

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

WILKIN COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY07 EQIP

- 1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**
 - Wind Erosion
 - Water Erosion
 - Water Quality
 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning

- 2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**
 - Lower Otter Tail River Watershed

- 3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**
 - Applications for No-Till incentive payments
 - Soil erosion & water quality concerns in the Lower Otter Tail River Watershed
 - Applications addressing water quality

- 4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**
 - SOIL EROSION – the application will install a no-till cropping system reducing soil erosion to T or less. 14 points.
 - SOIL EROSION – the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by 5 or more tons/acre/year within the Lower Otter Tail River Watershed. 7 points.
 - WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within the Lower Ottertail River Watershed. 14 points.
 - WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns outside the Lower Otter Tail River Watershed. 7 points.
 - NON – POINTSOURCE POLLUTION – streambank and shoreline protection (580) will be implemented within the Lower Otter Tail River Watershed. 10 points.
 - ALL CONCERNS – the application will install practices to address a national priority within the Lower Otter Tail River Watershed. 2 points.

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.**
6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**
 - None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Steven K. Cole, NRCS District Conservationist

11/15/2006

Chair, Local Work Group

Date