

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

Local Work Goup Meeting

Wednesday, August 31, 2005

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ron Tibodeau, Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, at the Cottonwood SWCD meeting room.

Work Group Participants in Attendance:

Steve Iverson – MN Extension Service/Red Rock Rural Water System

Ron Tibodeau – Cottonwood SWCD

Kay Clark – Cottonwood SWCD

Michelle Legatt - NRCS

Dave Bucklin – Cottonwood SWCD

Review of the Local Stakeholder Meeting.

Prioritization exercise was completed by the work group participants with the following results (low score = high priority):

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	H	10
A2. Gully Control	H	10
B1. Water Resource	H	9
B2. Wastewater/CNMP	H	9
C. Wildlife Habitat	M	4
D. Air Quality	L	1
E. Impaired Water	H	9
F. Distance	H	9
G. Grazing System	M	4
H. Forest Mgmt	L	1
Additional Local*		10

Geographic regions and concerns for the county:

Score high priority for projects within 300 feet from surface water or intake and 1,000 feet from a lake.

Will also give high priority if a project is in the wellhead protection areas of - Windom, Jeffers and Red Rock Rural Water preliminary maps from the MN Department of Health for Designated Wellhead Protection and all other towns in Cottonwood County that would have wellhead protection maps.

The group did not delete any practices from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document.

The groups' decisions will be forwarded to the NRCS Area Office.

Group dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Kay Clark