

GMP – Phase II
Lower Miss River Sub-Basin

Conference call to discuss targeting Missouri boot heel for Phase II in lower sub-basin

Participants:

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Bob Ball, NRCS

Odie Swanigan, specializes in pest and nutrient management

Stan Mick, Area Conservationist located at Jackson

Pat Turman, Resource Conservationist (nutrient management) located at Dexter;

Michele Gross, DC in Stoddard County

Ron Miller, State Agronomist,

Glenn Davis, Agronomist (nutrient management)

Conference call with LMR / NRCS in Missouri

Explain project

Solicit ideas about phase II

Identify local producer groups

NCGA may get involved

Ag activity in boot heel: corn, soybeans, some cotton and rice

One of two basins that are focus watersheds for hypoxia. Other is north fork of salt river (west of Hannibal, in upper miss basin). Lower St Francis is heavily ag, row crop farming, very flat and progressive ag producers and ag industry. Input close proximity to Miss River. Success in working with CSP, EQIP and progressive landowners.

Lot of participation in CSP. Innovative farmers. Irrigation.

No direction for focus watershed in terms of nutrient reduction.

No predetermined ideas – makes project attractive.

Ask producers what works well and is reasonable...provided we have good guidance from ag industry in phase one.

May move from awareness to higher level.

Three SWCDs in watershed

Rice Council

Missouri Corn Growers

Soybean growers

Know key people and will talk about

Consult with local experts, develop primary strategy, identify 12-15 key producers.
Then arrange first workshop with producers.

After the meeting – what is end product?

NMP template that can be used in other areas.

Bringing producers together usually has to involve food.

Work with this group as “steering committee.”
Add Steve Watson, DC at Dunklin County
Pat Turman serve as lead
Two extension agronomist and a research farm
David Guethle, extension Stoddard Cty
Mike Milam, extension Dunklin

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Send letter of introduction to state conservationist. CTIC to Roger Hanson, announce project, mention working with appropriate tech staff and field personnel.

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Call in number needed