

March Report

March 2 – Monthly Board Meeting was held at the Extension Office at 6:30pm, meetings are open to the public. All Board members were present as well as NRCS representative, DOC representative and a newspaper reporter.

An application was submitted to the Division of Conservation for an Environmental Grant for county wide projects.

The Annual poster and Essay Banquet was held on March 24th at the Nicholas County Elementary School. A meal was served to the top three grade winners and their families, certificates and prizes were also presented. Grades 1-12 can participate in this contest. First through fifth grades do posters on the topic assigned by the Division of Conservation and sixth through twelve writes essays. This contest is in partnership with Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Division of Conservation.

The State Cost Share applications were approved by the local board and forwarded to the Division of Conservation for the final approval. The State Cost Share programs are to help landowners address existing soil erosion, water quality and other environmental problems associated with their farming operations. Practices eligible for cost share are animal waste control facilities; animal waste utilization; vegetative filter strips; sinkhole protection; heavy use area protection; rotational grazing system establishment; livestock stream crossing and riparian area protection.

The Administrative Secretary met with the Homemakers' Executive Board to ask for assistance with the preparation of the meal for the Producers' Meeting to be held in April.

The Annual Plan of Work and Annual Budget was completed and submitted to the Division of Conservation and Fiscal Court.

The lime buggy was rented to 3 producers. One of the Supervisors helped a producers with the use of the equipment.

The no-till drill was rented to 3 producers.

Total Deceased Animal pick-ups for the month of March: 5 cattle and 2 goats.

Office staff offered assistance to 1 producer with the completion of their Ag Water Quality Plan.