



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: February 11, 2026
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee met on Monday, February 9, 2026. There were four items for consideration and updates on current cost-share BMPs. Subcommittee members present included Ken Vogel, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Gary Hellerich, David Landis, Lisa Lewis, and Suzanne Mealer. Members absent included Susan Seacrest. Staff present included Shaula Ross, Donna Reid, Eric Zach, John Albert, Bridget McKinley, and David Potter. Tom Cowan, NRCS District Conservationist was also in attendance. Director Vogel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

The first item was **consideration of an Agreement between Cass County and Lower Platte South NRD to obtain digital map products for the areas of the county within LPSNRD**. This item is one of the agreements identified in the LRIP under Land Resources – Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions. An agreement with Cass County is being considered and will complete the aerial imagery for portions of the District located in Cass County. The LPSNRD cost to use the digital mapping is \$24,000 payable in four installments of \$6,000 invoiced to the District on November 30 of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. The proposed agreement with Cass County is for use of the mapping product, flown annually in the spring and shall remain in force and effective from March 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029.

Potter and Ross answered questions on the proposed agreement and final product. Ross stated that flights are planned for the end of March. She explained how the information will be received by the district and how the imagery will be used.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between Cass County and LPSNRD for the use of digital map products for portions of LPSNRD located in Cass County at a cost of \$24,000.

The second item was **consideration of an Agreement between Saunders County and Lower Platte South NRD to obtain digital map products for the areas of the county within LPSNRD**. This item is one of the agreements identified in the LRIP under Land Resources – Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions. An agreement with Saunders County is now being considered and will complete the aerial imagery for portions of the District located in Saunders County. The LPSNRD cost to use the digital mapping is \$12,000 payable annually in six installments of \$2,000 invoiced to the District on or about June 1, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031. The proposed agreement with Saunders County is for three flights (2026, 2028, and 2030) and was provided to the subcommittee. Ross stated the flights will be made in late March and answered questions on the proposed agreement and final product.

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between Saunders County and LPSNRD for the use of digital map products for portions of LPSNRD located in Saunders County at a cost of \$12,000.

The next item was **consideration of the NRD/NSWCP 2026 LPSNRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program**. Potter stated NRCS received the NSWCP Payment Schedule in late January. The payment schedule is an NRCS regional docket that identifies all the possible practices and recommended unit prices. These unit prices are not always indicative of what we are seeing within LPSNRD so each year we prepare the annual LPSNRD Docket that identifies the most common practices and scenarios used within our District with our recommended cost-unit rate. Tom Cowan, District Conservationist, met with our resources technicians to discuss the average costs listed in the 2026 Docket. Cowan discussed his spreadsheet comparing the new 2026 cost-share numbers with those approved for the 2025 Docket (attached). It was noted that some unit costs have gone up while others have decreased. In review of the 2026 NSWCP Payment Schedule, our technicians noted that the 2025 LPSNRD cost-share docket was more representative of our District than the new 2026 numbers for those common scenarios or practices, except for five of them. These 2025 unit cost numbers and the five suggested changes were more reflective of what we have been seeing from contractors. It was discussed and recommended to keep the unit cost the same as they were in 2025 except to decrease the unit cost for one practice under code 412 (grassed waterway) and increase the unit costs for one practice under code 600 (terrace) and three practices under code 620 (underground outlet). The draft of the 2026 LPSNRD Average Costs / Docket based on those discussions and input was presented to the subcommittee and is attached. It was also noted that if an uncommon project scenario that's not on the LPSNRD Docket would occur, then the unit price listed on the NSWCP Payment Schedule would be used. The entire 2026 NSWCP Payment Schedule (long list) was also provided to the subcommittee. Potter, Cowan, Albert, and McKinley answered questions regarding the practices and unit prices.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2026 LPSNRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-share Program.

The last action item was **consideration of the LPSNRD Buffer Booster Program**. LPSNRD had a Filter Strip Program and currently administers the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program. The NRD Filter Strip Program encouraged landowners to establish bands of vegetation adjacent to cropland. Vegetation improves water quality downstream by filtering out sediment and associated pollutants. The Nebraska Buffer Strip Program offers the same benefits with similar requirements and now has greater incentives. With less and less interest in the Filter Strip Program (we had not received any new applications since 2017), the District decided to discontinue that program and promote the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program more by creating a booster incentive program similar to the CRP Booster Program that was approved in 2014. We have three remaining contracts in the NRD Filter Strip Program set to expire in April 2026.

