

# INMC Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2016

**Attendees:** David Hardy, Deanna Osmond, Jot Smyth, Josh Spencer, Natalie Woolard, Michael Shepherd, Joseph Hudyncia, David Crouse

## **Approve Minutes**

Minutes for September 15, 2015 were approved.

## **Nutrient Management Training – March 2016**

Currently there are 15 people registered for the March training. The class will be capped at 20. Due to the transition of NRCS staff there is some concern about who would be available to lead the RUSLE portion of the training. Currently J. Spencer will be taking the lead however we will also be exploring the opportunity of Dana Ashford being detailed to NC for this training and/or contracting with Jim Canterbury. DSWC will incorporate the PLAT concepts into the software training.

## **Nutrient Management Software Update**

N. Woolard and M. Shepherd provided an update on the software. Significant progress has been made and is continuing to be tested.

## **Technical Specialist Rules Review**

N Woolard discussed the rules review process mandated by the General Assembly. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission rules regarding designated technical specialists are in the early stages of this process. Draft concepts of changes were discussed primarily related to streamlining the application processes and requiring continuing education credits. N. Woolard will keep the committee up to date with the progression of the rules as they move through the process.

## **Wheat RYE Discussion**

D. Osmond reported that there still is very limited statewide data to support adjusting wheat RYE's and/or N Factors. Currently, there are three years of data from Sampson County; two fields are Goldsboro soils the other field is predominately Norfolk soil. The average yields were 65-75 bushels per acre and the N factors were much higher than what we have in current data tables. D. Osmond will bring the topic back to the INMC once additional data is available.

## **Overseed PAN Rate Modification**

C. Lawson reported that she has received several requests from the field to permanently accept the temporary overseed PAN rate modifications issued by DWR in December 2015. Discussion was held regarding the need for sufficient research to support such a permanent recommendation. The INMC is always willing to review and adjust recommendations accordingly based on sound research. At this time no such research has been presented to suggest that the overseed PAN rate modifications should be accepted permanently. However, the overall desire to do such research was discussed. The lack of grant funding for such research projects continues to be a hindrance for NCSU and NCCES.

**Set agenda items for next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2016.**