

Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum Technical Subgroup

Meeting minutes

December 8th, 2020 1:00pm

In attendance: Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA; Kate Gardiner, University of Illinois Extension; Kris Reynolds American Farmland Trust; Layne Knoche, University of Illinois Extension; Kim Martin, Farm Service Agency; Jean Payne, Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association; Kristi Jones, Illinois Department of Agriculture; Karen Winter-Nelson, University of Illinois Extension; Mark Schleusener, USDA – NASS; Lisa Beja, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; Laura Christianson, University of Illinois; Megan Baskerville, The Nature Conservancy; Dennis Bowman, University of Illinois Extension; and Eric Gerth, USDA NRCS

Welcome and Introductions – *Kate Gardiner, Illinois Extension*

Kate Gardiner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves in the chat box.

Land Measures Reporting for the 2021 Biennial Report – *Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA*

Trevor Sample reviewed the data that partner organizations provide for the report and progress on securing those data. If anyone has questions on what data to submit, they can ask Trevor. Data should be submitted to the NLRS Gmail account at illinoisNLRS@gmail.com. The following data are typically included in biennial reports:

- FSA (CRP, Cover Crop Reporting)
- NRCS (EQIP, CSP, ACEP), (RCPP, MRBI, NWQI)
- IDOA (PFC, Soil Transect Survey, Fall Cover for Spring Savings, LMFA)
- IDNR (CREP)
- IEPA (319, 604b, watershed plans)
- NASS-2020 NASS Survey results
- NGO Programs and Project Updates

Resource and Outreach Reporting Spreadsheet – *Kate Gardiner, Illinois Extension*

Kate shared that the Resources and Outreach spreadsheet for 2020 and narrative project updates for 2019-2020 are due on Friday, January 29th. She will send out a template for the narrative updates that organizations can use if they wish. If anyone has any questions on the spreadsheet, they can reach out to the Illinois Extension team or Dr. Anna Marshall.

Discussion:

Kate and Trevor reiterated that all the spreadsheets, updates, and data for the 2021 biennial report are due at the end of January 2021 and should be submitted to illinoisNLRS@gmail.com. Jean Payne asked if data is to be based on a calendar year and Trevor and Kate confirmed it is. Ag Tech Subgroup members thanked Trevor and Kate for a concise meeting. There were no other comments or discussion among members.