

NRCS Water Quality Sub-Working Group

1:00pm – Thursday - September 9, 2010

Arkansas River Room - Little Rock, AR

Meeting called to order by Walt Delp, NRCS State Engineer, at 1:00pm.

The following recommendations were made:

- **Recommendation: Identify the overlaps of natural resource practices to better coordinate the programs to maximize the efforts of all conservation partners.**

**Result: Dave Long spoke at AACD conference about the various programs.**

- **MRBI and Water Monitoring**

- **Recommendation: Review current monitoring payment rate to make changes as needed to meet the cost of the practice.**
- **Recommendation: Review the MRBI ranking for applications and the payment rates for the monitoring practices**

**These were reviewed at a special monitoring meeting with Extension and all these issues were cleared up.**

### **New Approved Practices**

Are there recommendations for new practices?

- Herbicide Resistant Issue – felt it could be placed under the integrated pest management

**Done. Used a CAP.**

- Slow Released Fertilizer – could a payment practice be adopted?

**Done under 590, Nutrient Management.**

- Wind row litter within poultry operations is showing some possible benefits (in house pasteurization process). Litter has more water soluble phosphorus with increase for runoff but less nitrogen.

**We reviewed this and decided that it did not meet the conservation needs because of the increased water soluble phosphorous will allow more P to move to the surface waters and the decrease in nitrogen makes the chicken litter less valuable. The main advantage of this practice is for the health of the birds and is therefore primarily a production practice rather than a conservation practice.**

