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Memorandum

Date: June 19, 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Subcommittee members present included Bob Andersen, Vern Barrett, Greg Osborn, Chelsea Johnson, Mark Spangler, and David Landis. Others present included Larry Ruth, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Andersen opened the meeting. Copies of the June 13 Water Resources Subcommittee memo were provided for background information. Andersen called on David Potter to report on the Consideration of the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award and Amendment No. 3 to the Upper Salt Site 3A Project Agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Potter reported we are working on acquiring the necessary landrights and obtaining a 404 Permit from the Corps. He stated that the project agreement is about to expire and needs to be extended so the construction can be completed next year.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by C. Johnson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Notice of Grant & Agreement Award and Amendment No. 3 for the Upper Salt Site 3A Project Agreement.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a Project Agreement for the construction of the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project. Potter explained the Project Agreement for the construction of Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project (located north of Garland) has expired and needs to be renewed. NRCS has been working on a new Project Agreement this spring, but has not completed drafting the new Project Agreement. Once the new Project Agreement is drafted and approved, the NRD may start the bidding phase.

Waiting to take action at the July Board Meeting will further delay the project construction. The Subcommittee discussed their disappointment that the Project

Agreement has not been prepared by NRCS. They felt that considering the circumstances authorizing the General Manager to approve the Project Agreement, pending legal counsel review, is warranted. It was moved by C. Johnson, seconded by Landis, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board authorize the General Manager to approve the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project Agreement, pending legal counsel review.**

The last item on the agenda was to the consideration of a Proposed Wetland Mitigation Easement for the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project. Potter reported the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project is nearing the bidding phase. The NRD received the required Section 404 Permit from the Corps in April, the permit required the NRD to include 7 land use restrictions for the wetland mitigation site in the easement (see 3a – 3g in the easement attached to the 6/13/2019 WRS memo). The landowners are in agreement with the Corps' 404 Permit requirements and the NRD's offer of \$100 for damages for the additional easement.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Osborn, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve to accept the Wetland Mitigation Easement for the Oak-Middle 82-B wetland mitigation area from Robert and Ramona Kunasek of Bee, NE.**

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin
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