

# Pickaway County Local Work Group

## Minutes and Attachments

December 16, 2004

Ron Clifton, Muhlenberg Township Trustee, called the meeting of the Pickaway County Local Work Group (LWG) to order at 9:10 am, Thursday, December 16, 2004. The meeting was held at the Pickaway/Franklin FSA conference room, 110 Island Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113.

Other Members Present: Dan E. Garver, NRCS DC; Joe Weber, NRCS, Soil Conservationist; Don Lamb, FSA County Executive Director; Mike Estadt, OSU Extension County Agent; Robert Minshall, Pickaway Township Trustee; Jim Minor, Jackson Township Trustee; Harvey Seitz, County Committee.

Members Not Present: John Stevenson, County Commissioner, C. Randall Metzger, Pickaway SWCD

Minute's recorder Tawn Seimer, Pickaway SWCD Administrative Assistant, read minutes of the previous meeting.

Ron Clifton turned the meeting over to Dan E. Garver.

Local Work Group objectives:

1. Review of the Resource Priorities for Pickaway County (SWAPA)

1) Soils    2) Water    3) Plants    4) Animals    5) Air

Points per application of the EQIP program are up to 200 from the State, and up to 100 points from the County.

2. Local Point Assignment

Following discussion, the general consensus of the LWG was that the practices and assigned points will not change from 2004 (Attachment A - See Below).

3. The LWG reviewed the Past Programs sheet with allocations and number of applications for the different programs from 2004 (Attachment B - See Below).

Ron Clifton turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to Harvey Seitz, who then asked Joe Weber to present information.

Joe Weber presented the 2005 EQIP Changes:

1. Administration of EQIP, Multiple Selection Periods, New Ranking Procedures, Livestock Waste Requirements, and New Grazing Plan Additions (Attachment C - See Below).

2. Joe Weber also reviewed the Recovery of Cost statement on the CCC-1200 EQIP contract. In part, if the participant violates the terms of the EQIP contract or the contract is terminated with just cause by CCC, the participant is obligated to repay 20% of the total cost of the contract if the contract is prematurely terminated.

### 3. Recommendations for Cost Share Changes

These changes were based on Manufacture's Price and previous job totals. These recommendations will be sent to the Area V Office for approval.

Robert Minshall moved to approve the new recommendations (Attachment D - See Below).  
Ron Clifton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 4. Other program information:

- a. CP33 – Field Borders – new practice for farm fields to increase the Northern Bobwhite Quail numbers (Attachment E - See Below)
- b. Scioto CREP – a new program for filter strips along the Scioto River and perennial streams in Pickaway County.

Harvey Seitz moved to adjourn the December 16, 2004 Pickaway County Local Work Group meeting at 11:05 am.

## Attachment A

### Local Point Assignment

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>
Agrichemical Handling Facility	100
Residue Management, Mulch Tillage Using Phillips Airway or Phoenix Type tools	100
Residue Management Strip Till	100
Water and Sediment Control Basin	100
Dike	40
Residue Management No-Till - Corn Only	40
Grade Stabilization Structure	40
Grassed Waterway	40
Lined Waterway or Outlet	20
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	20
Heavy Use Area Protection	15
Nutrient Management	15
Pest Management	15
Composting Facility	12
Pasture and Hayland Planting	12
Pipeline	12
Pond	12
Spring Development	12
Watering Facility	12
Brush Management	10
Forest Stand Improvement	10
Prescribed Grazing	10
Riparian Forest Buffer	10
Everything Else	5

## Attachment B

## Past Programs

### WHIP, WRP, EQIP & CRP

**WHIP** – Two in progress

**WRP** – Two in progress  
One contract just closed

**EQIP** – 21 applications, up from 7 previous year  
Started with \$75,000.00, ended with \$194,000  
Up from \$50,000.00 to start, ending with \$145,000

2004 Contracts and total contracted to date

<u>Practice Name</u>	<u>Quantity to Date</u>
Strip tillage	1500 acres
Nutrient Management	1,200 acres
Springs	12
Fences	223,042 feet
Watering facilities	24
Pipeline	11,224 feet
Pasture seeding	4971 acres
Ag Chemical Facilities	4
Forest Stand Improvement	72.9 acres
Underground outlet (8" tile)	3959 feet
Animal Composting	4
Well	1
Waste Storage Facility	1
Brush Management	135 acres
Pond	1
Grade Stabilization Structure	1
Grassed Waterway	400 feet
Use Exclusion	3 acres
Prescribed Grazing	902 acres
Access Road	8182 feet
Tree/Shrub Establishment	2 acres
Underground outlet (riser inlets)	2
Heavy Use Area Protection	14,706 sq. feet

EQIP Dollars to date \$ 377,974

**CRP** - Applications in FY 2004

89 – up from 78 previous year  
2004 FY

- A. 7 Filter strips
- B. 82 Grassed Waterways

2003 FY (78)

- A. 19 Filter strips
- B. 59 Grassed Waterways

## **EQIP Changes for FY2005**

Prepared for: **Pickaway County  
Local Work Group**

On: **December 16, 2004**

### **New to EQIP for 2005**

- **Administration of EQIP:**
  - Payments made through the EQIP program will no longer be made by FSA.
  - NRCS Staff are now responsible for certifying and approving all EQIP related payments.
    - This requires the field office to collect and maintain financial records for each EQIP participant. (Including direct deposit, banking, and social security information).
  
- **Multiple Selection Periods:**
  - EQIP is a continuous signup program (in that we accept applications all year).
  - Previously we have held only one selection period each year. (i.e. we select applications for funding only once a year)
  - Starting in 2005 there will be 2 separate selection periods; one every six months (this is intended to be a permanent change).
  
- **New Ranking Procedures:**
  - EQIP applicants will no longer be scored using a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet.
  - All Scoring will be done manually (on Paper); Scores will be entered directly into Protracts.
  
- **Livestock Waste Requirements:**
  - All applications for Waste Storage & Composting Facilities will require a CNMP to be in place at the time of application.
  - Recall that the EQIP program offers an incentive payment to producers to develop a CNMP.
    - A CNMP for less than 100 Animal Units pays \$500.
    - A CNMP for 100-250 Animal Units pays \$1000.
    - A CNMP for greater than 100 Animal Units pays \$1500.
  - Individuals who apply for this CNMP incentive payment will be automatically funded.
  
- **New Grazing Plan Additions:**
  - There will also be an incentive payment available to producers for developing a Grazing Plan.

- A Grazing Plan for less than 20 Animal Units pays \$0
- A Grazing Plan for 20-50 Animal Units pays \$250
- A Grazing Plan for 50-100 Animal Units pays \$500
- A Grazing Plan for greater than 100 Animal Units pays \$750
- The state score sheet will give bonus points to individuals who already have a grazing plan in place.
  - These individuals will not be eligible for the aforementioned incentive payment.
- Individuals who apply for the Grazing Plan incentive payment will be automatically funded.
- **NOTE:** Currently a grazing plan is **not** required to be eligible for grazing related practices (such as Fencing & Spring Dev.); however, this may change in future signups.

## Reminders

- **Recovery of Cost:**

- The following statement appears in the CCC-1200 EQIP contract, which every EQIP participant signs:

In the event the participant violates the terms of this EQIP contract or this contract is terminated with just cause by CCC, the CCC will incur substantial Costs in administering this contract which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to the refund of payments received, plus interest due as set forth in paragraph 10, the participant agrees to pay an amount equal to 20 percent of the total financial and technical assistance obligated to the participant in the EQIP contract, for CCC-1200 at the time of termination. This payment is for recover of administrative costs and technical services, and is not a penalty.

- This statement obligates participants to repay 20% of the total cost of the contract if the contract is prematurely terminated.

## Attachment D

### This is the Book Value on the Following Items:

Ag Chemical Handling Facility  
2.50 / Required Cu. Ft.

Participant Receives  
\$1.25 / Cu. Ft.

Pipeline  
1.4 / Ft.

Participant Receives:  
\$0.70 / Ft.

Erosion Control Blanket  
0.10 / Sq. Ft.

Participant Receives:  
\$0.05 / Sq. Ft.

Riser Inlets  
220 / structure

Participant Receives:  
\$110 / structure

### Recommendations for changes (based on Manufacture's Price and previous jobs):

Pipeline  
0.75 to 1.25in. = 1.40 / Ft.  
1.5 to 2.0in. = 2.75 /Ft.

Erosion Control Blanket  
\$0.15 / Sq. Ft.

Riser Inlet  
\$840 / Facility

Ag Chemical Handling Facility  
\$3.00 / Cu. Ft. for Earthen Sided & Liner  
\$3.50 / Cu. Ft. for Post & Plank Sided & Liner  
\$3.50 / Cu. Ft. for Steel Sided or Concrete Wall & Liner (sand based)  
\$3.75 / Cu. Ft. for Steel Sided or Concrete Wall & Liner (concrete based)  
\$7.00 / Cu. Ft. for containment facility with roof

## CRP News:

- **CP33-Field Borders:**

- This practice will be planned under the following standards:
  - 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
  - 327 Conservation Cover
  - 647 Early Successional Habitat Development and Management.
- The practice will include 30-120 feet wide buffers at the edges of crop fields. It is not necessary to have the borders around all edges although that is a desirable option.
  - They should be placed where they will provide the best habitat value.
- The seeding to be established will be a mix of 2-3 native grasses and 2-3 (minimum) native forbs at a low rate; 5 lbs/ac.
  - Firebreaks are not required .
  - Shrubs may be planted on up to 10% of the contract acreage, but are not required.
- Mid-contract management will be required.
  - Disking to reduce plant density and encourage annual plants will likely be the preferred option.
  - Mowing after establishment will not be allowed unless planned as part of the management activity.
- The areas may **NOT** be used as lanes, turn rows or for storage of crops or equipment.
- FSA is requiring monitoring of this practice to determine its value to upland birds (to be performed by Division of Wildlife).