




**LOWER PLATTE SOUTH**  
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## Memorandum

**Date:** April 9, 2025  
**To:** Water Resources Subcommittee  
**From:** Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator   
**Subject:** Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – April 2025

The Water Resources Subcommittee met on April 8, 2025, at the NRD office, at 5:30 pm to take action on 2 items. Subcommittee members who participated included Don Jacobson- committee chair, Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, Luke Petersen, and Larry Ruth. Others participating included Board Chair Bob Andersen, NRD Staff Dick Ehrman, Steve Herdzina, Maclane Scott, and Drew Ratkovec. Greg Bouc, a representative from the Village of Davey, was also in attendance. Director Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**A. Consideration of the Village of Davey Advanced Well Decommissioning [ACTION]–**

Maclane Scott, Water Resources Technician, provided background information on the Village of Davey's request for financial assistance with the advanced decommissioning of a water well in their current municipal well field. The well is located within the Davey Community Water System Protection Area. A typical traditional decommissioning well is around \$2,500 and 100% cost share from the district. Davey received an estimate from AWS Well Company for \$13,430 to complete the advanced well decommissioning. In the past, the District has cost-shared on advanced decommissioning by providing the standard well decommissioning amount of \$2,500 with an additional 50% cost-share on the extra cost for advanced well decommissioning. Greg Bouc, water operator and representative for the village of Davey, explained the uniqueness of this area due to the upper and lower formations and the need to seal more than just the conduit because of angular leaching from the surrounding areas. The advanced decommissioning allows specialized cementing techniques to enhance the sealing process. This process has been successfully used by other communities within the state. Questions followed about the process and other potential funding methods from the state.

**Cost Breakdown:**

$$\begin{aligned} \$13,430 - \$2,500 &= \$10,930 \\ \$10,930 / 2 \text{ (or 50\%)} &= \$5,465 \\ \$5,465 + \$2,500 &= \$7,965 \end{aligned}$$

- Work Type: Advanced Well Decommissioning
- Budget: Included in FY 25 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Cost Share: \$7,965.00
- Start: Upon Board Approval (April 2025)
- Completion: December 2025
- Delays: N/A
- Payers, players, & Partners: NRD, Davey, AWS

It was moved by Eagan, seconded by Ruth, and approved (5-0) by the Water Resources Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Village of Davey to be reimbursed for 100% of the cost of a standard well decommissioning, and in addition reimburse the Village for 50% of the difference in cost between a standard well decommissioning and an advanced well decommissioning, not to exceed \$7,965.00.

**B. Consideration of Supplement NO. 6 to Agreement for the Janssen Road Structure [ACTION]–**

Drew Ratkovec presented background information on the Janssen Road Structure located in Seward County south of Garland. In the 2025 annual inspection, it was found to have a separated pipe structure. NRD staff met with Seward County officials and discussed a plan moving forward. Staff from both agencies agree this pipe needs to be fixed and will take the necessary steps to do that. The first step was to put in place an agreement between the NRD and Seward County. The Supplement NO. 6 Agreement is pursuant to the original 1990 agreement between Seward County and the District for the purpose of identifying multi-purpose dams that require major maintenance or repair. Both parties will mutually agree upon the maintenance or repair and shall share the cost with the District being responsible for 75% and Seward County being responsible for 25% of the costs. These will be all costs associated with the design, permitting, and construction phases of the project. Seward County has recently approved the agreement. Questions were raised about fill material and the process of repairing the road structure.

- Work Type: Agreement for major maintenance on a road structure
- Funding: NRD/Seward County
- Start: Upon Board Approval/April 2025
- Completion: July 2026
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Seward County
- Legal Counsel Review: Yes

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Eagan, and approved (4 yes, Jacobson abstaining) by the Water Resources Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the General Manager to sign Supplement NO. 6 to Agreement for the Janssen Road Structure.

**Updates:**

- Groundwater staff provided an update on the coffee shop meetings that were held by the district at Hallam, Weeping Water, Ashland/Greenwood, and Valparaiso. Directors expressed their enjoyment with the public at these meetings. The main topic and questions involved water levels, nitrate levels, and the groundwater management plan. The update ended with further discussion on future meetings and what to potentially expand on.
- The Water Resources Subcommittee LRIP/Budget meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** Currently, no regular monthly subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May, but that could change in the following weeks. Another invite will be sent out if one needs to be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12

Enclosures:

Cc: Bob Andersen

Corey Wasserburger