



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2026

To: Land Resources Subcommittee and F&P Subcommittee

From: David Potter, General Manager

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

The Land Resources Subcommittee met to discuss the FY27 LRIP on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the NRD office. Subcommittee members participating included Ken Vogel, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Gary Hellerich, Dave Landis, Lisa Lewis, Suzanne Mealer, and Susan Seacrest. Others attending the meeting were Bob Andersen, David Potter, Jeremy Gehle, Shaula Ross with LPSNRD and Tom Cowan with NRCS. The meeting was called to order by Chair Vogel at 6:15 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed. The only action item was to develop recommendations for the FY27 Budget and the Long-Range Implementation Plan.

The FY26 accomplishments for each program (District-wide, Targeted, and GIS Support & Imagery) were reviewed and discussed. Potter and Cowan updated the subcommittee on the status of conservation work in the district, including terraces, farm ponds, and cover crops. Potter also provided updates on the Twin Lakes Watershed Section 319 Project, and Ross provided information on digital imagery. 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 FY27 and for FY2028-2031. Staff explained each action item and proposed expenditure. Discussion followed on decline of land treatment cost-share (terrace work), changes in eligible areas to the cover crop program, unspent funds, and possible shifting of proposed expenditure funds from one program to another.

With no further recommended modifications, additions, or deletions, **it was moved by Vogel, seconded by Seacrest, and approved 7-1 (with Aldridge voting no) to submit the final FY 2027 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 2028-2031 Actions and Proposed Expenditures for Land Resources to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY27 Budget and LRIP.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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LAND RESOURCES

PROGRAM AREA: Soil & Water Conservation (District - Wide)

GOALS: A, F, I, J, K

FISCAL YEAR 2027

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Cost-share on structural conservation practices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPSNRD Funds NSWCP Funds <i>(State \$ obligated by NRD, paid by State)</i> 	F2a F2a	C1 C1	\$550,000 <i>*85,000</i>	\$0 <i>*85,000</i>	1	470010 470011	
Buffer Strip Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State buffer strip program NRD Buffer Strip Booster Program 	11b 11b	A6 A6	\$50,000 \$10,000	\$50,000 \$0	2 3	470014 470014	301050
Cost-share on Special Conservation practices. Anticipated construction of a farmpond and cropland conversion to grass.	A5b	C1	\$25,000	\$0	4	470012	
Non Structural BMPs (no till continues to increase through education & experience).	A5b		\$0	\$0			
Cropland conversion to grass and/or trees (Federal programs provide most of this assistance, NRD funding via Special Conservation Practices).	F2a		\$0	\$0			
Investigate availability of federal funds, including consideration of watershed project through USDA / NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program.	F2a		\$0	\$0			
Update average costs utilized for conservation practice cost-share programs.	F1a		\$0	\$0			
Continue to identify and prioritize projects and practices in priority areas as identified in the district-wide Water Quality Management Plan and include projects in Targeted Area.	F1a		\$0	\$0			
Review NRD District-Wide Water Quality Management Plan.	F1a		\$0	\$0		470020	
Review and update of Erosion and Sediment Control Program.	F2a		\$0	\$0			
Request Finance & Planning Subcommittee to include funds in NRD Budget to update GPS Survey Equipment which includes the base station, the rover and the handheld data collector.	F1a		\$0	\$0			

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Utilize NACD Technical Assistance Grant.	F1a		\$0	\$0			302252
Examine cost-share program on structural conservation practices based on participation, consider changes to program and / or further promotion of land treatment program to encourage and increase participation.	F1a		\$0	\$0			
Cooperate with and co-sponsor regenerative agriculture programs (promotes soil health, no-till, cover crops, crop rotation, perennial crops, grazing). <i>[1,000 in I & E Environmental Education]</i>	F3b	C2	<i>*1000</i>	\$0	5		
Cooperate with Department of Natural Resources according to the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act.	F3b		\$0	\$0			

FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Non Structural BMPs	\$0	\$0
Cropland conversion to grass and/or trees	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on structural conservation practices		
LPSNRD Funds	\$650,000	\$0
NSWCP Funds	^ \$85,000	\$0
Investigate availability of federal funds	\$0	\$0
Buffer Strip Programs		
NRD buffer strip booster program	\$10,000	\$0
State buffer strip program	\$50,000	\$50,000
Increase technical assistance efficiencies with improved technology	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on Special Conservation practices	\$50,000	\$0
Utilize NACD Technical Assistance Grant	\$0	\$60,000

FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Non Structural BMPs	\$0	\$0
Cropland conversion to grass and/or trees	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on structural conservation practices		
LPSNRD Funds	\$700,000	\$0
NSWCP Funds	^ \$85,000	\$0
Investigate availability of federal funds	\$0	\$0
Buffer Strip Programs		
NRD buffer strip booster program	\$10,000	\$0
State buffer strip program	\$50,000	\$50,000
Begin update of WQMP	\$10,000	\$0
Increase technical assistance efficiencies with improved technology	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on Special Conservation practices	\$50,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Non Structural BMPs	\$0	\$0
Cropland conversion to grass and/or trees	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on structural conservation practices		
LPSNRD Funds	\$700,000	\$0
NSWCP Funds	^ \$85,000	\$0
Investigate availability of federal funds	\$0	\$0
Buffer Strip Programs		
NRD buffer strip booster program	\$10,000	\$0
State buffer strip program	\$50,000	\$50,000
Update of WQMP	\$5,000	\$0
Increase technical assistance efficiencies with improved technology.	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on Special Conservation practices	\$50,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Non Structural BMPs	\$0	\$0
Cropland conversion to grass and/or trees	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on structural conservation practices		
LPSNRD Funds	\$700,000	\$0
NSWCP Funds	^ \$85,000	\$0
Investigate availability of federal funds	\$0	\$0
Buffer Strip Programs		
NRD buffer strip booster program	\$10,000	\$0
State buffer strip program	\$50,000	\$50,000
Increase technical assistance efficiencies with improved technology.	\$0	\$0
Cost-share on Special Conservation practices	\$50,000	\$0

LAND RESOURCES

PROGRAM AREA: Soil & Water Conservation (Targeted)

GOALS: A, F, I, J, K

FISCAL YEAR 2027

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Administer Salt Valley Lakes Watershed Cost-Share Program.	I1c	B1	\$100,000	\$0	2	470023	
Install BMPs in the Stevens Creek Watershed.	F2a	B1	\$50,000	\$0	3	470025	
Implement Section 319 funding for BMPs in Twin Lakes Watershed.	F2a	B1	\$385,000	\$231,000	1	470028	303222
Apply for 319 funding for BMPs in Turkey Creek Watershed and/or consider the watershed a targeted area BMPs.	I1c	B1	\$15,000	\$0	5	470028	
Implement Cover Crop Program for eligible areas of the District.	I1c	B1	\$115,000	\$0	4	470027	
Consider any modifications and/or further promotion of the Cover Crop Program to encourage and increase participation.	I1c		\$0	\$0			

FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Salt Valley Lakes Watershed Program	\$100,000	\$0
Install BMPs in the Stevens Creek Watershed	\$50,000	\$0
Administer Twin Lakes Watershed Section 319 Project	\$0	\$0
Administer Turkey Creek Watershed Section 319 Project	\$20,000	\$12,000
Implement Cover Crop Program for the Salt Creek Watershed upstream of Lincoln, a Community Water System Protection Area, a Targeted Watershed Area, or a Phase II or III Area within the District, or fields currently in Summer Cost-Share Program.	\$125,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Salt Valley Lakes Watershed Program	\$100,000	\$0
Install BMPs in the Stevens Creek Watershed	\$50,000	\$0
Administer Turkey Creek Watershed Section 319 Project	\$20,000	\$12,000
Implement Cover Crop Program for the Salt Creek Watershed upstream of Lincoln, a Community Water System Protection Area, a Targeted Watershed Area, or a Phase II or III Area within the District, or fields currently in Summer Cost-Share Program.	\$125,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Salt Valley Lakes Watershed Program	\$100,000	\$0
Install BMPs in the Stevens Creek Watershed	\$40,000	\$0
Administer Section 319 Project	\$0	\$0
Implement Cover Crop Program for the Salt Creek Watershed upstream of Lincoln, a Community Water System Protection Area, a Targeted Watershed Area, or a Phase II or III Area within the District, or fields currently in Summer Cost-Share Program.	\$125,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Salt Valley Lakes Watershed Program	\$100,000	\$0
Install BMPs in the Stevens Creek Watershed	\$40,000	\$0
Administer Section 319 Project	\$0	\$0
Implement Cover Crop Program for the Salt Creek Watershed upstream of Lincoln, a Community Water System Protection Area, a Targeted Watershed Area, or a Phase II or III Area within the District, or fields currently in Summer Cost-Share Program.	\$125,000	\$0

