

MLICA Board of Directors Meeting

October 23, 2004

Mortimer Kegley's
Jefferson City, Missouri

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Gilmore at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

(Names in parentheses served as proxy for absent board member)

Dist.#1: Jim Bledsoe - present	Dennis Brinton - absent
Dist.#2: Charlie Boyer - (Nelson Wilson)	Brian Kleinsorge - (Mel Kleinsorge)
Dist.#3 John Houston - absent	Grant Matthews - (Gayle Matthews)
Dist.#4: Gerald Bauer - present	Milburn Davis - present
Dist.#5: Ken Balkenbusch - present	Larry Koenigsfeld - absent
Dist.#6: Don Laut - absent	Edwin Yoder - absent

Executive Committee:	Chairman, Jeff Lance - absent
	President, Eddie Gilmore - present
	Vice President, Bob Parks - present
	Secretary/Treasurer - Milburn Davis - present
Staff:	Debbie Dickens; Executive Director - present
Ladies Committee:	Ginger Matthews - present
Associates Committee:	Don Scheib - absent
Guests:	Sally Bauer, Debbie Twehus

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to approve the minutes of the March, 2004 Board Meeting as written. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Eddie Gilmore reported that he attended the July 29 Soil & Water Citizens' Committee presentation on the impact the 1/10th cent Soil, Water, and State Parks Sales Tax has had on Missouri's parks. He also attended a September 23 meeting where the soil partners presented the benefits of the tax. A date for the next meeting of the Soil, Water, and State Parks Citizens Committee has not been set. It is expected that bills will be filed in early December, 2004 and that the next Citizens Committee meeting will take place after the first of the year.

Eddie also reported having attended the last NRCS State Tech Meeting. He updated the Board on some new landowner programs. Missouri NRCS is expected to receive its 2005 EQIP funds at the end of October with a new sign-up period expected in November and December, 2004.

Eddie Gilmore has attended membership meetings in District# 1, #2, and #3.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Milburn Davis presented the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. A motion was made by Jim Bledsoe and seconded by Nelson Wilson to accept the reports as printed. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Executive Director reported the following:

- The next meeting of the NRCS State Technical Committee is scheduled for November 19, 2004 at 9:00am at the Parkade Center in Columbia.
- The Board was updated on the Conservation Districts new fiscal policy of requiring the landowner to show cancelled checks for payments to the contractor on cost-share projects.
- The list of new District officers was reviewed.
- After a short discussion, a motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Milburn Davis to renew the MLICA membership in the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The motion carried. The Board also discussed the need to recruit Soil & Water Conservation Districts as members of MLICA.
- An inventory on truck stickers was presented and, by consensus, the Board decided to wait and see if National LICA would be printing any new stickers before Missouri LICA printed new ones.
- The Executive Director distributed financial reports for each of the Districts whose funds are held with the Missouri LICA state funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards** Milburn Davis, Chair, reported that Bob Parks has agreed to serve on the Awards Committee. The Board discussed the need for a budget for the committee. A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Jim Bledsoe to provide \$200 for the Awards Committee. The motion passed.
- Membership** Eddie Gilmore, Co-Chair, reported that the Membership Committee had not yet met. The Board discussed a variety of prize programs offered by other LICA Chapters and/or suggested by MLICA Associate members.
- State Cost-Share** [See the President's Report] The Board again reviewed the Citizens Committee plans for 2005 legislation. The next Citizens Committee meeting date has not been set. The next meeting of the Department of Natural Resources' Soil & Water Commission is scheduled for November 4, 2004 at 8:30am in Jefferson City.
- Convention/Education** The Board reviewed plans for the 2005 Winter Convention to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO. Ken Balkenbusch and Gerald Bauer agreed to design an education program. Ginger Matthews and the Ladies Committee agreed to design an entertainment program for Saturday evening, along with a tour for Convention attendees and a program for attending spouses. Nelson Wilson agreed to help promote the Convention to new prospects. Mel Kleinsorge and Bob Parks will contact Company Associates for participation and contributions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Insurance Program - The 2003 dividend of 10% totaled \$12, 495.07 for Missouri LICA is being distributed to qualifying contractor companies. The program has three new enhancements which have either already been applied to the policies or will be applied in early 2005.
- B. National LICA and Region IV - The Iowa LICA Chapter has written a letter to National LICA indicating that they will renew their dues for the 2005 membership year and will give the National one year to "fix" the problems discussed at the National Meeting in Oklahoma and South Dakota.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MLICA Leadership Conference - plans for the 2004 Leadership were discussed. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Leadership Conference date was re-set for December 11 at Mortimer Kegley's in Jefferson City. It was decided that the Executive Committee would work with District Presidents to encourage attendance by all District officers.
- B. CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2005 - registration requirements and LICA plans were discussed. Members were encouraged to attend the event, as well as reminded of the discount on educational seminars available when registering through LICA.
- C. The next Board of Directors Meeting was set for February 26, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director