

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY08 EQIP

October 11, 2007

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

High Priority

Erosion Control

Gully Control

Water Quality

Medium Priority

Groundwater Protection

Grazing Systems

Water Quantity

High to Medium Priority

Feedlot Runoff Ag Waste

Impaired Waters

Low Priority

Air Quality

Forest Management

Habitat Improvement

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

- *Yellow Medicine River Watershed – specifically the monitoring sites #4 and #12 having a high nitrate problem. These sites include the following areas:
Sandnes – Sections 9-11, 13-17, 19 and 36
Norman – Sections 13-14, 22-24, 26-28, and 33-36
Wergeland – Sections 16-21, and 18-33*
- *Yellow Medicine River to Spring Creek as listed as impaired waters. This is the area from Hanley Falls to the Minnesota River.*
- *Lac qui Parle River Watershed – specifically the following areas:
Norman – Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 14
Omro - Sections 1-16, 22-24, 26-28, and 34
Oshkosh – Sections 1-12, 14-23, and 28-33
Tyro – Sections 4-9; 16-19; and 30
Wergeland – Sections 4-7*
- *Canby Creek Watershed – specifically the following areas above Del Clark Lake:
Fortier – Sections 11, 13-16 and 20-34
Norman – Sections 8, 9, 16-18, 19-20, and 30*
- *Main channel of the Yellow Medicine River, Lac qui Parle River, Florida Creek and Lazarus Creek (1 mile on each side)*
- *Vulnerable well areas (Canby, Echo, Wood Lake)*
- *Land adjacent to the lake of Wood Lake*
- *Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed – HUC Code 7020004560*

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 concerns in the Yellow Medicine River Watershed.

Soil erosion, and water quality concerns in the Lac qui Parle River Watershed.

Soil erosion, and water quality concerns in the Canby Creek Watershed above Del Clark Lake.

Soil erosion, and water quality concerns within the Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed and within one mile on each side of both Lazarus Creek and Florida Creek.

Soil erosion, and water quality concerns adjacent to the lake of Wood Lake and vulnerable well areas in Canby, Echo, and Wood Lake.

All applications outside of the priority areas with soil erosion practices.

All applications outside of priority areas addressing water quality.

Feedlot applications addressing pollution in the Lac qui Parle River Watershed.

All applications addressing feedlot pollution.

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 practices that reduce soil erosion by 1 or more tons/acre/year within priority areas of the Lac qui Parle River Watershed, the Yellow Medicine River Watershed, Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed, or within one mile of Florida Creek. 12 points

SOIL EROSION - the application will install practices that reduce soil erosion by 1 or more tons/acre/year within one mile of Lazarus Creek, within one mile of Yellow Medicine River outside of the priority areas, within one mile of the Lac qui Parle River Watershed outside of the priority areas, within the Canby Creek Watershed above Del Clark Lake, or land directly adjacent to the lake of Wood Lake. 10 points

SOIL EROSION - the application will install practices that reduce soil erosion by 1 or more tons/acre/year within all other areas of the county outside of the priority areas. 8 points

SOIL EROSION – the application will install practices that will control ephemeral or gully erosion. 5 points

WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within priority areas of the Lac qui Parle River Watershed, the Yellow Medicine River Watershed, Judicial Ditch #10 Watershed, or within one mile of Florida Creek. 8 points

WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within one mile of Lazarus Creek, within one mile of Yellow Medicine River outside of the priority areas, within one mile of the Lac qui Parle River Watershed outside of the priority areas, within the Canby Creek Watershed above Del Clark Lake, and land directly adjacent to the lake of Wood Lake, or the practice is within 3 miles of the listed vulnerable well areas of Canby, Echo, and Wood Lake. 7 points

WATER QUALITY – the application will install practices to address water quality concerns within all other areas of the county outside of the priority areas. 5 points

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – the application will install practices that address feedlot runoff within the Lac qui Parle River Watershed. 3 points

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – the application will install practices that address feedlot runoff outside of the Lac qui Parle 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 should be between 35 to 60 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**

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.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date

Local Work Group Members Present

- Cheryl Isder, Yellow Medicine County NRCS DC**
- Steve Schemel, Yellow Medicine County NRCS Soil Conservation Technician**
- Carl Wendel, Yellow Medicine County FSA**
- Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine County Commissioner**
- Terry Renken, Yellow Medicine Watershed Clean Water Partnership Coordinator**
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