



Memorandum

Date: September 22, 2026
To: Water Resources Subcommittee
From: Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator 
Subject: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – September 2026

The Water Resources Subcommittee met on September 21, 2026, via Zoom, at 5:00 p.m. to take action on one item. Subcommittee members present included Directors Baker (filling in as chair), Eagan, Peterson, Schutz, and Spangler. Members absent included Hellerich, Jacobson, and Ruth. Others present included Board Chair Bob Andersen, NRD Staff Jeremy Gehle, Drew Bullett, and Steve Herdzina. Director Baker called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Consideration of 2027 USGS Streamgage Agreement for 15 Streamgages [ACTION] –

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, gave background information on the annual streamgage agreement with USGS. 15 of these gages monitor water levels and precipitation and are an important tool for the district's flood alert procedures. The total amount of the agreement is \$178,865, or \$46,920 for USGS and \$131,945 for the district. It was noted that six of the gages are part of the flood warning system, with the City of Lincoln reimbursing the district 50% through the Stormwater Interlocal Agreement. Questions and discussion followed on the procedure to purchase a streamgage and locations where one could be placed.

- Deliverables: Operation and Maintenance of 15 streamgages
- Funding: NRD/City of Lincoln
- Proposal: \$131,945
- Budget: Included in FY 27
- Start: Upon Board Approval/October 1, 2026
- Completion: September 30, 2027
- Payers, players, & Partners: NRD, USGS, City of Lincoln

It was moved by Schutz, seconded by Peterson, and approved (5 yes, 0 no) by the Water Resources Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for Water Resource Investigations of 15 Streamgages for \$131,945.

Staff Updates: Herdzina provided two updates. The first one involved an irrigation runoff complaint inspection and dismissal, and the second detailed a meeting with a data center company to discuss general well permitting including the application process. Herdzina indicated that no permits have been received at this time for this data center company.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:23 pm.

Enclosure

Cc: Bob Andersen, Corey Wasserburger



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Memorandum

Date: September 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm-zoom meeting

To: LPSNRD- Water Resources Subcommittee

From: Craig Matulka, Stormwater/Watershed Specialist

Subject: 2027 USGS Streamgage Agreement

The United States Geological Survey has submitted a joint funding agreement 27SEJFA00030 to the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for the operation of 15 streamgages for the calendar year 2027. The agreement runs from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. The total amount of the agreement is **\$178,865.00**, or **\$46,920.00** for the U.S. Geological Survey and **\$131,945.00** for the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.

Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted under the authority of Statute-43 USC 36C on a fixed-price basis. Billings will be rendered on a quarterly basis. The results of all work under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Federal Law requires that the agreement be signed and returned before the U.S. Geological Survey will start or continue work.

See attached for Map of streamgages and agreement information.

Staff Recommended Motion:

Staff Recommends **The Water Resources Subcommittee recommend that the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for Water Resource Investigations of 15 streamgages for \$131,945.**

Enc.



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Central Plains Water Science Center
1217 Biltmore Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049

September 8, 2026

Mr. David Potter
General Manager
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District
PO Box 83581
Lincoln, NE 68501

Dear Mr. Potter:

Enclosed is our standard joint-funding agreement 27SEJFA00030 between the U.S. Geological Survey Central Plains Water Science Center and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for the operation of 15 streamgages as listed in the enclosed summary of proposed funding, during the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 in the amount of \$131,945 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$46,920 for a combined total of \$178,865. Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Amanda Flynn at aflynn@usgs.gov.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement as soon as feasible. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned, please contact Jason Lambrecht at (402) 328-4100 Ext 4124 or email jmlambre@usgs.gov to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Amanda Flynn at phone number (402) 328-4100 Ext 4144 or aflynn@usgs.gov.

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

Casey Lee
Director, Central Plains WSC

Enclosure
27SEJFA00030 (2)

**U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations**

**Customer #: 6000000121
Agreement #: 27SEJFA00030
Project #: SE00GU8
TIN #: 47-0542969**

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[X] NO[]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of October 1, 2026, by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, Central Plains Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation for the operation of 15 streamgages, herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$46,920 by the party of the first part during the period
October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
- (b) \$131,945 by the party of the second part during the period
October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs,
in the amount of: \$27,720
Description of the USGS regional/national program: Federal Priority Streamgage Program
- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be
determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters
between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

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Water Resource Investigations

9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered quarterly. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

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U.S. Geological Survey
United States
Department of Interior

Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

Signature

By _____ Date: _____

Name: Casey Lee

Title: Director, Central Plains WSC

Signatures

By _____ Date: _____

Name:

Title:

By _____ Date: _____

Name:

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Title:

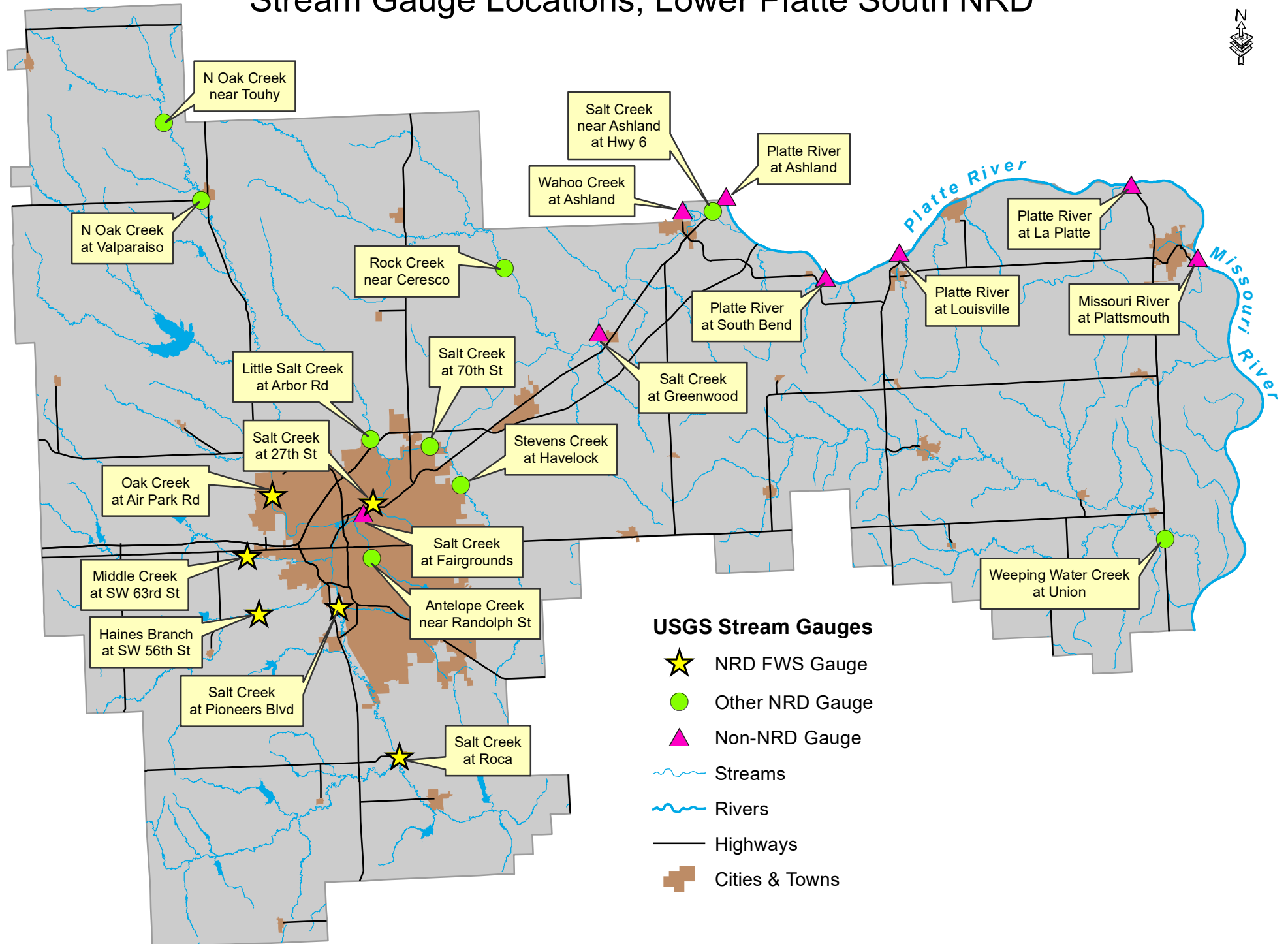
Table 1. Summary of proposed funding for operation of stream gaging stations supported by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and other partners for period October 1, 2026 -- September 30, 2027.

[CMF, USGS, Cooperative matching funds; LPS NRD, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District; FPS, Federal Priority Streamgaging Program; USACE, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; USGS, U.S. Geological Survey]

Station Number	Station name	LPS NRD Supported Since	Station funding									Remarks code
			USGS CMF for LPS NRD	LPS NRD	Subtotal USGS & LPS NRD	USGS CMF for other partners	Lincoln Waste-water System	Lancaster County	USGS FPS	USACE	Total funding	
06803000	Salt Cr at Roca	1995		\$5,360	\$5,360			\$3,295	\$8,330		\$16,985	1,2
06803080	Salt Cr at Pioneers Blvd	1994	\$6,315	\$10,670	\$16,985						\$16,985	1
06803093	Haines Br at SW 56th St	1994	\$6,315	\$10,670	\$16,985						\$16,985	1
06803170	Middle Cr at SW 63rd St	1994	\$6,315	\$10,670	\$16,985						\$16,985	1
06803300	Antelope Cr at 27th St	2012	\$2,265	\$14,720	\$16,985						\$16,985	1
06803420	North Oak Cr nr Touhy	2016	\$2,265	\$14,720	\$16,985						\$16,985	
06803430	North Oak Cr at Valparaiso	2016	\$2,265	\$14,720	\$16,985						\$16,985	
06803486	Oak Cr at Air Park Rd	2000	\$6,315	\$10,670	\$16,985						\$16,985	1
06803500	Salt Cr at Lincoln (27th St)	2005		\$5,085	\$5,085		\$5,060		\$6,440	\$400	\$16,985	1, 2
06803510	Little Salt Cr near Lincoln	1995	\$3,900	\$6,580	\$10,480	\$2,415		\$4,090			\$16,985	
06803513	Salt Cr at 70th St at Lincoln	1994	\$3,165	\$5,320	\$8,485	\$3,160	\$5,340				\$16,985	
06803520	Stevens Cr near Lincoln	1995	\$3,900	\$6,580	\$10,480	\$2,415		\$4,090			\$16,985	
06803530	Rock Cr near Ceresco	1995	\$3,900	\$6,580	\$10,480	\$2,415		\$4,090			\$16,985	
06805000	Salt Cr near Ashland	2012		\$1,510					\$5,465		\$6,975	2,3
06806500	Weeping Water Cr at Union	1998		\$8,090	\$8,090				\$7,485	\$1,410	\$16,985	2
Funding Partner Totals			\$46,920	\$131,945	\$178,865	\$10,405	\$10,400	\$15,565	\$27,720	\$1,810	\$244,765	

- 1 Flood-warning site with satellite telemetry and WaterAlert notification system
- 2 FPS funds used in place of CMF for match
- 3 Stage-only site

Stream Gauge Locations, Lower Platte South NRD



Map Updated: October 2024 - Lower Platte South NRD, sdr