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2008 Missouri Legislative Concerns



Missouri LICA members have been monitoring the progress of HB1994 (Dam Safety Regulations) and SB904 (One Call Regulations). Since the legislative process moves at a faster pace than our bi-monthly newsletters, we recommend that our members check the Missouri LICA website (www.MLICA.org) in the "Members Only" section for the latest updates on these and other bills of interest. And then, pick up the phone and let your Representative and Senator know how you feel! If you would like to participate on the Missouri LICA Legislative Committee, please contact Gerald Bauer, Committee Chairman or Larry LaFollette, Missouri LICA President.

Below is the Senate Committee's substitute language for the proposed One Call legislation. As of April 7, this bill has passed out of the Senate's Committee and is on the Senate's Perfection Calendar.

SCS/SB 904 - This act modifies provisions pertaining to the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act

Under current law, gas distribution lines, electric lines, telecommunications facilities, cable t.v. facilities, water lines, storm drainage, and sewer lines located on private property and owned by the landowner are not considered "underground facilities" for purposes of the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act. This act modifies this definition by requiring that if any of the above-mentioned lines are used for vehicular traffic control, the lighting of streets and highways, or communications for emergency response, they shall be considered an "underground facility." The lines shall also be considered an "underground facility" if they cross or lie within a public easement, public right-of-way, or another person's property.

Under current law, persons who own or operate underground pipeline facilities are deemed to comply with requirements to identify excavators in their pipeline areas if, among other things, the notification center maintains a list of all excavators who gave notice of intent to excavate during the previous five years. The act reduces the required timeframe from the previous five years to just the previous year.

The act requires that, as part of the process to request the locating of underground facilities, the notification center shall ask excavators to identify if the proposed excavation will be on public right-of-way or easement for public vehicular traffic use.

The act removes the requirement that an excavator shall mark the excavation location for certain excavations when the underground facility owner notifies the excavator that the excavation location cannot be determined from the information provided.

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Currently, when an excavator receives notification from an underground facility owner or operator that the location of the excavation cannot be determined by the information provided, the excavator can provide project plans to the owner or operator or meet in person on-site. The act also allows an excavator to mark the excavation location. The act removes the exception to this provision for owners of residential property conducting excavations on such property.

The act adds via fax and the internet as methods by which an excavator may inform the notification center of his or her intent to excavate.

The act modifies the information required in a notice of intent to excavate by removing the requirement that the address and fax number be provided for the person filing the intent, if such person is not the excavator. A fax number, email address, and cell phone number for the excavator shall be provided if any exist. The same contact information shall be provided for the person responsible for the excavation, if that person is not the excavator. Location descriptions can be provided using proximity to the nearest numbered, lettered, or named state, county or city road, or by latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes, and seconds, or by state plane coordinates, which are defined in the act.

The act removes the current law that requires the notification center's records of all notices of intent to excavate to be in written form and allows electronic records to be considered official records as well. The act also requires as part of the record of a notice of intent to excavate that the record list all the underground facility owners who were notified of such excavation.

The act allows design requests to be made through the notification center. Any such design request shall provide the same information as what is required for a notice of intent to excavate and the notification center shall treat a design request in a manner similar to a notice of intent to excavate. Underground facility owners who receive notification of a design request shall either mark the pipeline location or else contact the person making the design request within 5 working days of receiving the notification. Making a design request does not relieve any person from submitting a notice of intent to excavate to the notification center for the actual excavation work.

The act modifies the time period in which an underground facility owner must contact the excavator in response to a notice of intent to excavate. Current law requires the underground facility owner to contact the excavator within 2

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working days of receiving the notice, but the act modifies the time period to within 2 working days beginning at 12 a.m. following receipt of the request by the notification center.

The act modifies the ways in which an owner or operator of an underground facility may contact an excavator to inform him or her that no facilities are in the area of excavation. The act allows such person to call the "responsible person" if such person is not the same as the excavator, in addition to using email or cell phone numbers to reach the excavator. The act provides that if the only means of contact for the facility owner or operator to reach the excavator is via telephone, two attempts to reach the excavator shall constitute compliance.

The act requires an owner or operator of an underground facility who did not respond as required to an excavator's original notice of intent to excavate, to respond within 2 hours of receiving a second notice, or by 10 a.m. the next business day in certain circumstances.

Railroads regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration shall not be required to file notices of intent to excavate when the excavating will be done entirely on land owned by the railroad.

