



Emergency grazing is available in counties D2 or higher drought status, which is currently most of the state.

#### CRP Grasslands SU 204 Open 4/4-5/13/2022 – CRP Notice 964

No cropping history required, land can be hayed, grazed, left idle or for wildlife use

CWG/SB are allowed, no management activity required, weeds must be treated, native range accepted, no EI assessment in eligibility but land must be in existing grass

Any area with greater than 5% tree canopy or permanent water is not eligible and will be excluded

CRP Grassland Worksheet posted and will host a training soon, IR 645 in the works

For all status reviews and counting a species as part of a stand, it must comprise 10% of the stand species.

Minimum \$13/ac rental rate and +\$5 in GYC (Beaverhead, Madison, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon)

CRP Grasslands would be an option for fields that are crested wheatgrass or smooth brome.

The office is currently staffed at 75% and producers allowed in office.

It is planned for FPAC employees to resume normal work schedules on May 2, 2022. This return date is contingent on the status of the pandemic.

Submitted by Laurie Massar, DC

#### **Extension Report – Jesse Fulbright** (not in attendance)

### **District Business**

#### **LOCAL ACTIVITY**

#### ***Oaths to be Signed***

*Tyler Streit*

#### ***Interview for new Administrator***

*Two individuals applied and were accepted for interviews. Both seemed competent for the job. Chairman Lanny Jones suggested that more of the board members should be in on the final decision for hiring. The board will meet again soon by Zoom to be able to discuss the options.*

#### ***Civil Rights Responsibility for Partners Checklist***

*The board started looking over this agreement that needs to be signed. In the very first sentence it mentions the MOA – Memorandum of Agreement which we would like to further investigate before signing.*

#### ***Ag Day for Elementary Students***

*The Liberty County Conservation District is partnering with the MSU Extension Service to conduct an **Ag in the Class** event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Gail Cicon has been working with Jesse Fulbright on this project. They hope to make it an annual event. They are planning five stations: Soils, Wildlife, Water Erosion, Insects, and Aquatic Invasive Species. Each station will last for approximately 25 minutes. It is scheduled for May 20, 9:00 – 11:30.*

### ***Farmer's Union Day Camp***

*This event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31 at the Catholic Church. The LCCD and NRCS employees will work together to present topics about agriculture; relevant to the age group ages 6-12.*

### ***Tree Orders***

*Trees will be delivered May 4 in the last morning. At this point, there are 5 Liberty County producers ordering trees.*

### ***Future schedule and end of employment details for Gail***

*Gail will help with the training of the new Administrator. The district will need to pay her for approximately 90 hours of accumulated vacation time, and 40 hours of sick leave. More will be determined after a new administrator is hired.*

## ***REGIONAL AND STATE***

### ***Future Workshops? Willow Creek***

*Bee hives, herbicide resistance, humic*

### ***Next Meeting -??***

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

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*Gail Cicon, Administrator*

*Lanny Jones, Chairman*

District meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the USDA Service Center, Chester, 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.

**MISSION: TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS BY PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS TO CONSERVE, IMPROVE AND SUSTAIN OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.**

**VISION: Having a community that is economically stable with the natural resources conserved by:**

1. providing education and encouraging control of nuisance weeds and eradication of noxious weeds
2. having no soils blowing above their tolerance level—ideally no soil or water erosion
3. sustaining and improving water quality, with rivers and streams running clear.
4. encouraging tree planting for shelterbelts and wildlife
5. encouraging recycling
6. working jointly with all other agencies/organizations to enhance conservation practices within the District
7. improving the public perception of the Conservation District