

## **Bootheel Nutrient Management Coalition**

### **Conference Call**

**October 26, 2009**

### **Notes**

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1. Healthy Watersheds Initiative. Bob Ball. Web site—can find info. MO has until November 2 to submit 3 watersheds to national headquarters. Criteria will guide selection. Looking at 5 watersheds right now. Identifying core conservation practices and payment schedules. Some percentage of CIG grants will be limited to selected watersheds. There will be an RFP released mid to 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. To address both N and P. With questions contact Dwayne Gelner, Bob Ball, or Glenn Davis. Attention will focus on 10-12 digit HUCs. When will we see program sign up? January at earliest.
2. CCA Training. November 23-24. Soil and water class will be on November 24. Doug Daigle recommended two LA speakers and he will make contacts. Program will include Bob Perry, SWCD from MS, LA speaker, and Gene Pennington. Scott suggested a talk on how to use soil test information. Possibly John Lorry. Gene and David went over entire agenda. 70-75 people expected, influencing 200,000 acres. We can help with publicity through our respective organizations. Greg Yielding could also help with publicity. We could potentially have a speaker on the Healthy Watersheds Initiative. Bob suggested Mike Sullivan. Davis Minton from DNR could be a possible speaker. David and Gene need info on speakers to make their CCA application for CEUs.
3. Corn Meeting December 10. We could have ½ hour to talk to corn farmers. Fifty people expected, overwhelmingly farmers. What do we want to do? Overview of stalk sampling program? David will pitch to John Lorry. Scott suggested a talk on interpreting the test results. Kat suggested using a local example with real numbers and real recommendations. There will likely be cotton, rice, and soybean meetings as well. We could have 20-30 minutes during these ½ day meetings. Christa will ask the group by email for speaker suggestions.
4. Stalk Sampling Project. Testing will be \$10/each. 15-20 stalks per sample. 4 samples on 80 acres. Could be more with zones. Ideas from Troy Huntley. Equipment needed. GPS could be used. FFA contact favorable to helping. Scott sent CTIC boiler plate contract to Sikeston FFA sponsor and he does not anticipate problems. 14-15 FFA chapters within Little River Ditches watershed. No leader found yet. People could make application through SWCDs? 3000 operator entities eligible. Time frame for collecting samples late July –October 1. Then sample collection analyses, then recommendations. Could promote program at Corn Meeting or at a special event after sampling and testing is complete. Lots of promotional opportunities for this: SWCD annual meetings, FFA newsletters. FFA can help promote. Need to meet with FFA sponsors possibly winter break or at their state meeting. Scott will make contact. We need to do a project proposal to help us promote this. Then try to get a meeting together.

5. Next meeting Nov. 20, 1:00 PM Central.