

**Missouri State Technical Committee
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Conducted via MS Teams - Virtual Meeting
9:00am – 11:00am, Thursday, June 24, 2021**

Introductions & Welcome

David Doctorian, NRCS ASTC Partnerships & Initiatives, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees to the meeting. Approximately 39 individuals were online and participating. David introduced the Directors of both the Farm Services Agency and NRCS.

Jeremy Mosely, Farm Service Agency (FSA), Acting State Executive Director

Introduced himself, his duties and appreciates the value of working together within USDA, NRCS and partners. Jeremy discussed the current COVID precautions still in place in the state and a brief overview of some of the impacts to delivering assistance to landowners and agricultural producers.

Scott Edwards, NRCS, State Conservationist

Welcomed everyone in attendance. Introduced himself as Missouri State Conservationist. He gave a summary of current NRCS priorities and activities. Edwards discussed the role of the NRCS State Technical Committee, and the importance of the input received from Missouri's diverse group of conservation partners.

**David Doctorian, NRCS, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships & Initiatives
Partnerships & Initiatives Update**

Mr. Doctorian provided an overview of the State Technical Committee role as defined by statute and policy. An overview of the process underway to develop subcommittees for selected resource areas was reviewed and a summary was provided of the current groups and individuals responding. Partners can still contact Ronna Chrisman or David Doctorian to request to participate in a subcommittee. The goal of the subcommittee's is to capture all opinions and diverse interests. He reviewed a few of the committees proposed functions, role, and expectations. There were two questions from the group about the role of the subcommittee and the relative weight or role of their input to the larger State Committee as a whole.

**Marilyn Gann, NRCS, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs (ASTC) for Programs,
Environmental Quality Incentives Program – Conservation Incentives Contracts (EQIP-CIC).**

Gann provided an overview of EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts (EQIP-CIC), and the EQIP-CIC Subcommittee's efforts. She thanked the subcommittee for their efforts and explained the program will not go into effect in FY21 but will be developed as a pilot in 4 states in an attempt to impact ongoing drought conditions.

Mrs. Gann then provided an overview of the Source Water Protection, Missouri River Basin Initiative (MRBI), and the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) and the opportunities for input. Specifically, she thanked and summarized the efforts of the source water protection sub committee for their input into developing recommendations for Missouri to meet upcoming program deadlines.

Allen Powell, Farm Services Agency (FSA) Conservation Programs Specialist, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) update

Mr. Powell provided an overview of ongoing CRP enrollment and signup efforts. A detailed summary of comments will be distributed with these minutes.

Scott Edwards, NRCS, State Conservationist

Mr. Edwards went into detail about the history and evolution of partner input into the various water resource emphasis areas, Source Water Protection, Missouri River Basin Initiative (MRBI), and the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI). Under his leadership, we are looking to gather partner input in the most meaningful manner to provide future conservation benefits to impacted watersheds.

Mr. Edward's identified a July 1, 10am meeting opportunity for those individuals in providing input into the three identified water resource areas listed above, in an effort to prepare and reply to a July 9 deadline for NRCS National HQ input.

Scott Edwards Appreciated everyone's input and questions. Thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting Adjourned 11:35am