




Memorandum

Date: November 8, 2017
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
RE: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Water Resources Subcommittee met in the NRD Office at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Subcommittee members present included Don Jacobson, Greg Osborn, Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, and Vern Barrett. Others present included Bob Andersen, Larry Ruth, Ray Stevens, Kevin DeValkenaere (Upper Salt 18-5 landowner rep), Dan Schulz, Ryan Rezac, Ed Ubben, Dave Potter and myself.

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order and called on myself to report on the 2018 Joint Funding Agreement (attached) with USGS for stream gage operation and maintenance. I reported that this agreement covers 15 stream gages that are operated & maintained by USGS (see attached map). The cost to the NRD for the upcoming year is \$110,050.00 and \$46,370 for USGS.

It was moved by Osborn, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved by the Water Resources Subcommittee to **recommend the NRD Board of Directors approve the 2018 Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for the operation of 15 stream gages.**

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area Rules & Regulations. This item was requested by Aldridge as a follow-up to a rules violation from earlier this year. Aldridge reviewed this specifics of the violation from this spring where the irrigator exceeded the 3 year allocation. Aldridge felt that the penalty of 2X the amount over the limit should be progressive from the first offense to second offense, etc. The Subcommittee discussed the rules & regulations and directed staff to include this topic at the next DVB SMA Advisory Group meeting.

The next item on the agenda was requested by the landowners at Upper Salt Creek Watershed Structure 18-5, Chris & Jo Farabee and their representative Kevin DeValkenaere. DeValkenaere was present and reported that the Farabee's own the property and the Farabee's (Chris, Jo & 5 kids) live in the house that is close to the pond.

DeValkenaere requested they be notified prior to the NRD visiting the site to do inspections, maintenance, or repairs. The Farabee's are also interested in agreeing to do any repairs to the dam and expressed that in the long term they would like the easement to be released.

The Subcommittee discussed the background information on the structure and request by the Farabees (see attached map and memo). The Subcommittee agreed to direct staff to improve notification efforts to the Farabee's about our access to the US 18-5 easement area and continue to work with the landowner. The Subcommittee members discussed that the easements and structure has been there over 50 years (prior to the Farabee's purchasing the property) and they were not interested in releasing the easement.

It was moved by Hellerich, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved by the Water Resources Subcommittee to **recommend the NRD Board of Directors deny the request by Chris & Jo Farabee to release the Upper Salt 18-5 easements located in the NW ¼ of Section 3, T-7-N, R-7-E, Lancaster County.**

The next item on the agenda was to review the 23 NRD's ground water regulations for both quantity and quality. I handed out copies of the map summarizing the regulations for both quantity and quality. The subcommittee also discussed the UNL Pilot Module on ground water quantity and the need to preview the module and provide feedback.

Staff then reported on the work recently completed at North Oak 1-A/Wildwood to the auxiliary spillway, water meter reporting, Plattsmouth 18-A repairs that will likely be considered in December, and a landrights update for Oak-Middle 82-B that will also be considered in December.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin

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