The District partners with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to implement the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program. Cropland adjacent to perennial and seasonal streams, ponds, and wetlands can be enrolled in buffer strips, which are designed to filter agrichemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides. Two kinds of buffer strips are eligible - filter strips, which are narrow strips of grass; and riparian forest buffer strips containing trees and grass. Research has shown that buffer strips can remove up to 60% of certain pathogens and 75% of sediment. For various reasons, the district has seen declining interest in buffers strips and this booster program is designed to increase enrollment, while providing funds to offset the cost of establishment. The booster program would add a one-time incentive payment to go along with the annual rental payment the producer would receive from the

buffer strip program. All other requirements and provisions of the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program would remain in place. Contracts would be approved and cost per acre would be determined by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Staff would use a targeted marketing campaign to publicize the program to producers who have property that will qualify. The FY 26 budget includes \$10,000 for the booster program and incentives would be on a first-come, first-served basis. A preliminary draft of the Buffer Strip Booster Program was provided to the subcommittee and Potter and Zach answered questions from the Directors.

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Landis, and approved by the Subcommittee on a vote of 6-1 (with Aldridge voting no) to recommend the Board of Directors approve the LPSNRD Buffer Strip Booster Program.

The discussion agenda item included **updates of LPSNRD program and projects**. Reid and Potter provided updates on the following items:

- Status of Cost-Share Projects. Only one fall cost-share application of the 25 approved has been completed and paid so far. With current weather conditions, we're expecting more projects to be completed. All the 2025 summer cost-share jobs were completed, and all have been paid.
- Extension of Fall cost-share construction deadline. The construction deadline for fall cost-share applications is February 1st of each year. This date has been established to give the district an opportunity to evaluate the number of cost-share projects during the construction period with the remaining budgeted funds. For most years, this set date has worked well and prevents projects from being dragged out. With some projects not completed or started due to the recent government shutdown and with money still in the budget, staff has extended that deadline to April 30, 2026. 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. We extended the construction deadline last year to April 30th and it worked well.
- Cover Crop Program. The District approved 23 cover crop cost-share applications in the amount of \$47,011. There was one cancellation. Resources technicians will be inspecting the current cover crop BMPs throughout the winter making sure they were seeded and are growing and then verifying termination of the crop in the spring. Cost-share payments are not made until the cover crop is verified and terminated.
- Twin Lakes 319 Project. The District worked with Nebraska Game and Parks and with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to prepare and submit a 319 Project Implementation Plan (PIP) and funding request to EPA for the Twin Lakes Watershed. In June 2021 the District was notified by NDEE that EPA approved the Twin Lakes Watershed PIP. The LPSNRD Board approved the project agreement in July 2021. This 319 Project has had much interest from property owners to complete best management practices, including terraces, grassed waterways, farm ponds, etc., however, in the last few years, the continued drought prevented construction of these practices. The District has successfully been awarded extensions of the grant. Weather conditions have proven to be much more favorable this past summer and fall, and projects are currently being constructed.

There being no further business, Vogel adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

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**AGREEMENT
FOR DIGITAL MAP PRODUCTS FOR CASS COUNTY**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into effective March __, 2026, by and between the **Lower Platte South Natural Resources District**, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, located at 3125 Portia St., Lincoln, NE 68501-3581 (hereinafter referred to as the "District") and the **County of Cass**, Nebraska, A Body Politic and Corporate, located at 346 Main St, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), and individually referred to sometimes as the "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

RECITALS

A. The County has entered into an agreement with the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (herein after call MAPA) to obtain digital aerial mapping products, including aerial photography, digital orthophotos and other digital mapping items ("Digital Mapping") to be flown (initial data acquired) annually in the spring of each year with final product to be delivered at the end of summer to fall. The Digital Mapping will include the entire area of the County which includes the portion of the County located within the boundary of the District.

B. The District desires to obtain the right to use the Digital Mapping from the County for District purposes and to pay the County for such use as specified in Section II below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above Recitals and covenants and promises contained below, the Parties agree as follows:

**I.
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

The Cass County GIS Program Manager, Sean Kennedy, will act as "Administrator" of this Agreement and will be responsible for delivery of the Digital Mapping to the District. The Administrator will provide staffing necessary to review the Digital Mapping. After the County has received delivery of the Digital Mapping, reviewed it, and accepted it, the County shall deliver (or allow MAPA to deliver) it to the District prior to October 31, unless flight delays cause a late delivery of the Digital Mapping to the County. The District may use the Digital Mapping in any manner that it chooses.

