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Memorandum

Date: February 10, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee met at 6:52 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the NRD Board Room in Lincoln to discuss and/or take action on four agenda items. Although the meeting was scheduled to start at 6:30, it was decided to wait until the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting was finished. Subcommittee members present included Mark Spangler, Vern Barrett, Dick Bolte, Mike DeKalb, Gary Hellerich, Dave Landis, Larry Ruth and Larry Zimmerman. Others present included Paul Zillig, John Albert, Cindy Spilinek, Cory Schmidt, and myself. Mark Spangler called the meeting to order, and gave a brief welcome.

a. The first agenda item was information on the decision to extend 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. With some jobs not completed or started, staff has extended that deadline to June 1, 2017. 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.

b. The next item on the agenda was to consider the applications for farm pond cost-share. I stated that the District received eight farm pond applications for 2017. There were two each in Seward, Lancaster, Cass and Saunders Counties. Our technicians (Spilinek and Albert) had reviewed the applications and presented the information to the subcommittee. Of the eight applications, only two meet the criteria of the farm pond cost share program and NRCS specifications for design and permitting, and the required technical assistance was available. The Ficke application was originally submitted in 2014 and was on the list for discussion.

The eight applications include:

- Kenneth Hanke SW 1-13-7 Saunders Co.
- Timothy White SE 31-13-5 Saunders Co



- Ray Althouse SE 20-10-9 Cass Co
- Phillip Callahan SE 31-11-13 Cass Co
- Bill and Kim Wendeln NW 5-7-8 Lanc Co.
- Dwight Munderloh/Gretchen Kruse SE 3-11-6 Lanc Co.
- Kenny Schultz SE 4-10-4 Seward Co
- Pat Reed NE 23-9-4 Seward Co.
- Don Ficke N2SE4 33-10-4 Seward Co.

It was moved by DeKalb, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the farm pond application for Bill and Kim Wendeln at a 60% cost-share not to exceed \$14,400 and for Dwight Munderloh/Gretchen Kruse at 60% cost-share not to exceed \$17,400.

It was also determined that staff continue to look at options for the Reed and Ficke locations and issues. Staff will consult with NRCS Engineers regarding flood control and/or grade stabilization structures. Existing utility lines on the Reed property will need to be considered.

c. The third item was consideration of the NRD/NSWCP 2017 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. Our District Conservationist and technicians noted the practices frequently used in our district and some average costs that were not correctly listed in the 2017 Docket. The prepared NRD/NSWCP average costs for 2017 were presented. A spreadsheet was also presented which compared the new cost share numbers with those approved last August. Schmidt noted that the 2017 average costs were very comparable to last year's numbers.

It was moved by DeKalb, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the updated 2017 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-share Program.

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. One is located in Steven's Creek Watershed in Lancaster County and is adjacent to the MoPac East Trail. The second one is in the Salt Valley Lakes "targeted area" in Seward County. Information on each application was provided.

The two applications include:

- Wesley Winter – \$2,406.10 (75%) for Terrace and Tile Outlet – Steven's Creek, Lot 18 NW, 26-10-8, Lancaster County
- Thomas W. Schaefer – \$840 (75%) for New Gradient Terrace – Salt Valley Lakes, NE ¼ 22-12-4, Seward County.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share applications for Wesley Winter and Thomas Schaefer in the amount totaling \$3,246.10.

John Albert and Cindy Spilinek reported that they have been receiving a number of applications for the District's Summer Conservation Program. The word is out and the changes made by the Board have apparently made a difference. The added work in the summer will allow for more conservation work in the District and spread the workload out for NRCS.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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cc: Steve Seglin
Cory Schmidt, NRCS

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