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Memorandum

Date: April 27, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 

RE: Land Resources Subcommittee April 25th Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee had a LRIP meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022. Subcommittee members participating included Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, Mark Spangler, Bruce Johnson, Vern Barrett, Ron Nolte, Anthony Schutz, and Ken Vogel. Others attending the meeting were Deborah Eagan, Paul Zillig, David Potter, Tracy Zayac, and Cory Schmidt. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hellerich at 5:30 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed. The only action item was to develop recommendations for the FY23 Budget and updates for the Long Range Implementation Plan.

The FY22 accomplishments for each program (district-wide, targeted, and GIS Support & Imagery), the nine-month update of the measurable goals, and the Natural Resources Benefits of Practices and Programs Table were reviewed and discussed. Potter and Schmidt offered information on the status of conservation work in the district, including farm ponds, terraces, and cover crops. The status of the current farm pond projects/applications and explanation for delays in construction were given. Following discussion on the accomplishments, the LRIP and budget status codes and Master Plan goals, desired outcomes and objectives were reviewed. The subcommittee then discussed the proposed actions and expenditures for FY23 and for FY2024-2027. Staff explained each action item and proposed expenditure. Much discussion was had on USDA/NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program and possible projects, the NRD and Nebraska Buffer Strip Programs, Land Treatment Cost-share, and the NRD Cover Crop Program. Getting the City of Lincoln involved with cover crop cost-share assistance in the Salt Creek Watershed was also discussed. The need to get more producers planting cover crops was a priority.

Bruce Johnson moved to increase the proposed budget for the cover crop program from \$125K to \$250,000 for FY23 and FY24-27. Second by Vogel. Motion failed 4-4 (with Hellerich, Johnson, Schutz and Vogel voting yes and with Aldridge, Barrett, Nolte and Spangler voting no).

With no further recommended modifications, additions, or deletions, it was moved by Barrett, seconded by Vogel, and approved (with Hellerich, Johnson, Barrett, Nolte, Schutz, Spangler and Vogel voting yes and with Aldridge not voting) to submit the final FY 2023 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 2024-2027 Actions and Proposed Expenditures for Land Resources to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY23 Budget and LRIP.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.