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Memorandum

Date: May 3, 2024

To: Land Resources Subcommittee

From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager

RE: Land Resources Subcommittee April 29th LRIP Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee met to discuss the FY25 LRIP on Monday April 29, 2024, at the NRD office. Subcommittee members participating included Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Seth Hawkins, Don Jacobson, Chelsea Johnson, and Susan Seacrest. Members absent were Gary Hellerich and Ken Vogel. Others attending the meeting were Mike Sousek, David Potter, Donna Reid with LPSNRD and Tom Cowan with NRCS. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jacobson at 5:30 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed. The only action item was to develop recommendations for the FY25 Budget and the Long-Range Implementation Plan.

The FY24 accomplishments for each program (district-wide, targeted, and GIS Support & Imagery) were reviewed and discussed. Potter and Cowan updated the subcommittee on the staff review of the cover crop program and discussed the construction restrictions due to drought and on the status of conservation work in the district. Potter also provided updates on changes to the cost-share maximum dollar amounts, the Twin Lakes Watershed Section 319 Project, status of digital imagery, district-wide water quality management plan, and NACD grants. Following discussion on the accomplishments, the nine-month update of the measurable goals and the Natural Resources Benefits of Practices and Programs Table were presented and reviewed, along with the Master Plan goals, desired outcomes and objectives and the LRIP and budget status codes. The subcommittee then discussed the proposed actions and expenditures for FY25 and for FY2026-2029. Staff explained each action item and proposed expenditure. Discussion followed on land treatment cost-share, the NRD Cover Crop Program, weather stations, and unspent funds.

With no further recommended modifications, additions, or deletions, it was moved by Seacrest and seconded by Green to submit the final FY 2025 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 2026-2029 Actions and Proposed Expenditures for Land Resources to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY25 Budget and LRIP.

It was moved by Aldridge and seconded by Johnson to amend the FY25 proposed LRIP/budget for Soil & Water Conservation district-wide cost-share on structural conservation practices from \$750,000 to \$500,000 in proposed expenditures. Motion failed with Aldridge voting “yes” and Jacobson, Green, Johnson, Hawkins, and Seacrest voting “no”.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the FY25 proposed LRIP/budget for Soil & Water Conservation targeted Salt Valley Lakes Watershed Cost-Share Program from \$125,000 to \$75,000 in proposed expenditures. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the FY25 proposed LRIP/budget for Soil & Water Conservation targeted Section 319 funding for BMPs in Twin Lakes Watershed from \$572,915 to \$100,000 in proposed expenditures. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Main motion to submit the final FY 2025 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 2026-2029 Actions and Proposed Expenditures for Land Resources to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY25 Budget and LRIP was approved with Jacobson, Green, Johnson, Hawkins, and Seacrest voting “yes” and Aldridge voting “present”.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

pc: Finance & Planning Subcommittee