

OCEAN Update 11/17/21

- The 2 **contractors**
 - Administrative Support Contractor
 - Working on organizing documents in Google Drive.
 - Takes meeting notes
 - Deliverables Contractor
 - Responsible for implementing all facets of the NRCS Technical Assistance contract.
 - Sent out an email to all districts asking if there are Certified Conservation Planners that the deadline to renew their certification is 12/31/21. They need to contact Samantha so she can assist them in the renewal. She is also offering help for those that need an AgLearn Account a Linc pass and/or additional job approval authority. She will be tracking the Certified Conservation Planners and put their information on the OCEAN website to ensure they hear about upcoming deadlines and certification information.
- Signed the contract 2 weeks ago with a firm to help organize the **Connect Training** in 2022. The training will be in the fall of 2022 and be a hybrid workshop meaning it will be in-person as well as virtual. OCEAN meets tomorrow and will begin the process of contacting partners to be on the planning committee. We have changed the name to Connect Plus showing the training is the year for partners to attend.
- We had **strategic planning meeting** in October and even though it was virtual it went well. We reviewed Robert Rules of order and decided what we will use at our meetings and we updated our 3 year plan being as some of it was not accomplished because of covid. One action item that we will work on is getting information out to districts on what OCEAN is and what we offer employees.
- **Logo and website update** – Contracted with Hoopla Creative to update the OCEAN website and create a new logo. We have made some suggestions on logos that have been submitted. Hopefully we will all decide on one.