

Roger Patterson

From: Dan Smith [dsmith@mnrnd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 1:44 PM
To: Roger Patterson
Subject: Proposal Questions

Roger,

I shall plan on being at DNR at 8 AM on Friday.

In answer to your questions:

Normal year

Spreading? YES
16.5? IS part of the 40.5
9" reserve? IT IS carry forward
Max acres? Between 311,000 and 312,000
5%? It doesn't. Incentives will have to

Water short year

Spreading? YES
We do not intend to call 2005 a water short year. People have to have a year to learn the system.
Reduction? YES we thought it would

Incentives

\$2.00 per acre will raise \$624,000. This would be used to support both CREP and a locally funded program

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From: Roger Patterson [rpatterson@dnr.state.ne.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 10:46 AM
To: 'Dan Smith'
Subject: RE: Proposal

Thanks Dan. We will be there Tue at 8:00 AM. Let's try to get together on the 25th at 8:00 if that will work.

I have several questions I'd like to visit about before the McCook meeting. Some of them include:

NORMAL YEAR -

- Is spreading allowed on the 10% of lands that receive no allocation?
- Is the 16.5" part of the 40.5" allowed over 3 years?
- What is the 9" reserve? Is it a carry-forward into the next allocation period?
- What is the maximum number of acres that will be certified?
- How does this achieve a 5% reduction in background pumping (294kaf)?

WATER SHORT YEAR

- Is spreading allowed onto the 20% with no allocation?
- What does "ignore water short year for first year of allocation" mean?
- Will this meet the additional reduction in use goal for water short years for MRNRD (would need to reduce depletions by at least an additional 12kaf in these years)?

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

- What does \$2-624,000 mean? How will incentives work?

In response to your other questions - we would be glad to put together a presentation on the model between now and July 13 - let's try to schedule that soon. Unless we can get something from Cookson, I think the most useful information on economics may be the work Ray Supalla is doing for the power folks. Jim Cook and Dave Cookson both say the authority for fees is not totally clear but not without some basis. We would help defend a plan that included fees.

Roger

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Smith [mailto:dsmith@mrnrd.org]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2004 3:42 PM
To: Roger Patterson
Subject: Proposal

Roger,

This is the proposal you should be prepared to discuss on June 29th. We will be meeting at the Farm Credit Services Building on North Hiway 83 in McCook. Planned start time of 8:00 A.M. I will be in Lincoln

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on the 25th and could meet with you first thing in the morning if you need more information.

Also, there is a group that would like to have more information on the model. I don't think most of them would understand what they were told but the board thinks we should make an effort. Would you or someone from the department be willing to make a presentation some evening in McCook before the 13th of July. With harvest starting, I doubt if many would attend but once again we thought we should try to inform them. Ann should be able to relate there questions and concerns. Most of this group is from Hayes County.

Also, the economic study is still an issue. We will need something that can be presented with regard to that subject. I don't know if it could be done at the same time, but we will need some info before an August hearing.

Did Jim Cook or anyone have the time to address the fee per acre or buy water issues?

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