

Jefferson County NRCS Report to the LWCC
9/21/2021

General Info

- The Jefferson office is now under shared management with Rock County
 - Lars Olson concluded his 120 day detail on 9/10/2021
 - Dave Gundlach will be the District Conservation for both counties until further notice.
 - Dodge County will be combined with Fond du Lac County
- For General EQIP funding in the cropland, pasture, and forest/wildlife fund pools, Jefferson County has been combined with Columbia, Dane, and Rock Counties in the Driftless End Moraines local work group
- The vacancy announcement for a Resource Conservationist in the Jefferson office opened (again) on 9/13 and closed on 9/21/2021
 - A panel of qualified applicants should be received within 2-3 weeks.
 - Interviews and a selection will need to be completed within 2 weeks following receipt of the panel from the staffing office
- Wetland/HEL Compliance:
 - Dettman Dairy Farms agreed to a wetland restoration plan for a converted wetland on their land along the Rock River

CRP

- 5 re-enrollment contracts for continuous CRP have been completed
- 10 out of 14 General CRP applicants moved forward with accepted offers
 - 9 of 10 have completed/signed contract documents
- 7 applicants submitted new continuous offers
 - 3 are moving forward with contracts
 - 1 of 3 have completed/signed contract documents
- Remaining 3 contracts need to be signed/approved by FSA before 9/30/21

EQIP practices in progress

- Abendroth lined waterway project is seeking bids and should be constructed once crops are off
- Back Road Beef should be starting construction of a waste storage facility
- Ebbott has a system of terraces and waterways planned for construction
- Koellen will be installing a well and pipeline system for grazing watering facilities
- Stilling grassed waterway will be constructed after harvest

2022 EQIP signup

- FY22 application deadline cutoff has not been announced yet
 - There are 15 unfunded applications from 2021 that will be deferred to 2022

Conservation Stewardship Program (CStwP)

- 2017 CStwP contracts are set to expire 12/31/2021
 - 8 participants have filed renewal applications for 2022
 - Renewal contracts need to be obligated by 12/30/2021
- Annual CStwP payments will start October 11, 2021
 - There are 18 contracts in good standing
 - 14 contracts have annual payments/practices certified and are ready to be paid