**II.
FEES, RECORDS, PAYMENT**

The District shall pay the County the sum of \$24,000 for the use of the Digital Mapping. The Administrator shall submit an invoice to the District in the sum of \$6,000 on or about November 30 of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, until a total amount of \$24,000 is invoiced to the District for use of the Mapping Product, flown annually in the spring. Each \$6,000 invoice will be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

**III.
TERMINATION**

Either Party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon 30 days prior written notice to the other Party at the address stated above. If the District terminates before December 31, 2029, then the District shall be responsible for a prorate payment of the total \$24,000. And the District shall remove the Digital Mapping not fully paid for from its mapping system and return its copy to the County within 30 days following early termination. An accounting of all invoices and payments will be made by the County to the District upon the District's request. If this Agreement is terminated by the County, except for termination due to the District's failure to make a required payment, the District shall receive a full refund for any payment made prior to the County's termination, and the District is entitled to retain the Digital Mapping in its possession.

**IV.
WARRANTY**

The County represents and warrants that it has the right to grant the District the use of the Digital Mapping as provided for under this Agreement and will defend the District if there is any claim that the County does not have the right to grant the District such use.

**V.
TERM**

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effective from March 01, 2026, through December 31, 2029 unless terminated earlier by either Party as provided in Section III above. This Agreement may be extended past December 31, 2029, upon the mutual agreement of Parties.

**VI.
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Parties to this Agreement shall not, in the performance of this Agreement, discriminate or permit discrimination in violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances because of race, color, sex, age, disability, political or religious opinions, affiliations or national origin.

**VII.
APPLICABLE LAW**

The Parties shall comply with all existing local, state and federal laws applicable to the transaction set forth in the Agreement. Nebraska law will govern the terms and the performance under this Agreement.

**VIII.
MODIFICATION**

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties. No representations were made or relied upon by either Party other than those that are expressly set forth herein. No agent, employee or other representative of either Party is empowered to alter any of the terms hereof unless done in writing and signed by an authorized officer or respective of the Parties.

**IX.
INDEMNIFICATION**

Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent allowed by law, the other Party and its principals, officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, suits, actions, payments, liabilities, judgments, and expenses (including court-ordered attorneys' fees), arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of their principals, officers, or employees in the performance of this Agreement. Liability includes any claims, damages, losses, and expenses arising out of or resulting from performance of this Agreement that results in any claim for damage whatsoever including any bodily injury, civil rights liability, sickness, disease, or damage to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom.

Further, each Party shall maintain a policy or policies of insurance (or a self-insurance program), sufficient in coverage and amount to pay any judgments or related expenses from or in conjunction with any such claims. Nothing in this Agreement shall require either Party to indemnify or hold harmless the other Party from liability for negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of said other Party or its principals, officers, employees, or agents.

X.
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is the express intent of the Parties that this Agreement shall not create an employer-employee relationship. Employees of one Party shall not be deemed to be employees of any other Party. Each Party shall be responsible to their own respective employees for all salary and benefits. A Party's employees shall not be entitled to any salary, wages, or benefits from the other Party, including but not limited to overtime, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation, sick leave, or injury leave.

Executed by the District this _____ day of _____, 2026.

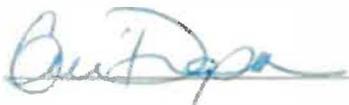
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT,
a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska,

By: _____
David Potter, General Manager

Executed by County of Cass this 16th day of December, 2025.

COUNTY OF CASS NEBRASKA,
A Body Politic and Corporate

By: Chairman: 
Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Nebraska

ATTEST: Cass County Clerk: 

Contract Summary

Contract type	Agreement for Digital Map Products
Parties	Lower Platte South Natural Resources District ("District"), Saunders County, Nebraska ("County")
Contract Amount	\$12,000
Jurisdiction	Nebraska
Start date	November 26, 2025
End date	November 26, 2031
Effective date	November 26, 2025
Contract Term	From November 26, 2025 through November 26, 2031. The contract may be extended past November 26, 2031, upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Termination Clause

- Either party may terminate the agreement with or without cause upon 30 days prior written notice.
- If the District terminates before June 30, 2027 (for the 2026 flight) or June 30, 2029 (for the 2028 flight), or June 30, 2031 (for the 2030 flight) the District must remove unpaid Digital Mapping from its system and return it to the County within 30 days following early termination.
- If the County terminates the agreement (except for non-payment by the District), the District is entitled to a full refund for any payment made prior to termination or may retain the Digital Mapping in its possession.

