

Pickaway County Local Work Group

Minutes January 6, 2004

C. Randall Metzger, SWCD Supervisor Representative and Local Work Group Chair, called the meeting of the Pickaway County Local Work Group (LWG) to order at 9:05 am, Tuesday, January 6, 2004. The meeting was held at County Services Building, 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; John Stevenson, County Commissioner; Bob Minshall, Pickaway Township Trustee; Jim Minor, Jackson Township Trustee. Sue Lumley, District Office Administrator, LWG secretary.

Members Not Present: Ron Clifton, Muhlenberg Township Trustee; Harvey Seitz, County Committee.

C. Randall Metzger turned the meeting over to Dan E. Garver.

1. Overview of EQIP monies approved for allocation in 2003 - \$137,489.76.
2004—expect to receive an initial allocation of approximately \$70,000.00.
2. Revisions to Practice Cost List
Robert Minshall moved to accept the proposed 2004 Area Practice Cost List Revision (**Attachment A**). John Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Review Point System & Scoring Priorities.
Jim Minor moved to approve the proposed changes to the Local Points Awarded for Practices (**Attachment B**). Robert Minshall seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Set Cut-Off Date for EQIP Application Selection.
Mike Estadt moved to propose March 31, 2004 as the cut-off date. Jim Minor seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Set-Aside Monies for Limited Resource Farmers (LRF) and/or Beginning Farmers.
The State mandated that a minimum of \$5,000.00 be set-aside for Limited Resource Farmers in 2003.

Jim Minor moved to keep the LRF set-aside money allocation the same as the minimum of the State. Robert Minshall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Robert Minshall moved to make no changes to the 2003 Beginning Farmer set-aside money allocation. Don Lamb seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. Solicit Soils Rental Rates for CRP Programs.
Following discussion, the general consensus of the LWG is to propose a \$5.00 increase to each of the 1999 Approved Soil Rental Rate categories (**Attachment C**).

Jim Minor moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Lamb seconded the motion. The motion passed. The January 6, 2004 Pickaway County Local Work Group meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Attachments will be posted to the web site when they are official.