

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

West Polk District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion - especially in the impaired waters watersheds

Water Quality – “ “ “ “ “ “

Air Quality

Wildlife Habitat

Human

Plant – pasture conditions, invasive species, irrigation improvements |

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

The watersheds with impaired waters will receive additional credit. |

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.

Soil erosion and water quality – applications with in impaired waters.

Soil erosion and water quality – applications with the following practices: 362, 380, 386, 393, 402, 410, 587, 638, 657 – to address field borders, filter strips, living snow fences, or flood control.

Soil erosion, water quality, and wildlife habitat – applications with no till/strip till scheduled. |

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.

1. Is the application with in an impaired watershed? Yes = 15 pts No = 0 pts.

2. Does the application include at least one of the following: 350, 362, 380, 386, 393, 402, 410, 587, 638, 657? Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts.

3. Does the application include 329 no till/strip till? Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts.

4. Does the application include 590 or 595? Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts.

5. Does the application include organic crop rotation, new or existing? Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts.

6. Does the application include 340, 345, or 351? Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts.

7. Does the application compliment a previously completed EQIP contract? Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts. |

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

- 1. 15 or 0
- 2. 10 or 0
- 3. 10 or 0
- 4. 5 or 0
- 5. 2 or 0
- 6. 2 or 0
- 7. 5 or 0

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

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 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Randy Huelskamp 10/5/07
Chair, Local Work Group Date

Participants were:

- Randy Huelskamp, NRCS Chairperson
- Paige Guetter, SWCD
- Bruce Nelson, FSA
- Terry Wolfe, DNR
- Russell Severson, MN Extension/SWCD
- Mark McWalter, SWCD
- Bill Montegue, County Commissioner