



Standards Oversight Council (SOC)

Supporting Technical Standards for Urban and Rural Soil and Water Conservation

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Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2012 * 9:00 am – Noon

DATCP - Madison, WI

Attendees: Richard Castelnovo, Perry Lindquist, Mary Anne Lowndes, Pat Murphy, Chris Schlutt, Jim VandenBrook, Gretchen Wheat. **On Phone:** Bruce Olson

Review of February meeting minutes and Action Register

No changes to minutes. Chris to finalize and post on website.

Action Register Follow-Up

- Obtain team notes for website; determine location in website. Gini will work with team leaders to obtain notes. Post only approved minutes unless team leader specifies otherwise.
- SOC List Serve. Chris reported that WLWCA is transitioning to Google. Gini will work on creating two new list serves (ag and urban).
- Residue management/RUSLE 2. Pat will follow-up on the RUSLE2 database maintenance and availability.
- UWEX representation. Richard contacted Ken Genskow at UWEX, who will attend the next SOC meeting to help him determine who would be best represent UWEX based on the council's needs.
Action Item: Include Ken Genskow on Doodle poll for next meeting.
- NRCS 629 Waste Treatment standard. When finalized it will probably be opened up again soon for adjustments as new data becomes available.
- Gini to review web site and make simpler to navigate. **Carry over.**
- Infiltration Trench standard issues. **Chris to email Jerry for an update and see if finalized standard is posted.**

Review draft Training Plan

- Training plan was reviewed. A meeting with Pat Murphy was set for the afternoon of April 6 at WLWCA. Other meetings will be scheduled after Gini begins.
- The first new team will most likely be the Pervious Pavement standard. Gini will work with the council, Tim Ryan and Roger Bannerman on starting a team.
- Regarding NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard, in June Pat will begin discussions to determine if a scoping team is needed. The team would need to establish goals and objectives if the standard is opened, reminding them of the importance of transparency in the process. Pat will bring more details to the council prior to creating a scoping team. Pat will be the team sponsor.
- Possible new team is Wetland Restoration.
- Review Needs Assessment to determine other potential teams.

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Action item: Add pervious pavement standard to work plan under Planned Work Projects.

WLWCA Executive Director Update

Jim VandenBrook has been hired and will begin on May 7.

SOC Budget Update

Use website format for budget. SOC is a priority for NRCS; however, for years' out the base should be diversified. The council then called Kirsten Moore to review budget issues.

Team Updates

NRCS 313 Waste Storage Facility. Pat contacted JR, who indicated that companion documents are planned for 313 and 629 but no formal plans have been developed on how to create them. **SOC/team leaders and JR need to organize a call or meeting to finalize a plan.**

NRCS 629 Waste Treatment. The spreadsheet on the NRCS website is from 2009 and needs updating.

NRCS to determine release dates. There is companion document work to be done. Discussion regarding who is responsible for the companion documents – the custodian? How do they get generated when needed? Are the companion documents adequate? The handbook states the “team may need to be responsible for ...” Teams have always struggled with whose job it is.

Action item: Revisit companion document issue. Both comments and minutes should be posted on website.

Other Business

Changes need to be made on the letterhead reflecting the merged association. Include WLWCA Staff and WLWCA Members (Perry and Bruce).

Scheduling Next Meeting

Action Item: Gini to get dates from Pat for next meeting and then send out Doodle poll (include Ken Genskow, UWEX). No sooner than mid-May.

Action Item Register:

1. **Gini - Include Ken Genskow on Doodle poll for next meeting.**
2. **Chris - Emailed Jerry for an update and see if finalized Infiltration Trench standard is posted.**
3. **Gini - Add pervious pavement standard to work plan under Planned Work Projects.**
4. **SOC/team leaders and JR need to organize a call or meeting to finalize a plan for 313 Waste Storage Facility.**
5. **Revisit clarification of responsibility and generation of companion documents.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.