

EQIP Local Work Group Meeting Minutes June 23, 2003

Meeting started at 1:10 pm.

Attending the meeting are as following:

Bruce Albright – Buffalo River Watershed	Marlin Schiefert – FSA
Craig Halverson – Clay SWCD	Steve Hofstad – Clay SWCD
Kevin Kassenborg – Clay SWCD	Duane Jansen – Clay SWCD
Kenny Schellack – Clay SWCD	Carol Schoff – Clay SWCD & FSA
Bob Merit – DNR	Ray Bisek – MN Extension
Sharon Lean - NRCS	

The first hour of the meeting a public meeting was held to address their concerns in Clay County. The concerns are as following:

- Sedimentation in the ditches
- More field windbreaks
- Updating culvert sizes
- Saline soils
- Diversion of water from gravel pits
- Grass waterways needed in the north part of the county
- Well sealing
- Protecting farm wells from flood waters
- River Restorations
- Wind Erosion
- More trees
- Residue Management
- Living Snow Fences
- Soil Erosion
- Log jams on the Buffalo River
- Sealing old Ag. Pits

After the public meeting, the EQIP Local Work Group conducted their meeting. The group concluded the most items the public is concern with were wind and water erosion and water quality. The group listed the priorities as following:

1. Erosion Control
2. Impaired Water
3. Gully Control
4. Water Resource
5. Grazing Systems
6. Distance
7. Wastewater/CNMP

8. Air Quality
9. Habitat Improvement
10. Forest Management
11. Additional Local Concern – Buffalo River Watershed

The local work group decided to make the Buffalo River Watershed a local concern due to there were four different concern areas in the watershed and they were unable to choose from one of the four areas. The four different areas were Spring Prairie Watershed study area, Buffalo River Aquifer, Beach ridge, and Moorhead Source Water Protection Area. The group decided that they wanted priority to be given to all four areas and being all four areas are in the Buffalo River Watershed, they made the watershed the priority area.

The group did not remove any practice from the EQIP docket and decide to use the Minnesota Scoring Worksheet with local weighted priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.