## MEMORANDUM 2021-012

DATE:

February 24, 2021

TO:

All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:

Kurt Boeckmann, Director

Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT:

Warm Season Grass Component For Erosion Control Practices

The Soil and Water Districts Commission during their December 9, 2020 approved cost-share assistance on native warm season grasses (WSG) implemented with erosion control practices utilizing state average cost for WSG. The cost-share will be provided with grouped components WSG pasture seeding and WSG critical area planting. The grouped components will be developed the same as the cool season grass grouped components.

Additionally, the commission established policy when cost-share is provided using the WSG components there will be a 10 year maintenance life on the practice. For practices that typically have a 5 year maintenance life, there will be an option in MOSWIMS to select the maintenance life when developing the contract.

The cost-share assistance using the WSG components is for native warm season grasses only. If a producer uses a non-native warm season grass, the cost-share assistance will still be based on the cool season grass pasture seeding.

If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.