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Agenda Item #14

Lower Platte South NRD ATTN: Paul Zillig-GM & Board of Directors PO Box 83581 3125 Portia Street Lincoln, NE 68521 October 1, 2018

Dear Paul and the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors,

On behalf of myself and my staff at the Upper Big Blue NRD, I wanted to personally thank the Lower Platte South NRD Leadership Team and the Board of Directors for allowing us to utilize the Meadowlark Lake WMA site for the September 19<sup>th</sup> Range Judging Contest.

Over 220 students from the Area-6 Range Judging Region participated along with several of their instructors. An additional 25 members from both the NRCS and our NRD served in different capacities from site-leaders to scorers. I fielded many positive comments on how well maintained the Meadowlark Lake area was, and how pristine the site is in nurturing a conservation initiative that substantiates the flora and fauna of eastern Nebraska.

I am sure I do not need to emphasize how proud you all should be of Meadowlark Lake because I know you already recognize such a gem located in the Lower Platte South NRD. Again, it was our distinct pleasure to be able to host the Range Judging contest at Meadowlark Lake. I want re-emphasize our sincere thanks for the hospitality you all afforded the Upper Big Blue NRD in using the lake to inspire students and educators, as well as promote educational conservation opportunities founded within the mission of Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts.

Respectfully & Gratefully,

David A. Eigenberg General Manager