




## Memorandum

**Date:** April 12, 2019  
**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 Thursday, April 11, 2019. Subcommittee members present included Bob Andersen, Vern Barrett, Karen Amen, Greg Osborn, Chelsea Johnson, Mark Spangler, and David Landis. Others present included Larry Ruth, Mayor Rich Grauerholz & Jessica Quady of Ashland, Jonathan Mohr of JEO, Cody Gerdes of Great Plains Appraisal, Dan Schulz, David Potter, Nathan Kuhlman, Dick Ehrman, and myself.

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order and asked that we consider landrights acquisition for the Upper Salt 3-A Watershed Rehabilitation Project. Andersen introduced Cody Gerdes of Great Plains Appraisal and reported that the subcommittee will need to go into closed session to review appraisals and negotiations for the project. At 5:35 it was moved by Osborn, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to go into closed session to protect the public interest and to discuss the appraisals related to the acquisition of properties needed for the Upper Salt 3-A Rehabilitation Project. At 6:00pm it was moved by Landis, seconded by Osborn, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to return to open session.

Attached is a table listing the landowners, landrights needed for each use, and project landrights map. It was moved by Landis, seconded by Amen, to **accept the appraisals of the Lylester Ranch LLC, Donald E. Mitchell Trust, DSC Properties LLC, GANA Farms LLC, Daryl D. Mitchell Trust, Karl & Debra Zimmer, and Ramon & Gloria Godtel Properties and authorize staff to negotiate and acquire the interest in the properties in accordance with Landis' guidance. The motion was unanimously approved.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider a request from the City of Ashland for assistance to establish a Drinking Water Protection Management Plan thru the NRD's Community Assistance Program. Mayor Grauerholz, City Administrator Jessica Quady, and Jonathan Mohr of JEO explained the request (see attached letter & map). The cost of

the entire project was approximately \$67,000 and the City is providing \$15,000 and requesting \$52,000 from the State/Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Ashland is requesting the NRD provide 50% cost-share assistance on Ashland's share of \$15,000.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by C. Johnson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program funding request from the City of Ashland to prepare the Ashland Drinking Water Protection Management Plan in the amount of 50% of \$15,000, not to exceed \$7,500 of NRD cost.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider amending the professional services contract with Phoenix WebGroup for additional services to improve the NRD's Groundwater Database. Kuhlman reviewed the attached memo explaining the additional services being requested and a copy of the Change Request in the amount of \$13,600. The Subcommittee discussed the services to be provided and Kuhlman answered questions concerning the project.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Osborn, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the Change Request with the Phoenix WebGroup for additional services in the amount of \$13,600.**

The final item on the agenda was a report by Schulz on the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area Advisory Group meeting in Valparaiso. Schulz provided a copy of the minutes of that meeting (a copy is attached). The Subcommittee discussed the suggestions from the Advisory Group and the need to amend the GW DVB SMA rules and regulations later this year. It was moved by Osborn, seconded by Chelsea Johnson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **direct staff to prepare draft groundwater rules and regulation modifications based on the direction of the Water Resources Subcommittee and the DVB SMA Advisory Group.**

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin