



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Agenda Item #11

### Memorandum

**Date:** June 15, 2021  
**To:** Each Director  
**From:** Paul D. Zillig, General Manager  
**RE:** Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Water Resources Subcommittee met via video/teleconference at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021. Subcommittee members participating included Larry Ruth, Chelsea Johnson, John Yoakum, Vern Barrett, Don Jacobson, Ken Vogel, and Gary Hellerich. Other Directors participating included Deborah Eagan. And others participating included Jason Sall of USDA/NRCS, Mike Sotak of FYRA, David Potter, Tracy Zayac, Nathan Kuhlman, Mike Murren, Maclane Scott, Dick Ehrman, Dan Schulz, Al Langdale, Craig Matulka, Steve Herdzina, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Craig Matulka first reported on Upper Salt 4-A and the need to determine the necessary repairs. Matulka reported that the dam was constructed in 1956 and the principal spillway pipe is 24" diameter. The State/DNR completed a video inspection of the pipe and recommended we repair a cracked section of the pipe. It appears that slip lining the pipe (similar to Plattsmouth 7-C) is the preferred method. Mike Sotak of FYRA Engineering reported on the proposed contract for design, bidding and construction observation (attached). Hellerich asked that we check on a warranty for the specific repairs to be completed. It was pointed out that this is action is to hire an engineering firm and the Board will need to approve a contract to make the repairs, at a later time. FYRA will report back on a warranty for this work. To save costs we hope the work can be done at the same time as other similar projects in the area.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with FYRA Engineering for the Upper Salt 4-A Spillway Rehabilitation Project at a cost not to exceed \$16,160.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider a contract modification for the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation project. Mike Murren reported that we are partnering with USDA/NRCS on the rehabilitation of this watershed dam. NRCS provided the design and 65% cost-share assistance to the NRD. Murren then highlighted the attached memo outlining 4 bid items that were underestimated by USDA/NRCS (the NRCS engineer before Jason Sall) and a modification is needed to account for the additional

work in excess of 25% over the NRCS estimated amount. The memo explains that for 2 of 4 items the contractor's (Goes Construction) unit price is far above what we feel is a fair price. The proposed action is to approve a modification using prices in line with the local market and also approve 14 additional days to complete the additional work. NRCS Engineer, Jason Sall indicated that the units of fencing are still an estimate and the final amount is likely to vary slightly.

The Subcommittee discussed many issues related to the project, including delays in completing the work, reviewed the additional work to be done, NRCS's errors in estimating the work to be done, and the likelihood this item will require future negotiations with the contractor of delays in completing the work.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Youkum, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors authorize the approval of Modification #5 to the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project contract with Goes Construction of Talmage, Nebraska for an additional \$85,858.00 and an additional 14 extra working days to complete the work omitted from the estimated quantities.**

I then reported on staff's inspection for the Duane Burd property along Middle Creek (east of Pleasant Dale). Mr. Burd attended the last Board Meeting and requested assistance removing trees from the creek. The Subcommittee will hear the report on this at a future meeting. I also reviewed the upcoming Monolith Well Permit meeting schedule.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin & Corey Wasserburger