The act specifies that the current damage reporting requirements for excavators also apply to any damage caused by excavators to protective devices for underground facilities.

Owners or operators of underground facilities shall respond to a notice of an emergency within two hours of receiving such a notice. Excavators may be liable for costs associated with compliance by the owner or operator with this provision if the situation is not actually an emergency situation as defined.

The act repeals Section 319.036, RSMo, regarding exemptions to the excavation notification requirements for agricultural property.

The act contains an effective date of January 1, 2009.

[Source: Missouri State Senate]



**Dig Into a
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The following is a summary of HB1994 - Dam Safety Regulations. This bill has been assigned to the House Special Committee on Energy and Environment. On March 11, the Committee held a hearing where Missouri LICA testified that as long as the fees remained in the bill, we could not support it. As of April 7, there has been no further action on the bill.

HB 1994 -- *Dam and Reservoir Safety*

This bill changes the laws regarding dam and reservoir safety. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Revises the membership of the Dam and Reservoir Safety Council by requiring a registered geologist with experience on dam safety to serve in place of an engineering geologist and requiring that one member be the owner of a regulated high hazard dam;
- (2) Revises the definition of "dam" to include structures that are 25 feet or more in height with a storage volume of at least 50 acre-feet of water;
- (3) Defines "high hazard" as dams where the loss of human life is probable or expected if the dam were to fail. High hazard dams will be regulated with construction and operating permits;

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(4) Requires the owner of a dam to register with the Department of Natural Resources by providing specified information on the ownership interests and nature of the dam. This registration process will supersede the registration and safety permit process in effect prior to August 28, 2008. Owners of dams must register within six months after August 28, 2008, unless their safety or registration permit issued prior to that date is still in effect;

(5) Requires the owner of a high hazard dam to obtain an operating permit from the department. Owners of high hazard dams must apply for an operating permit within one year after August 28, 2008, or at another time specified by the council. Owners of dams regulated under the Federal Power Act must apply for an operating permit no later than three months after August 28, 2008. If the classification status of a dam changes, it will be immediately subject to the requirements of the new classification. Ownership transfers must be reported to the Chief Engineer of the Dam and Reservoir Safety Program within the department in order to remove the obligations under Chapter 236, RSMo. The council is authorized to establish rules concerning the operation and inspection of high hazard dams;

(6) Requires high hazard dams to be inspected in order to receive an operating permit. Inspection fees will be \$450 per year for high hazard dams. Agricultural dams, certain dams used for fireclay quarry reclamation, and any dam providing 30 or less megawatts of power that emits water fully contained on federal property with no permanent structures are exempt from the inspection fees. The council is authorized to establish inspection and construction fees for dams licensed under the Federal Power Act;

(7) Requires dams regulated under the Federal Power Act to be inspected yearly and requires 24-hour monitoring of Taum Sauk Dam. Other high hazard dams must be inspected at least once every three years;

(8) Assesses a permit application review fee of \$3,000 or 1% of the cost of a new high hazard dam constructed after August 28, 2008, and specifies the deadlines for all inspection and application fees;

(9) Requires a geologic report to accompany an application for a construction permit for a high hazard dam;

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(10) Creates the Dam and Reservoir Fee Subaccount in the Natural Resources Protection Fund for the administration and enforcement of Chapter 236 for the deposit of moneys from inspection and construction permits and other sources; and

(11) Imposes a penalty of between \$500 and \$10,000, confinement in the county jail for at least 30 days to not more than one year, or both for violating the operating permit provisions of the bill.

[Source: Missouri House of Representatives]

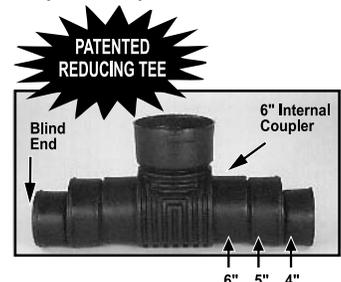


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Missouri LICA's Response

On February 5th, 8th, and 12th, the Missouri LICA Legislative Committee held conference calls to discuss the proposed dam safety legislation. Jim Alexander, Director of the Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Water Resource Center and Mike Wells, DNR Deputy Director and Chief of Water Resources, each joined the Committee for one of these conference calls. The following is the follow-up letter Missouri LICA sent to Jim Alexander addressing our position on this issue:

On behalf of Gerald Bauer, Chairman of the Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association's (LICA) Legislative Committee, I want to thank you and Mike Wells for taking the time to discuss HB 1994 with our Legislative Committee members.

After much discussion, our Committee members decided Missouri LICA could support HB 1994 ONLY IF all the fees associated with the bill are eliminated. Since the issue addressed in the proposed legislation is one of public safety, it doesn't make sense to require approximately 1,100 Missouri residents to pay for all the public's safety. In addition, the bill requires that a dam owner be responsible for future actions out of his/her control (ie, new development below a dam). There is no provision for dam-owner input in future development, so it is not ethical to require the dam owner to pay the resulting costs. Although the bill establishes inspection and construction fees, there are provisions in the bill to raise those fees in the future. When the life of the dam is considered, these fees will become burdensome.

The requirement for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to collect these fees will also require additional personnel, including benefit packages, which are already in place in the Department of Revenue and should not be unnecessarily duplicated within DNR. When looking at the "big picture," approximately \$500,000 per year is not a huge investment for the State of Missouri to make on behalf of public safety; however, it is too much to ask a handful of Missouri voters to assume.

While we understand the need to protect the public from unsafe dams, believe that the definitions used in HB 1994 are acceptable, and recognize the state's fiscal responsibility, the fee structure included in HB1994 places too much of the state's responsibility - public safety - on only a few individual dam owners and prohibits us from being able to support the issue until these fees are eliminated.

Sincerely,
Milburn Davis
MLICA Chairman of the Board

OSHA Rule Changes

OSHA Announces Employer-Paid Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Final Rule

Under the new rule, all personal protective equipment (PPE), with a few exceptions, will be provided at no cost to the employee. The final rule contains a few exceptions for ordinary safety-toed footwear, ordinary prescription safety eyewear, logging boots, and the ordinary clothing and weather-related gear.

The final rule also clarifies OSHA's requirements regarding payment for employee-owned PPE and replacement PPE. The rule must be implemented no later than May 15, 2008. The rule does not specify the method employers must use to pay for PPE. Many use allowances or reimbursement systems or maintain a stock of PPE and hand it out to the employees. All methods are acceptable, as long as the employee receives the PPE at no cost.

While the employers must pay for foot protection, they do not have to pay for non-specialty safety-toed protective footwear, such as steel-toes shoes or boots.

Some of the items that the employer DOES NOT need to pay for include: non-specialty prescription eyewear, sunglasses and sunscreen, sturdy work shoes, lineman's boots, ordinary cold weather gear (coats, parkas, gloves, winter boots), ordinary rain gear, back belts, long sleeve shirts, long pants, or dust mask/respirators used under the voluntary use provisions in Sec. 1910.134.

Employers DO HAVE to pay for foot protection, rubber boots with steel toes, shoe covers, toe caps and metatarsal guards, non-prescription eye protection, prescription eyewear inserts/lenses for full face respirators, prescription eyewear inserts/lenses for welding and diving helmets, goggles, face shields, laser safety goggles, hard hats, hearing protection, welding PPE, chemical resistant gloves/aprons/clothing, and rubber insulating gloves.

[Source: SD LICA Newsletter; February, 2008 Issue]



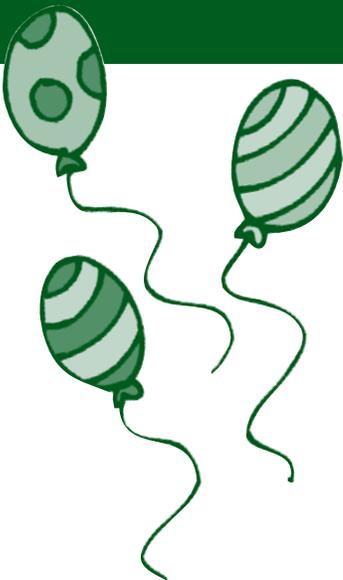
With Our Deepest Sympathy

Hugh Hickenbottom, Hickenbottom, Inc., passed away on February 22nd. If you would like to contact Betty, her address is:

Betty Hickenbottom
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The Hickenbottoms are long-time Missouri LICA supporters and we extend our deepest sympathy to their family during this time of sorrow.

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18 Carol Balkenbusch	31 Milburn Davis
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25 Judy Wilson	
26 Jeff Francis	

State Cost Share Program Update

In early May, the Missouri LICA Governmental Relations Committee will meet with Bill Foster, Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Soil and Water Program to discuss several issues raised by our members. Below are some of the issues concerning our members. If you have an opinion or comment you would like the Committee to share, please contact the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001).

