

Subject: RE: NRD Budget

Rod:

Thanks for your comments, I'll forward them to the NRD Board.

I will check up with my staff on the Upper Salt Watershed structures you pointed out that are in need of work. We'll check it out and get back with you on this.

Paul

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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:21 AM

To: Paul Zillig <pzillig@lpsnrd.org>

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I am Rod Hollman and I farm near Martell and am writing this concerning the NRD Budget. I understand that there is a budget item for \$285,000 for work to the OAK Creek Trail. I would like to express my concern that there may be a need to either reduce the budget by that amount and postpone the work until next year or use it on improvements to some of the existing structures in may area. There is a pond in section 20 of Centerville precinct that needs work. I own the land adjoining that and fences are very bad and need repair and this pond is very silted in and the water holding capacity has been reduced. There is also a NRD pond in in section 11 of Highland precinct that needs work. Years ago the landowner at that time cut the overflow pipe off and it does not hold the amount of water that it was designed to do. This causes severe flooding in my pasture and fields located in section 13 just to the south and east of this pond. I would like to see work done on this to help alleviate the flooding problem that I experience every year. Please consider this when setting your budget.

Thanks, Rod Hollman

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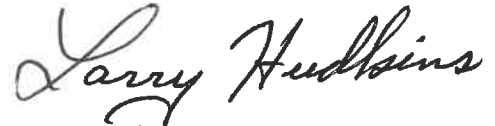
Paul Zilling, General Manager
Lower Platte South, NRD

We are sorry we can't be with you for the budget hearing tonight. Please express our appreciation and gratitude for the many soil and water projects that Lower Platte South funds. Without your support, many of those conservation practices would not be possible. It is our hope that you will continue funding these soil and water practices to the fullest extent possible.

Lancaster County Farm Bureau Board of Directors has reviewed the FY 2020-21 budget. We note a proposed Creek Trail project for over \$289,000. We suggest a delay of that project because of the need to reduce governmental spending. Covid 19 has placed a great amount of financial hardship on many property owners in this Natural Resource District

We would suggest delaying this project as a reduction in the proposed budget.

Sincerely,



Larry Hudkins
President, Lancaster
County Farm Bureau

7/22/2020