

## **AG LANDS RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 2006**

Meeting Summary Based on Two Conference calls  
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October 25, 2006

### Members Participating:

Chairman Luther Waterland - Montana; James Summers – North Carolina; Kurt Heyman – Ohio; Paul Kalass – Minnesota

### Staff Participating:

Bill Berry – Wisconsin, newly assigned position

## **AGENDA**

### 1. District Excellence Awards

Newly created award recognizing a Soil and Water District in relation to the committee's focus. Short notice and lack of formal procedure prompted members to nominate worthy Districts in their own circle of association. It was noted that the committee's mission states "The primary liaison with government agencies and organizations responsible for the development and implementation of the agriculturally related programs affecting the nation's agricultural lands engaged in growing crops and producing livestock." With that the following Districts were nominated: Huron District – Ohio; Goodhue District – Minnesota and the Mower District – Minnesota. Due to the time constraint and lack of formal procedure it was the consensus of the committee that the staff advisor and Chairman make the necessary inquiries and pick the winner.

### 2. Resolutions

Concern that Tier 3 of the CSP program was not achievable in some areas of prime farmland where the land is not suitable or practical for 4% wildlife habitat. Consent for resolution as to reflect concern.

Concern was brought forth for adequate funding for the Conservation Technical Assistance Fund. It was thought that the Committee would be a logical source for such a resolution.

The Committee also agreed to produce a resolution expressing continued support for the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and conservation on working lands.

Next telephone conference in mid December.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE DECEMBER 18, 2006

Members Participating:

Luther Waterland – Montana; Kurt Heyman – Ohio; Doug Thomas – Minnesota; Paul Kalass – Minnesota; James Summer – North Carolina

Winner of the District Excellence Award: Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District located in Minnesota.

Discussion and facts regarding Conservation Technical Assistance Program

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Discussed and consented by members.

#1 CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM TIER 3 WILDLIFE STANDARDS

#2 CONTINUOUS CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM AND  
CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN 2007 FARM BILL

#3 CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING NEEDS

#4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

Next meeting – 8:00 p.m. – February 3, 2007 – Los Angeles, California

\*\*More detailed Minutes available upon request