LAND RESOURCES

PROGRAM AREA: GIS Support and Imagery

GOALS: A, B,C,D,E, F, G, H, I, J, K

FISCAL YEAR 2027

ACTIONS	OBJECTIVES	STATUS CODE	FINAL BUDGET		PRIORITY	BUDGET CODE	
			EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDS
Lincoln-Lancaster County GIS Services through Information Systems as a Cooperating	K1a	A3	\$20,000	\$0	1	419302	
Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions							
● Lancaster County - Aerial Imagery (3" resolution) 2024/2026/2028 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 3rd of 6 payments).	K1a	A3	\$5,400	\$0	4	419304	
● Cass County - Aerial Imagery (3-6" resolution) 2026-2029 flights (annual 1/4 share of cost, 2nd of 4 payments)	K1a	A3	\$6,000	\$0	3	419304	
● MAPA - Butler / Otoe Counties - Aerial Imagery (6" resolution) 2026 flight (1 payment - FY27)	K1a	A3	\$10,800	\$0	2	419304	
● Saunders County - Aerial Imagery (6-9" resolution) 2026/2028/2030 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 2nd of 6 payments)	K1a	A3	\$2,000	\$0	5	419304	
Miscellaneous GIS Support & Imagery	K1a	C1	\$5,000	\$0	7	419304	
Prioritize GIS mapping of NRD R.O.W. and	K1a	C1	\$5,000	\$0	6	419306	

FISCAL YEAR 2028 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. GIS Services through IS as Coop Agency	\$20,000	\$0
Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions		
● Lancaster County - Aerial Imagery (3" resolution) 2024/2026/2028 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 4th of 6 payments).	\$5,400	\$0
● Cass County - Aerial Imagery (3-6" resolution) 2026-2029 flights (annual 1/4 share of cost, 3rd of 4 payments)	\$6,000	\$0
● MAPA - Seward / Butler / Otoe Counties - Aerial Imagery (6" resolution) 2028 flight (1 payment in FY29)	\$0	\$0
● Saunders County - Aerial Imagery (6-9" resolution) 2026/2028/2030 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 3rd of 6 payments)	\$2,000	\$0
Miscellaneous GIS Support & Imagery	\$5,000	\$0
GIS Mapping of R.O.W.	\$5,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2029 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. GIS Services through IS as Coop Agency	\$20,000	\$0
Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions		
● Lancaster County - Aerial Imagery (3" resolution) 2024/2026/2028 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 5th of 6 payments).	\$5,400	\$0
● Cass County - Aerial Imagery (3-6" resolution) 2026-2029 flights (annual 1/4 share of cost, 4th of 4 payments)	\$6,000	\$0
● MAPA - Seward / Butler / Otoe Counties - Aerial Imagery (6" resolution) 2028 flight (1 payment in FY29)	\$22,000	\$0
● Saunders County - Aerial Imagery (6-9" resolution) 2026/2028/2030 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 4th of 6 payments)	\$2,000	\$0
Miscellaneous GIS Support & Imagery	\$5,000	\$0
GIS Mapping of R.O.W.	\$5,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2030 ACTIONS		
	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. GIS Services through IS as Coop Agency	\$20,000	\$0
Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions		
● Lancaster County - Aerial Imagery (3" resolution) 2024/2026/2028 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 6th of 6 payments).	\$5,400	\$0
● Cass County - Aerial Imagery (3-6" resolution) 2030-2035 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 1st of 6 payments)	\$6,500	\$0
● MAPA - Seward / Butler / Otoe Counties - Aerial Imagery (6" resolution) 2030 flight (1 payment in FY31)	\$0	\$0
● Saunders County - Aerial Imagery (6-9" resolution) 2026/2028/2030 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 5th of 6 payments)	\$2,000	\$0
Miscellaneous GIS Support & Imagery	\$5,000	\$0
GIS Mapping of R.O.W.	\$5,000	\$0

FISCAL YEAR 2031 ACTIONS

	BUDGET	OTHER FUNDS
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. GIS Services through IS as Coop Agency	\$20,000	\$0
Updated Aerial Imagery Acquisitions		
• Lancaster County - Aerial Imagery (3" resolution) 2030/2032/2034 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 1st of 6 payments).	\$6,000	\$0
• Cass County - Aerial Imagery (3-6" resolution) 2030-2035 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 2nd of 6 payments)	\$6,500	\$0
• MAPA - Seward / Butler / Otoe Counties - Aerial Imagery (6" resolution) 2030 flight (1 payment in FY31)	\$22,000	\$0
• Saunders County - Aerial Imagery (6-9" resolution) 2026/2028/2030 flights (annual 1/6 share of cost, 6th of 6 payments)	\$2,000	
Miscellaneous GIS Support & Imagery	\$5,000	\$0
GIS Mapping of R.O.W.	\$5,000	\$0