(1) District Offices

One of our Associate members wanted to expand his business by selling pipe. After contacting another of our Associate members, he discovered that he would not be able to sell their product because the local District Office was already selling it. We brought this issue to the attention of Bill Foster and the next day, Doyle Childers, DNR Director, wrote a letter to all the District Offices strongly encouraging them to stop several practices, including selling pipe. Unfortunately, the District Office mentioned above, decided to ignore Mr. Childer's request and continue to sell pipe. The Missouri Revised Statute #278.135 states:

1. Any soil and water conservation district engaged in the marketing or buying and selling of farm products used directly or indirectly in soil conservation shall be required to obtain approval from the state soil and water districts commission to continue such activity if the commission receives written complaints from three or more business entities. Upon request from any person, all soil and water conservation districts shall provide information on the complaint procedure provided for in this section, including information on how to contact the state soil and water districts commission.

2. The commission shall notify the district upon receiving complaints from three or more business entities pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, and request that the district provide information to the commission on the marketing, buying, and selling activity within sixty days. The commission shall consider information provided by the district and any written comments from concerned citizens and businesses in making its determination. The commission shall grant approval only upon finding that the products being marketed, bought, and sold are:

- (1) Reasonably related to soil and water conservation; and*
- (2) Not readily available in the area.*

If the commission grants approval to a district, no complaints about the marketing, buying, or selling activities of such district shall be accepted by the commission from any business entity for a period of

one year after the date of approval, and no such complaints shall be accepted by the commission from the same business entities that initiated the approval procedure pursuant to this section for a period of three years after the date of approval.

3. The commission shall enact rules to allow districts with a pending approval request, or districts that have had their approval denied, to sell any existing inventory of products within a reasonable time. This subsection shall not be interpreted to allow any district with a pending approval request to restock or replenish its inventory until such district has received approval from the commission.

We have several questions regarding District Offices selling pipe and/or renting equipment. How much

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pipe are these District Offices selling per year? Are they selling the pipe at a competitive price or at a price less than market value? What happens to the profit? Are they selling to contractors and/or landowners performing non-cost-share work? The purpose of the 1/10th cent Soil, Water, and State Parks sales tax was never to restrict the ability of free enterprise to operate, nor was it to allow District Offices to amass funds.

2) Insurance Requirements

It is the opinion of the Missouri LICA Governmental Relations Committee that anyone installing state cost-share practices should be required to carry at least \$1,000,000 in general commercial liability insurance. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure the protection of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and DNR employees and equipment, as well as the landowner. When a farmer installs cost-share work on a neighbor's land, without carrying commercial liability insurance, the cost-share program is put at risk.

Requiring proof of insurance may also have a secondary effect of reducing the number of farmers performing cost-share work on their neighbor's land. It is our opinion that, while it is perfectly fine for farmers to install cost-share practices on their own land, once a farmer crosses to his neighbor's land, he enters the world of free enterprise and the playing field needs to be leveled. The farmer does not pay sales tax on their equipment or fuel.

(3) Representation

Currently, the Soil and Water Commission is composed of six (6) farmers. It is the LICA Governmental Relations Committee's belief that there should be representation from the construction industry on the Soil and Water Commission.

(4) Accountability

a) Several years ago, the state cost-share program began requiring landowners to provide proof of payment before state cost-share funds would be released. This policy effectively ended the ability of the "fly-by-night" contractor to perform work for the cost-share. However, this policy has now been changed and it's now up to the individual District Office whether or not it will require proof of payment. It is the Missouri LICA Governmental Relations Committee's belief that this policy should be reinstated and strongly enforced. Although it may cause the District staff and landowners a little more paperwork, the protection it affords the program strongly outweighs any inconvenience.

- b) There are rumors going around that several of the District Offices have CDs with large amounts of savings. The LICA Governmental Relations Committee would like to have an accounting of each District Office's funds and, if it is true that there are large funds set aside in the Districts, an explanation of the purpose of these funds will be requested.
- c) Over the last couple of decades since the 1/10th cent Soil, Water, and State Parks sales tax has been in place, Missouri's state revenues have fluctuated with the economy. However, it seems that the amount of funds the state cost-share program has used to "put practices on the ground" has remained relatively static. The LICA Governmental Relations Committee would like an explanation of why this is so - if, in fact, it is true.

We recognize that these issues won't be solved in a hurry and that some of them may require legislative action. However, we need to start somewhere! If you are interested in these issues or have others which you would like us to address, please contact the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001). Your input is vital to our success! So ...

