



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Agenda Item #8

Memorandum

Date: October 14, 2025
To: Water Resources Subcommittee
From: Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Coordinator *SH*
Subject: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – October 2025

The Water Resources Subcommittee met on October 13, 2025, at the NRD office, at 5:30 pm, to take action on one item. Subcommittee members present included Don Jacobson - committee chair, Melissa Baker, Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, Luke Peterson, Larry Ruth, and Anthony Schutz. Members absent included Mark Spangler. Others present included Directors Bob Andersen and Christine Lamberty. NRD staff present were David Potter, Steve Herdzina, Will Inselman, and Eric Zach. Director Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of Changes to Ground Water BMP Cost-Share. [ACTION]–

Herdzina provided background information regarding the current Spring Nitrogen Application Program (SNAP). This cost-share program incentivizes producers to move nitrogen application from fall to spring. Herdzina identified changes to further expand on the nitrogen application opportunities. These included changing the name of the program, adding variable rate application, variable rate with split application, and sensor based precision application. Additionally, maximum yearly and years of eligibility limits were proposed. Questions were discussed on the expected impact, applicant eligibility, application details, program promotion and terminology for the application. The background information has been updated to incorporate the discussion and comments of the Subcommittee.

- Work Type: Ground water cost-share enhancements
- Budget: Included in FY 26
- Start: Upon Board Approval – application deadline is November 15th each year
- Completion: Applicant must submit verification documentation by July 1 of the following year
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, nitrogen applicators throughout District

It was moved by Baker, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved by the Water Resources Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the identified changes to the ground water best management practices cost-share program effective immediately pending legal counsel review.

B. Staff Report – HCA North Lake Fire Suppression Wells [NO ACTION]–

Herdzina reported that the District has received an inquiry regarding the need for a well permit for fire suppression wells for a condo association located in the Hydrologically Connected Area (HCA) near South Bend. The Groundwater Rules and Regulations state that the Board of Directors shall approve or deny applications for new water well permits in the HCA. In this instance, after discussions with legal counsel, it was determined that water well permits are not required because Groundwater Rules and Regulations, Section Q, Rule 7, c, (viii) states that “Water well permits are not required for: Wells for emergency human consumption or public health and safety,” and therefore these wells can be drilled without a permit from the District.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14.

Enclosures

Cc: Bob Andersen
Corey Wasserburger