

Minutes of the 2009 Crawford County Local Work Group  
October 29, 2009

Present: Rick Lange, Dennis Pozega, Adam Achenbach, Dennis Rooney, Pete Flesch, Wade Dull, Buzz Esser, Don Daentl, Mike Kilburg, Gary Harden, Dave Matheys,

Rick called the meeting to order @ 10:00 am and approved the agenda as posted. A review of the guidance document for LWG meetings was reviewed followed by LWG makeup refresher. It was noted that all present were representing either a federal, local, or state government. No members of the public were present. Other program information was present next: Whip updates were presented, WRP promotion, current status of CSP, Miss River Basin Initiative was discussed, possible involvement in Healthy Forest Reserve Program and upcoming TU Driftless Initiative were also brought up. 2009 organic initiative and news of 2010 organic initiative was also discussed. The MOSES letter and subsequent issues w/ several organic producers was also discussed.

The 2009 EQIP program was next. A copy of the narrative was read and a recap of contracting (19 contracts = \$161,000) followed.

Decisions for 2010 then followed. LWG was made aware of new info about applications being assigned to a fund code regarding land use. Since no further news was available or unknown when it would become available, the group pressed on with program planning with information on hand. The LWG did give Rick and Dennis the liberty to make changes to the 2010 program based upon any new rules, developments, or interpretations without calling the group back together; the group does want to be notified, however, of any changes.

: Priority Resources Concerns – Soil Erosion (classic and ephemeral gully, sheet and rill, and streambank).

- Grazing Lands
- Woodland Management

: Screening tools – it was decided that since local control was again denied the group in managing their own program by taking away local funding pools, that we would use a system of screening tools to identify priority practices.

: Labor rate for landowner labor was raised to \$12/hour. The group decided to only costshare on actual man-hours of labor and that machinery hours of producer owners equipment would not be considered. Only the hours spent operating the equipment.

The development of the eligible practice docket was the final item of discussion. Much good discussion followed and a list of practices that meet all resource concerns in the county was developed.

The meeting was adjourned @ 12:00 noon.

Submitted by Rick W. Lange, DC