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What Happens in Vegas ...

Although it's rumored that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," that's not the case with the National LICA Winter Convention which was held in conjunction with the 2008 CONEXPO-CON/AGG trade show. LICA members came together to discuss a number of issues facing our members' businesses.

One issue of particular interest was "farm taps" and some utilities' refusal to locate them. Years ago, when gas companies were laying high-pressure lines, some companies made agreements with the land owners to provide a gas line from the meter at the main to a structure on the farm ... these are farm taps.

In some cases, these farm taps can run quite a distance but, because the meter's at the main, some utilities in some states have refused to locate these farm taps. Don Loken, Minnesota LICA, is gathering stories about incidents relating to farm taps and is asking for your help. Don would like to know if farm taps are a problem for LICA members.

If you have a story about an accident or "near-miss" relating to a farm tap, please call the Missouri LICA office. We will pass your story along to Don who is planning on sharing these stories with the Common Ground Alliance in an effort to address farm tap locations nationally.



Bottom left: Milburn Davis, Missouri LICA Chairman of the Board, takes a brief rest during his exploration of over 45 miles of exhibits at the 2008 CONEXPO-CON/AGG trade show.

Above left: LICA Delegates from across the country come together to discuss issues impacting our members' businesses.

Above right: Bruce Barnhart, (standing) Iowa LICA, thanks the members for electing him as National LICA Vice President. Seated to his left are Jerry Biuso, Executive Vice President (far left), and Darrell Birge, NLICA Chairman.



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Missouri LICA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2008 ♦ Jefferson City, MO

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Milburn Davis at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Dist.#1: Jim Bledsoe - present
Rod Schottel - absent

Dist.#2: Nelson Wilson - (Eddie Gilmore)
Mel Kleinsorge - (Brad Kleinsorge)

Dist.#3 John Houston - present
Olin Struchtemeyer - absent

Dist.#4: Dean Yoder - (Elwin Yoder)
Larry LaFollette - present

Dist.#5: Ken Balkenbusch - present
Larry Koenigsfeld - 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: Mont Gilbert, Jake Gingerich, Gerald Bauer

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Brad Kleinsorge to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2007 Board Meeting as written. The motion carried. [Note: The October, 2007 Board meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum.]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Larry LaFollette reported that at the 2008 Winter Convention, he established the 2008 committees. They are: Legislative (Gerald Bauer, Chair); Convention/Education (Ken Balkenbusch, Chair); Budget (Ozzie Wallace, Chair); Field Day (Jim Bledsoe, Chair); and Governmental Relations (Charlie Boyer, Chair). Larry has been in touch

with all the Chairmen to review their committee's goals and monitor their progress. Larry thanked all the members for participating in the committee process. He stated that the committees will most likely have several conference calls as they do their work.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ozzie Wallace presented the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. A motion was made by Eddie Gilmore 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:

- National LICA is collecting information about cuts and/or near-misses relating to farm taps so that this information can be forwarded to the Common Ground Alliance. The members present indicated that locating

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farm taps in Missouri has been no problem. The next issue of the *Missouri LICA News* will include a request for members to contact the Missouri LICA office with any problems they've had locating farm taps.

- The National LICA Summer Meeting will be held July 8-12 in Harrisburg, PA. Information about the agenda and pre-tours will be presented in future National LICA newsletters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associates - Vacant. No report was given.

Budget/By-Laws - Ozzie Wallace said that his Committee is working on a 2008-09 budget for approval by the membership at the 2008 Summer Meeting. In order to increase our operating revenue, his committee suggests the following:

- Get more members - According to the results of the 2008 Strategic Plan survey, members believe that having a printed list of membership benefits would help secure more new members. The Executive Director is working with National LICA on a member benefits list.
- Auction - Several other LICA chapters have been successful in building their scholarship program and increasing their operating capital by holding an auction at their Winter Conventions. The Convention/Education Committee will follow-up with this option.
- The Committee also recommends improving the classes held at the Winter Convention and involving the Ladies Auxiliary in getting spouses and children to attend.
- After reviewing the membership report, the Committee determined that Missouri LICA is signing up a lot of new members each year but not doing as well retaining our current members. The Executive Director will send another list of non-renewed members to each District President, asking them to contact the non-renewed member to determine the reason they dropped their membership and/or encourage them to renew.