Liability

- Each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its representatives from claims, damages, suits, actions, payments, liabilities, judgments, and expenses arising from their acts or omissions in the performance of the agreement.
- Liability includes claims for bodily injury, civil rights liability, sickness, disease, or damage to tangible property.
- Each party must maintain sufficient insurance or a self-insurance program to cover any judgments or related expenses.
- Neither party is required to indemnify the other for negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the other party.

Indemnification

- Each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its representatives from claims, damages, suits, actions, payments, liabilities,

judgments, and expenses arising from their acts or omissions in the performance of the agreement.

- Liability includes claims for bodily injury, civil rights liability, sickness, disease, or damage to tangible property.
- Each party must maintain sufficient insurance or a self-insurance program to cover any judgments or related expenses.
- Neither party is required to indemnify the other for negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the other party.

Payment Terms

- The County will invoice the District \$2,000 annually on or about June 1 for two years (2026 and 2027) for the 2026 flight, totaling \$4,000.
- The County will invoice the District \$2,000 annually on or about June 1 for two years (2028 and 2029) for the 2028 flight, totaling \$4,000.
- The County will invoice the District \$2,000 annually on or about June 1 for two years (2030 and 2031) for the 2030 flight, totaling \$4,000.

Each invoice must be paid within 30 days of receipt unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Warranty

- The County warrants that it has the right to grant the District the use of the Digital Mapping as provided under the agreement.
- The County will defend the District against any claims that it does not have the right to grant such use.

Non-Discrimination

- The parties agree not to discriminate in the performance of the agreement based on race, color, sex, age, disability, political or religious opinions, affiliations, or national origin.

Modification

- The agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties.
- No representations were made or relied upon other than those expressly set forth in the agreement.
- No agent, employee, or representative of either party is authorized to alter the terms unless done in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the parties.

Independent Contractor

- The agreement does not create an employer-employee relationship.
- Employees of one party are not considered employees of the other party.
- Each party is responsible for its own employees' salary and benefits.

Renewal Terms

The agreement may be extended past November 26, 2031, upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Delivery of Digital Mapping

- The County has requested Pictometry International Corp to deliver the final Mapping Product to the District.

Governing Law

- The agreement is governed by Nebraska law.
- The parties must comply with all existing local, state, and federal laws applicable to the transaction.

Extension Clause

- The agreement may be extended past November 26, 2031, upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Refund Clause

- If the County terminates the agreement (except for termination due to the District's failure to make a required payment), the District shall receive a full refund for any payment made prior to the County's termination.

Insurance Clause

- Each party must maintain a policy or self-insurance program sufficient to cover any judgments or related expenses arising from claims related to the agreement.

Entire Agreement Clause

- The agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties.
- No representations were made or relied upon other than those expressly set forth in the agreement.
- No agent, employee, or representative of either party is authorized to alter the terms unless done in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the parties.

Delivery Timeline

- Initial data for Digital Mapping to be acquired in spring 2026, spring 2028 and spring 2030.
- Final product to be delivered at the end of summer to fall of 2026, 2028 and 2030.

Executed by the District this _____ day of _____, 20__

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT,
A political subdivision of the State of Nebraska

