



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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LPSNRD Board Holds Line on Taxes in FY 2021 Budget

Lincoln (NE) August 27, 2020 – The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) Board of Directors has approved a \$33.5 million Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The approval on Wednesday, followed public hearings on August 19 and other opportunities for public input since June. Despite a five percent increase in the total budget amount, the budget's property tax requirement is the same as in Fiscal Year 2020, \$10,156,870 and with increased property valuations across the district's six-county area, the tax levy of \$0.030024 per \$100 of actual valuation, is lower than in Fiscal Year 2020. LPSNRD Treasurer Dan Steinkruger said, "The Board put together a strong 2021 budget. It continues our conservation programs, important education initiatives, maintenance of aging infrastructure and critical projects like the Deadman's Run flood control project, without increasing property taxes."

The budget includes \$2.6 million for the non-federal \$15 million portion of the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project. The design phase is expected to continue through 2021. The multi-year project will remove about 500 homes and businesses from the 100-year floodplain. LPSNRD is a partner in the \$25 million project, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Lincoln.

The budget supports many other programs and projects to manage and protect natural resources through next June. Continued updating of Lincoln's Salt Creek Levee, which protects many Lincoln businesses and neighborhoods from flooding, is approximately a \$1.25 million budget item. Approximately \$1.9 million is budgeted for the rehabilitation of a flood control dam near Sprague, Upper Salt 3-A. The project will begin this fall and includes the realignment of Southwest 2nd Street.

About \$1.4 million is budgeted for groundwater studies, permitting, monitoring and best management practices. Planned stream stability projects along portions of Beal Slough and Salt Creek are expected to cost the district about \$1.1 million and \$1.6 million is in the budget for landowner cost-share assistance for surface water quality practices (terrace systems,

buffer strips, cover crops, etc.). Nearly \$2 million is budgeted for repairs along Antelope Creek at 39th Street and \$500,000 is budgeted for Lied Platte River Bridge repairs and trail maintenance district-wide.