




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: December 5, 2018
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee met at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the NRD Large Conference Room in Lincoln to discuss and take action on two agenda items. Subcommittee members present included Mark Spangler, Mike DeKalb, Dick Bolte, Vern Barrett, Gary Aldridge, Larry Ruth and Dave Landis. Members absent included Gary Hellerich. Others present included Ray Stevens, Paul Zillig, Cory Schmidt, John Albert, Donna Reid, Shaula Ross and myself. Mark Spangler called the meeting to order and gave a brief welcome.

a. The first item was to review and consider a Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Application. Staff explained that one additional cost-share application had been received by the District for Fall work. The application is located in the Western Portion of the District and is connected to a current cost-share application approved for Ray Otto in August, 2018. After further review, the land (one field, not fenced) and layout system is actually divided between father (Ray) and son (Steven). It will remain the same amount of work but will now be divided between property owners. A separate cost-share application by Steven Otto is needed for the cost-share payment. Aerial photos are attached.

The application is for:

- Steven Otto – \$4,049.55 (60%) Terrace and Tile Outlet – SE ¼, 27-13-7, Saunders County.

It was moved by DeKalb, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share application for Steven Otto in the amount totaling \$4,049.55.

b. The second item was consideration of the NRD/NSWCP 2019 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. Our District Conservationist and NRD technician noted the practices frequently used in our District and some average costs that were not correctly listed

in the 2019 Docket. The prepared NRD/NSWCP average costs with corrections for 2019 were presented (attached). The one substitution was the 2019 narrow base non-storage for the 2018 storage – level or flat channel. A spreadsheet was also presented which compared the new cost share numbers with those approved January 2018 (attached). Schmidt noted that the 2019 average costs were reasonably comparable to last year’s numbers. The benefit with the NRD/NSWCP average costs being approved in December is that all new applications taken after the first of the year will operate off of one docket.

It was moved by Ruth, seconded by DeKalb, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2019 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-share Program.

c. Under questions and comments, I shared a copy of the 2017 land use map of the District (attached) that was prepared for use in the District’s Master Plan. The map identifies the various land use types, including cropland and pasture, across the District. The map was prepared by USDA. Staff was able to then incorporate the east/west area line on the map and generate acres and percentages for the eastern portion and western portion of the District (attached). This information will be useful in justifying the splitting of the funds for east vs. west cost-share program.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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cc: Steve Seglin
Cory Schmidt, NRCS

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