



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager *DP*
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Land Resources Subcommittee met at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the NRD Large Conference Room in Lincoln to discuss and/or take action on two agenda items. Subcommittee members present included Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, Mike DeKalb, Chelsea Johnson, Dave Landis, and Sarah Wilson. Members absent included Mark Spangler and Bruce Johnson. Others present included Paul Zillig, John Albert, Evan Sisel, Cory Schmidt, Donna Reid and myself. Hellerich called the meeting to order and gave a brief welcome.

a. The first agenda item was to discuss extending all district-wide fall cost-share applications until April 30th. I explained that the District had established a deadline of February 1st for the district-wide fall cost-share applications for various reasons. With some jobs not completed or started due to weather, staff has extended that deadline to April 30, 2020. The District's Summer Conservation Program construction period begins May 1st so this would complete those fall applications before the start of that program. Even if all the work is done with the outstanding applications, the District will still be within budget. This has been extended in past years when the current budget allows in order to get more conservation practices completed. Donna Reid presented the number of total fall cost-share applications, those completed and paid, those completed and not yet paid, those cancelled, those started but not finished, and those not yet started. I also stated that the technicians have been notified of the extension and a letter has gone out to the property owners having active fall cost-share applications.

b. The next item on the agenda was to consider the applications for farm pond cost-share. I stated that the District received seven farm pond applications for 2020. There are two in Lancaster County, two in Seward County, one in Cass County and two in Saunders County. Our technicians (Spilinek, Albert and Sisel) have reviewed the applications for eligibility requirements and John Albert presented photos and information on each application to the subcommittee. Compiled information pertaining to each of them was also sent to the subcommittee members. Of the seven applications, only two meet the criteria of the farm pond cost-share program and NRCS specifications for design and permitting. Information on the seven applications is attached. Questions were asked by the members regarding the program criteria, pond design, and alternate practices.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by DeKalb, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the farm pond applications for Leo Benes at a 60% cost-share not to exceed \$19,800.00 and for Bruce Woita at a 60% cost-share not to exceed \$23,268.00.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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FARM POND APPLICATIONS LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NRD

2020

Name	County	Legal	Drainage area	Purpose	% Treated	Comments	Estimated Total Cost	Cost-share at 60%
Stephen Schlife	Lancaster	NWNW 34-12-6	78 acres	Grade stabilization	75	Site will not allow a dam to be built without road encroachment		
Skiler Ramsey	Lancaster	SW 17-11-6	24 acres	Wildlife	10	Insufficient drainage Poor land treatment boundary problems		
Aaron Shropshire	Seward	NE 29-11-4	52 acres	Crossing	100	Crossing best achieved other ways Few resource concerns		
Darin Plautz	Seward	NE 27-12-4	48 acres	Multiple	100	Upstream ponds greatly limit drainage Few resource concerns		
Lamber† Fam Farms LLC	Cass	ENW 11-11-9	38 acres	Wildlife	0	Poor land treatment Resource concerns best accomplished with terraces		
Leo Benes	Saunders	SSW 33-13-5	66 acres	Wildlife GS	90	Existing watershed in CRP Some controlled by neighbors	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 19,800.00
Bruce Woita	Saunders	SW 12-13-5	103 acres	Grade Stabilization Crossing	70	Intends to do more conservation work already signed up Some erosion needs to be addressed	\$ 38,780.00	23,268.00