Convention/Education - Ken Balkenbusch, Chair, reported that the Committee would like to hold the 2009 Winter Convention on January 9 & 10 or Jan 16 & 17, 2009. They reviewed the proposed contract from the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia and will research the possibility of holding the convention at Booneville. They developed a sample class list and reviewed this with the Board.

The Committee decided to hold the 2008 Summer Meeting in conjunction with the 2008 Field Day in

Columbia, MO. The dates and meeting location will be determined by the Field Day Committee. The Executive Director will try to find a convenient location for the Membership Meeting.

Field Day - Jim Bledsoe, Chair, reported that the Committee would like to hold Phase II of the MU Subsurface Drainage & Irrigation Field Day on either July 18 & 19 or July 25 & 26. The Committee is waiting to hear from MU about how much pipe will be needed, a list of needed equipment, how many contractors, and dates. It is hoped that this field day will also include exhibit booths. If so, we will try to get Jerry Biuso to attend and work the Missouri LICA membership booth.

Governmental Relations - Charlie Boyer, Chair, was absent, so Eddie Gilmore served as Chairman for the meeting. The Committee discussed several issues relating to the state cost-share program, including District Offices selling pipe, total budget for program, insurance requirements, certification, District office finances, and financial policies. The Committee will meet with Bill Foster, Director of the Department of Natural Resources Soil and Water Program, to discuss these issues.

Ladies Auxiliary - Pat Houston reported that the Ladies Auxiliary is still working on requirements for their scholarship program. At the Winter Convention, the Auxiliary set an entertainment and decoration budget for the Convention's Saturday evening events.

Legislation - Gerald Bauer, Chair, updated members on the status of the dam safety legislation (HB1994), the Committee's conference calls concerning HB1994, and

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the proposed One Call legislation (SB904). Gerald explained the particular changes in the dam safety bill and Missouri LICA's position, including the letter which was sent from Milburn Davis to Jim Alexander, Director of the DNR's Water Resource Center. Gerald encouraged members to contact their State Representative and Senator encouraging them to remove any fees associated with the bill.

A motion was made by Elwin Yoder and seconded by Eddie Gilmore to accept the Committee Reports as presented. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Strategic Plan Survey Results** - The results of the 2008 Strategic Plan survey were reviewed.
- B. **LICA Insurance Program** - At the 2008 Winter Convention, Prins Insurance announced a 12% dividend for 2007 LICA Safety Insurance Program participants. Continental Western should be issuing the dividend check sometime in August.
- C. **2008 MU/LICA Field Day** - See "Field Day Committee" report.
- D. **National LICA Update** - Iowa LICA Proposal - Not addressed
- E. **Just One Membership Drive** - The National LICA membership drive was reviewed and members were encouraged to sign up a new member.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **2008 District Meetings** - The 2008 Strategic Plan Survey results indicated that members believe the District meetings are important and would like them held at least quarterly.
- B. **2008 Fall Board Meeting** - The Board, by consensus, set the 2008 Fall Board and Committee meetings for Saturday, October 25 at Mortimer Kegley's in Jefferson City, MO - if the facility is available.
- C. **2009 Drainage Workshop** - Due to severe budget cuts in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), no Drainage Workshop was held in 2008. By consensus, the Board decided to hold a Drainage Workshop in the northwest portion of the state in 2009. The Executive Director will work with NRCS on planning this Workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director

WHAT'S COOKIN'?



PEPPER

Everyone knows Clorox's catchy ditty about keeping clothes bright, but all you need is pepper. Add a teaspoon of pepper to the wash before you add in your clothes and it will keep the colors from fading.

WHITE VINEGAR

Deodorant stains can ruin a perfectly good shirt. Save your whites by spraying white vinegar (no need to mix with water) onto the underarm areas, then you can wash per usual.

SUGAR

At your next BBQ don't spend money on anti-pest candles that never work. Simmer 2 cups of milk, a 1/4 pound of sugar and 2 oz. of ground black pepper for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour the mixture into bowls and put them where the flies will be attracted to them and then drown. You can also place around the house ... no more buzzzzzzing at the windows.

SODA

Next time your drain is clogged and you don't have time to run to the store for some Drain-O, just look in your fridge! A 2-liter bottle of soda will do the trick. Just pour it down to clobber the clog.

SHORTENING

For a natural solution to diaper rash, try coating the area with a thin layer of shortening. It will act as a moisturizer.

SALT

Grease stains can be a huge pain when it comes to doing laundry. Before you wash, work a generous amount of table salt into the stain and then launder as usual

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