

**Jefferson County Board Report**  
**11/20/2013**

**EQIP practices in progress**

- Brendon still has a couple potential late fall/early winter construction projects to work on
- Currently working to certify and pay all of the fall constructed practices prior to 12/15/2013
  - Gov't shutdown's biggest impact to the Jefferson office was completing timely certification/payments on fall completed practices.
    - Very little field work was delayed due to the shutdown beyond payments
- All contracts need to be cleaned up (IE – prior year practices paid or given extensions) by 12/15/2013

**2014 EQIP signup**

- Application deadline will be December 20, 2013
  - This is good as it will allow more time for field work prior to snow
    - There will be changes to the ranking process in 2013
      - There will be a priority on completing permitting prior to contracting in the coming year and beyond
- NRCS currently has four applications
  - However there is a list of over 15 people to contact based on previous interest during the past year.

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP)/Conservation Security Program (CSP)**

- Working to complete all payments
  - Participants have a choice of either 2013 or 2014 payments
- This will be the final year of the CSP program

**General**

- Wetland/HEL Determination requests to complete:
  - ~10-12 have yet to be looked or are being reviewed, but not yet completed
  - 0 are waiting to be digitized
  - 0 are waiting to be approved/signed
    - With the growing season nearly over, the window is short to complete and determinations that need field investigations
- The past month consisted of: Certifying and practice payments, completing contract modifications, writing conservation plans, 2014 EQIP application taking, compliance review follow-up and writing performance plans/reviews for employees
  - The next month should consist of: working on 2014 EQIP media releases and application taking, completing payments and contract cleanup/modifications, CStP/CSP payments, and a few construction projects
- Program Delivery Team Training – 11/12/2013 - all