



**Meeting of the Agricultural Production Subcommittee  
August 12, 2008  
Location: RCD Office  
3:30 pm- 4:30 pm**

<b>1. Call to Order</b>
<b>2. Introduction of Guests, Committee, and Staff</b>
<b>3. Public Comment-</b> The Committee will hear comments on items that are not on the agenda where the Committee has jurisdiction. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.
<b>4. Selection of Agricultural Water Quality Grant Recipients-</b> Grant Selection Committee members will review available grant funds and potential projects and apply selection criteria to determine grant recipients.
<b>5. Public Comment-</b> The Committee will hear comments on items that were discussed. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.
<b>6. Adjourn</b>



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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Louie called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and STAFF:**

Directors: Rich Allen, Jim Reynolds

Staff: RCD: Kellyx Nelson, Carolann Towe; Jim Howard, NRCS

Guests: Tim Frahm, Louie Figone

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- No Discussion

4. **SELECTION OF AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT RECIPIENTS:**

- Discussion:
  - Kellyx gave an update regarding the first two rounds of selection made by the committee.
  - Kellyx advised the board that a deadline, October 15<sup>th</sup>, had been given to the participants by the RCD due to grant requirements.
  - Round 2 participants are on schedule
  - There are concerns about Participant 25, they have been advised in writing as to the deadlines, and Kellyx is asking them for interim deliverables.
  - Kellyx responded to the letter from Ron Sturgeon asking about those participants that had been turned away. We have not turned any participants away, in fact, the issue has been in getting participants to accept the plan due to all of the red tape involved.
  - Kellyx advised we are having this meeting because there are funds still available and the committee needs to advise how the remaining funds should be used.
  - Kellyx asked Jim Howard to describe the eligible participants.
  - Participant 34 is not an EQIP project, but they have been participating under NRCS specifications. It is a tailwater recovery system. It is an operation in three main blocks. This system will take one of the blocks, capture storm water and irrigation storm water, and recycle it within itself.

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- Participant 35 is an irrigation regulating reservoir. This project will allow a cluster of water supplies to be connected together so the producer can draw from the most efficient supply at any time and move water to where they need it. It will also set up a rainwater harvesting system for water use efficiency.
- Kellyx advised that Participant 34 is a water conservation project using NRCS specifications. Producer will pay entire match.
- Both participants have received funding in other rounds.
- Both are irrigated agriculture and willing landowners.
- Project feasibility:
  - Project 34 is likely to be completed.
  - Project 35, there are concerns as to whether this project will be completed.
- Both have match funding.
- Both of these projects are in the list of practices the committee approved and have received funding previously.
- Kellyx advised that many of the current participants are interested in outreach and one has asked to have the Contract Manager of the SWRCB to come see the project.
- Once this grant is completed there will have been approximately 30 projects in the ground.
- Tim asked Jim if the 2 projects up for consideration are truly water quality beneficial.
- Jim said that while they lend themselves more to water use efficiency, they do indeed benefit water quality.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jim Reynolds asked when the grant ended
- Kellyx advised March 1, 2009.

**ACTION:** Rich Allen MOVED to fund these projects. The motion was SECONDED by Jim Reynolds and CARRIED unanimously.

6. **ADJOURN:**

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.