




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: January 10, 2018
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee met at 5:30 pm on Monday, January 8, 2018 in the NRD Large Conference Room in Lincoln to discuss and/or take action on four agenda items. Subcommittee members present included Mark Spangler, Dick Bolte, Gary Hellerich, Larry Ruth and Bob Andersen. Members absent included Vern Barrett, Mike DeKalb and Dave Landis. Others present included Paul Zillig, John Albert, Cindy Spilinek, Cory Schmidt, Donna Reid and myself. Mark Spangler called the meeting to order, and gave a brief welcome.

a. The first agenda item was to discuss extending all District-wide Fall cost-share applications until June 1st. I explained that the District had established a deadline of February 1st for the district-wide Fall cost-share applications. I reviewed two graphs (attached) showing expenditures for several fiscal years, including FY 18. With some jobs not completed or started, staff plans to extend that deadline to June 1, 2018. Even if all the work is done with the outstanding applications, the District will still be within budget. This has been extended in past years when the current budget allows in order to get more conservation practices completed. Director Hellerich discussed the yield problems with doing Spring work and questioned incentives in the cost-share program.

b. The second item was consideration of the NRD/NSWCP 2018 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. Our District Conservationist and NRD technicians noted the practices frequently used in our district and some average costs that were not correctly listed in the 2018 Docket. The prepared NRD/NSWCP average costs for 2018 were presented (attached). A spreadsheet was also presented which compared the new cost share numbers with those approved last February (attached). Schmidt noted that the 2018 average costs were comparable to last year's numbers with slight increases.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Bolte, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2018 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-share Program.

c. The next item on the agenda was to consider the applications for farm pond cost-share. I stated that the District received five farm pond applications for 2018. There are four in Seward County and one in Lancaster County. NRD technicians had reviewed the applications and John Albert presented the information to the subcommittee. Of the five applications, only one met the criteria of the farm pond cost share program and NRCS specifications for design and permitting. Information on the five applications is attached.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Ruth, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the farm pond application for Mark Hunter at a 60% cost-share not to exceed \$21,744.

d. The fourth item was to review and consider Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Applications. I stated that two additional cost-share applications have been received by the District for Fall work and would actually be completed this coming Spring. Both applications are in the Salt Valley Lakes “targeted area” and budgeted funds are still available. Information on each application was provided.

The two applications include:

- Steve Classen – \$15,000 (75%) for Terrace Systems – Salt Valley Lakes (Pawnee Lake Watershed), W ½ SE ¼, 26-11-4, Seward County
- Elaine Olson Rev. Trust – \$6,007.50 (75%) for Terrace Systems – Salt Valley Lakes (Wildwood Lake Watershed), SE ¼, 34-13-5, Saunders County.

It was moved by Bolte, seconded by Ruth, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share applications for Steve Classen in the amount of \$15,000 and for Elaine Olson Rev. Trust in the amount of \$6,007.50.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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cc: Steve Seglin
Cory Schmidt, NRCS

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