

Pickaway County Local Work Group

Minutes

January 12, 2006

The Pickaway County Local Work Group (LWG) met on January 12, 2006, at 1:00 PM for a regular group meeting at the Brooks Yates Center South at 1005 Pickaway Street in Circleville, Ohio 43113.

Members present: C. Randall Metzger, Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation Board representative/LWG Chairman; Don Lamb, FSA County Executive Director; Dorothy Jones, FSA County Committee; John Stevenson, County Commissioner; Dan E. Garver, NRCS DC; Joe Weber, NRCS, Soil Conservationist; David Rittinger, Pickaway Township Trustee; Delbert Remy, Jr., Perry Township Trustee

Members not present: Mike Estadt, OSU Extension, County Agent and Ronald Clifton, Muhlenberg Township Trustee

Minute's Recorder: Tawn Seimer, Pickaway SWCD Administrative Assistant

C. Randall Metzger called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM

The minutes from the last meeting on December 16, 2004 were read by Tawn Seimer

Don Lamb moved to approve the Minutes from December 16, 2004. Delbert Remy, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dan E. Garver reviewed with the LWG the list of previously established priority rating of the natural resources and the Priority Practices for Pickaway County. (Attachment A).

Joe Weber then went over the EQIP Administration (Attachment B)

John Stevenson moved to continue the amount of \$5000 for the Limited Resource Farmer. Delbert Remy, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dan E. Garver went over recommended changes to the Local Point Assignment list. The LWG discussed the following changes: add Drainage Water Management with (100 pts.) & Water Well with (12 pts.) and to change points on Residue Management No-Till – Corn only from 40 to 100, Streambank and Shoreline Protection from 20 to 40, and Nutrient Management from 15 to 40.

Delbert Remy, Jr. moved to approve these changes to the Local Point Assignment Practice List (Attachment C). David Rittinger seconded the motion. C. Randall Metzger abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Don Lamb gave an update on FSA Programs:

CREP – interest is leveling out, WSG are mostly being used. Incentives for WSG planting have changed from a one-time \$40 per acre rate to a one-time \$20 per acre rate with a 20 acre minimum. This includes multiple tracts owned or operated.

CRP – Soil rental rates have increased for all of the CRP practices in the last few months, this increase has been up to \$10.00 per acre, depending on the soil type. There is still a 40% incentive payment on grassed waterways.

CP33 – A one-time \$50/acre bonus will be offered to any owner/operator who enrolls in the CP33 practice from January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006. This bonus is available within all the approved quail program counties. A CRP-2C must be signed and submitted before the March 31, 2006 deadline in order to receive this for CP33 practice. A minimum of one acre must be enrolled in order to qualify for this bonus.

Pheasants Forever has a PF employee, Doug Gorby working in Pickaway and four neighboring counties assisting the field offices in providing service to the landowners with the USDA programs.

Dan E. Garver recommended changes to cost share practices for Pickaway County (Attachment D). These changes were based on bills from 3 different contractors and their charges for different practices.

Dorothy Jones moved to approve these recommendations for Cost Share Changes. Don Lamb seconded the motion. C. Randall Metzger abstained from voting. The motion passed.

These recommendations will be sent to the Area 5 office to be added to other recommendations from the other LWG's in Area 5 to come up with any or all cost share changes to take effect.

At 2:50 PM Delbert Remy, Jr. moved to adjourn the LWG meeting. Don Lamb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

*Minutes will be sent out to each member of the Local Work Group.