

Dry Fire Hydrants

- Improves fire protection and saves time and lives
- Conserves treated water
- Saves energy
- Reduces operating costs of fire departments
- May reduce rural fire protection insurance

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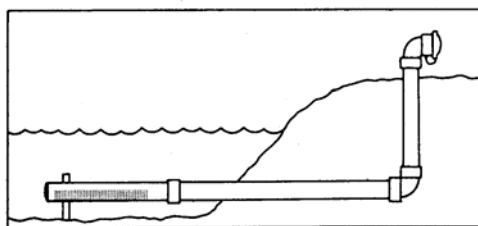
Three Dry Fire Hydrants Installed

Recently Prairie Hills RC&D installed three more dry fire hydrants. Two of the hydrants were installed in rural McDonough County and one was installed in Maquon in Knox County.

A dry fire hydrant system consists of a non-pressurized PVC pipe with a water hydrant head above ground and a strainer below water. When placed in ponds, streams, lakes and other bodies of water they can help eliminate the need for trucks to return to town to refill, thus saving precious time. In any area without water mains and domestic fire hydrants, dry hydrants can be simple, cost effective solutions to the urgent need for water.

Without the ability to deliver large volumes of water to a fire scene, even the best fire departments' attempts to prevent loss of

Design using two 90° elbows



property and lives are hampered.

In order to supply enough water to fight fires, ponds and lakes chosen for dry hydrants should be at least 7 feet deep and have a minimum surface of one-

half acre.

Accessibility is another important factor when considering a dry hydrant. The sites should be close to all weather roads and have enough room for the trucks to pull into the area to pump water. Hydrants can be placed hundreds of feet from the water source.

If you or someone you know has a pond site and would like more information on these simple cost effective hydrants, please contact Prairie Hills RC&D at (309)833-4747 or e-mail us at:

prairie@macomb.com.

August 12, 2006 Council Meeting

On August 12, 2006 Prairie Hills Council and guests met at Nauvoo, IL for an afternoon of tours, meetings and entertainment.

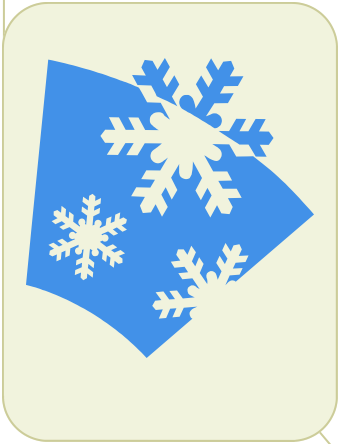
Mid afternoon the council members and their guests arrived at Nauvoo Winery to tour the future Cheese Factory and winery. A brief update was given on the progress of the factory, it's future plans for cheese and what the old factory looked like. After the short tour

everyone got to sample different wines and select cheese.

The council then met at Hotel Nauvoo for a wonderful buffet dinner and a brief business meeting. Clee Dixon was nominated to become a member of Prairie Hills council. Dave King gave a brief update on new projects and also discussed changes and presented a new area plan draft for the council to review. There are

two new comities being formed for the Endowment Fund Policy and the Land Conservancy Program. Larry Sterett will be appointing people at a later date for these. If you would like to volunteer for either committee please contact Dave King or Larry Sterett.

After the meeting adjourned members and guests were welcomed to attend performances available in Nauvoo.



POINTS-Program Operations Information Tracking System

Dave King and Tracy Meredith attended training in August for the new POINTS tool in NRCS.

POINTS was created as a progress measuring tool for RC&D project activities. This tool will better capture important factors such as jobs created, total citizens served, low income citizens, when the project was adopted and when it was completed and contributions and benefits.

There has always been a tool for inputting RC&D

data, but this new program has been revised dramatically and will hopefully help show RC&D's progress better.

A deadline of September 30, 2006 was given to all RC&Ds nationwide to have all Fiscal year 05 and 06 projects inputted. Dave and Tracy worked together researching and inputting all necessary information meeting the deadline. Any council member is welcome to see POINTS and how it works anytime.

At our future council meeting we will have some inputted projects printed off for the council to review and see the information that is made available through this program.



Points is a collection of data, applications and resources for Program Managers

Mark Your Calendar for the Upcoming Annual Council Meeting!

Prairie Hills RC&D has tentatively scheduled the annual council meeting for January 25, 2007. More information will be released at a later date



13th Annual Fee Hunt Workshop!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 13th Annual Fee Hunting Workshop on Friday March 2, 2007 at Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown, IL.

If you enjoy hunting and outfitting or have questions about either, then this is the workshop for you!

Landowners are constantly wondering what makes a good lease, how much should I charge for a lease and should I become an outfitter myself. These questions have been and will be answered for you. Outfitters who are looking to lease more ground



find this workshop a great place to contact landowners.

There will be professionals available to answer your questions about insurance, risks, habitat management, public relations, advertising, and more.

Current outfitters will be on hand to answer frequently asked questions. Come enjoy a great day learning more about outfitting, regulations and habitat management!

Call today to make your reservation at 309-833-4747.

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NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS for PRAIRIE HILLS

The Prairie Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council adopted new mission and vision statements at their summer meeting.

"Helping Communities Help Themselves" is the new mission statement, which better reflects Prairie Hills project activities. President Larry Sterett said that there are many communities, not only

the humankind, but plant and animal communities as well. Many projects we do encompass all three inter-related communities and Prairie Hills helps those resources through conservation and development..

"Sustainable Growth—Healthy Ecosystems" is the new vision statement for Prairie Hills. Sustainable growth refers to the ever

challenging work to increase productivity of our communities in responsible, consistent and attainable measures.

Healthy Ecosystems means that we will accomplish our work in environmentally friendly ways to both plant and animal systems. A vision for the future!

Council Member Spotlight

Each quarter, Prairie Hills RC&D will profile members of the Council to give you an opportunity to learn more about these leaders! This quarter we have selected the three following Council members: Charles Bair, Hancock County, John Ockert, Warren County, and Curt Eisenmayer, Henderson County.

Charles and his wife Ada currently reside in Carthage, IL. They have 4 children, (2 boys and two girls), names Ben, Jon, Alisha and Andrea.

Charles was born in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to Ohio in 1945 where he remained until moving to Illinois in 2003. HE has a BBA in Finance from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio and an MBA in Finance from Xavier of Ohio. Charles is the current Executive Director for Western Illinois Economic Development Authority. He has volunteered on several committees including the following: YMCA Special Committee on Finance, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and

Cancer Walk. Some of Charles hobbies include cabinet making, mechanics, farming, restoration and preservation. Charles is a newer council member that joined Prairie Hills in April of 2006.

John and his wife Lori currently reside in Monmouth, IL. They have two sons, names Andrew and Eric.

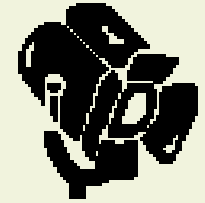
John spent his first few years of life in South Rend, Indiana before moving to Roseville, IL when he was 5. He attended college at WIU and then worked in Chicago for fifteen years before returning to Monmouth. John received his Bachelors degree from Western Illinois University and has done some post graduate work also. He currently is a mathematics teacher at Galesburg High School and also teaches at Carl Sandburg College both located in Galesburg, IL. John has volunteered in the establishment of a County Health Department, and in local golf tournaments. Some activities John enjoys are skiing, reading

and computers. He recently joined Prairie Hills Council in January of 2006.

Curt Eisenmayer currently resides in Stronghurst Illinois.

Curt grew up in Trenton Illinois, attending elementary through High School there. He then attended Blackburn College and then went to University of Illinois receiving a BS in Agriculture. He has some graduate work from U of I, WIU and SIU.

Curt has worked several places in his life including the following: Tschudy Meat Market, US Navy, Agronomy department at U of I, Cooperative Extension Service for Hancock and Henderson Co., Crop Production Service, Stock Land FS, Security Savings Bank on the Board, and is currently retired and on the Henderson County Board. Curt has worked in Agriculture and Rural development for over 50 years. He has volunteered among many committee's to include Prairie Hills Council since January of 1999.



This issue features John Ockert, Curt Eisenmayer, and Charles Bair in our Council Spotlight!

For current events or to view a current or previous newsletter, visit our website at

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Prairie Hills Committees

As mentioned previously in the August 12, 2006 meeting, Prairie Hills will be forming two committees for planning of Land Conservancy and for an Endowment Fund.

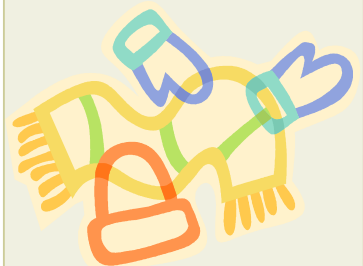
The Land Conservancy committee will be doing research and planning in land easements in the six county area. Prairie Hills is currently active with the Land Trust Alliance in Illinois and would like to pur-

sue the idea of land easement agreements for the purpose of preserving conservation values.

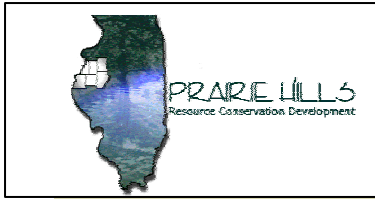
The Endowment Fund program is the second project that Prairie Hills would like to research. The endowment fund provides a non-profit organization with future stability and a foundation from which to grow. The committee would help in preparation of necessary documentation and

research to put an endowment fund in place. Having an endowment fund provides security, constant source of income and can provide protection for unexpected needs.

If either committee would be of interest to you, please contact Larry Sterett or Dave King to volunteer. Any time a member can provide is greatly appreciated and very beneficial to Prairie Hills RC&D.



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