer, Chair, presented information on the proposed Dam Safety legislation, HB67, as well as Soil and Water Program legislation, HB 428. At this time, no action is required, but the Committee will continue to monitor the issues, along with any new pieces of proposed legislation, and alert the State Office if any action is required.

A motion was made by Jim Bledsoe and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to accept the Committee Reports as presented. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **2009 Drainage Field Day** - see Field Day Committee report.
- B. **2009 Drainage Workshop** - see Convention/Education Committee report.
- C. **2009 Summer Meeting Dates/Location** - see Convention/Education Committee report.
- D. **2009 District Meetings** - Districts were encouraged to hold at least four (4) meetings per year and to let the State Office know the dates of these meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **2010 Winter Convention Dates/Location** - see Convention/Education Committee report.
- B. **2010 Officers** - members were encouraged to begin looking for candidates for the District and State officers' positions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Dickens  
Executive Director