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Memorandum

Date: May 13, 2022
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Land Resources Subcommittee met virtually on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 via Zoom to take action on two agenda items. Subcommittee members present included Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, Bruce Johnson, Vern Barrett, Anthony Schutz, Ron Nolte and Ken Vogel. Members absent included Mark Spangler. Others present included Paul Zillig, Cory Schmidt, and David Potter. Hellerich called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and gave a brief welcome. Potter reviewed the agenda.

a. The first item was to consider an Interlocal Agreement with Upper Big Blue NRD. One of our District Resources Technicians indicated that a property owner within Upper Big Blue NRD and within our Branched Oak Targeted Area is planning to do some terrace/basin work. The owner was questioning the amount of cost-share in each district and has shown some interest utilizing LPSNRD cost-share program for Salt Valley Lakes Targeted Area since their property is actually located in a targeted watershed in LPSNRD. Although NRD boundaries are based on watersheds, there are instances where district boundaries follow roads or sections lines and may partially split a watershed. This is the case with this particular property owner.

LPSNRD currently has interlocal agreements with LPNNRD and NNRD to do cost-share work on land within our targeted areas but outside of our district, since the land treatment would benefit the watershed within LPSNRD. With the possible application in the Branched Oak Watershed, we're proposing a similar interlocal agreement and amendment (to specify the targeted watershed and administration of cost-share) with Upper Big Blue NRD. This interlocal agreement would permit both NRDs to assist and cooperate to most effectively implement programs and projects along the shared NRD boundary. Upper Big Blue NRD has reviewed the interlocal agreement and their Board of Directors have already approved it. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement is attached.

Potter explained the proposed interlocal and answered questions by the subcommittee. Various questions and concerns were raised regarding the proposed interlocal and the amendment, including affected sections of land in UBBNRD, existing cost-share programs in both districts, and benefits to LPSNRD and taxpayers.

It was moved by Barrett, seconded by Vogel, and approved by the Subcommittee (with six voting yes and Aldridge not voting) to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Upper Big Blue NRD and Lower Platte South NRD.

b. The second agenda item was to consider Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement with Upper Big Blue NRD. To identify which area along the shared NRD boundary that would be subject to program benefits of LPSNRD, an amendment has been developed which outlines details of cost-share opportunities within the Branched Oak Watershed. Upper Big Blue NRD has reviewed the interlocal agreement and their Board of Directors have already approved it. A copy of Amendment No. 1 with the map is attached.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Barret, and approved by the Subcommittee (with six voting yes and Aldridge voting no) to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement between Upper Big Blue NRD and Lower Platte South NRD.

There being no further business, Hellerich adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

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