By: _____

Title: _____

Executed by the District this _____ day of _____, 20__

SAUNDERS COUNTY NEBRASKA,
A political subdivision of the State of Nebraska

By: _____

Title: _____

Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario Number	Scenario	Scenario Unit	2025 NRD Payment per Unit	Suggested 2026 Payment per Unit (changes shown in color)
342	Critical Area Planting	26	Vegetation - Normal Tillage (Organic and Non-Organic)	Acres	\$426.87	\$426.87
362	Diversion	1	Diversion	CuYd	\$4.27	\$4.27
378	Pond	4	Embankment Pond with less than 24" Pipe	CuYd	\$8.50	\$8.50
378	Pond	5	Embankment Pond with greater than or equal to 24" Pipe	CuYd	\$7.50	\$7.50
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	1	Hand Planted, Bare Root	Each	\$2.73	\$2.73
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	5	Trees, machine planted	Foot	\$0.39	\$0.39
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	4	Removal > 8"es DBH with Dozer	Foot	\$3.18	\$3.18
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	2	Embankment, Pipe <24"	CuYd	\$7.08	\$7.08
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	3	Embankment, Pipe >=24"	CuYd	\$6.11	\$6.11
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	9	Concrete Block Chute	SqFt	\$8.35	\$8.35
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	11	Rock Chute	CuYd	\$141.51	\$141.51
412	Grassed Waterway	2	Waterway, 25 to 50 ft2	Acres	\$2,518.19	\$2,518.19
412	Grassed Waterway	5	Waterway with Side Dikes or Checks	Acres	\$3,756.95	\$3,500
484	Mulching	1	Natural Material - Straw	Acres	\$545.14	\$545.14
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	7	Introduced Perennial & Native Grass Mix	Acres	\$124.91	\$124.91
550	Range Planting	1	Native, Standard Prep	Acres	\$171.08	\$171.08
550	Range Planting	5	Native, Wildlife, or Pollinator (FI)	Acres	\$294.25	\$294.25
600	Terrace	2	Non-Storage - Broadbase	Foot	\$2.40	\$2.40
600	Terrace	7	Non-Storage - Narrow Base	Foot	\$3.33	\$3.33
600	Terrace	3	Storage - Broadbase	Foot	\$4.25	\$4.75
600	Terrace	6	Storage - Grass Back	Foot	\$4.39	\$4.39
600	Terrace	8	Storage - Narrow Base	Foot	\$3.58	\$3.58
620	Underground Outlet	6	PE, 6" or smaller	Foot	\$5.07	\$5.07
620	Underground Outlet	70	PE, 8"	Foot	\$7.08	\$7.08
620	Underground Outlet	71	PE, 10"	Foot	\$10.26	\$10.26
620	Underground Outlet	72	PE, 12" or greater	Foot	\$13.58	\$13.58
620	Underground Outlet	4	PVC or Dual Wall, 4" - 6"	Foot	\$8.64	\$9.64
620	Underground Outlet	7	PVC or Dual Wall, 8" - 10"	Foot	\$10.38	\$11.63
620	Underground Outlet	9	PVC or Dual Wall, 12" - 18"	Foot	\$14.72	\$15.97
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	1	WASCOB base	CuYd	\$4.66	\$4.66

2026 LPSNRD Average Costs - Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program

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380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	Removal > 8"es DBH with Dozer	Foot	\$3.18
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Embankment, Pipe <24"	CuYd	\$8.50
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Embankment, Pipe >=24"	CuYd	\$7.50
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Concrete Block Chute	SqFt	\$8.35
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Rock Chute	CuYd	\$141.51
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600	Terrace	Non-Storage - Narrow Base	Foot	\$3.33
600	Terrace	Storage - Broadbase	Foot	\$4.75
600	Terrace	Storage - Grass Back	Foot	\$4.39
600	Terrace	Storage - Narrow Base	Foot	\$3.58
620	Underground Outlet	PE, 6" or smaller	Foot	\$5.07
620	Underground Outlet	PE, 8"	Foot	\$7.08
620	Underground Outlet	PE, 10"	Foot	\$10.26
620	Underground Outlet	PE, 12" or greater	Foot	\$13.58
620	Underground Outlet	PVC or Dual Wall, 4" - 6"	Foot	\$9.64
620	Underground Outlet	PVC or Dual Wall, 8" - 10"	Foot	\$11.63
620	Underground Outlet	PVC or Dual Wall, 12" - 18"	Foot	\$15.97
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	WASCOB base	CuYd	\$4.66

Reviewed and Approved by:

Signature

Date

Costs for additional eligible practices can be found in the 2026 DNR/NSWCP Practice Payment Schedule.

LPSNRD Buffer Strip Booster Program - DRAFT

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to landowners enrolling or reenrolling land in the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program to benefit water quality of streams, lakes, and wetlands while providing wildlife habitat.

Eligibility: Assistance will be provided to landowners enrolling or reenrolling land in the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program that is located within the Lower Platte South NRD (District). Newly enrolled buffer strips must be seeded to an NRD approved seed mix containing native grasses. Existing buffer strips that meet stand requirements of newly enrolled buffers are also eligible. Existing buffer strips that contain only smooth brome must be upgraded with an approved mix to be eligible for the incentive.

LPSNRD Buffer Strip Booster Program Assistance: To promote participation and offset the initial cost of establishing a buffer strip in the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program, the NRD will provide a one-time incentive payment up to 100% of the per-acre annual Nebraska Buffer Strip rental rate for new and reenrolled acres. This first-come, first-served incentive payment is payable at the time the Nebraska Buffer Strip Contract is executed.

Example: Calculated soil rental for a 4-ac. buffer is \$200. The booster payment will be 4-ac. x \$200 = \$800.

10-year Contracts

- The District will provide a one-time incentive payment equal to **100%** of the per-acre Nebraska Buffer Strip payment rate.

5 to 9-year Contracts

- The District will provide a one-time incentive payment equal to **50%** of the per-acre Nebraska Buffer Strip payment rate.

NRD Contract – Landowners will enter into a contract with the District that will require a prorated repayment to the District if the buffer strip is removed from the program prior to its expiration.