

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 28, 2016 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
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1. SWCP

Last week we received our SWCP State allocation for this fiscal year of \$ 114,164.19. I will be updating our spreadsheet and have it available for the Committee next month. I have also attached the breakdown for all districts across the state.

1.A. SWCP Application Approvals

None

1.B. SWCP Payments

15-S-21 James Fujan Rev. Living Trust \$ 6,454.92
TOTAL: \$ 6,454.92

1.C. SWCP Cancellations

None

1.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Payments

None

1.E. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Cancellations

Lands For Conservation Cancellations:

James Egr \$ 2,760.00

William Laughridge \$ 2,760.00

(Both contracts were cropped this year and forfeited LFC payments)

1.F. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

None

2. WATERSHEDS

2.A. Shell Creek Watershed

The Shell Creek Plan is still under NDEQ/EPA review.

2.A.1. Shell Creek NoTill assistance Payments

Attached are three landowner Shell Creek no-till contract payment requests that are part of the original Shell Creek Grant we took over from the SCWIG. These payments will be

taken from banked grant funds that were transferred to LPNNRD when we accepted administration of that grant. The 2016 payments are:

Steve Backes : \$1,179 (117.9 acres)

Duane Backes: \$935 (93.5 acres)

Eldon Jedicka: \$206 (20.6 acres)

2.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

Mountford reports that our preliminary application for assistance through NRCS's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) has passed the first round for building two proposed Wahoo Creek Watershed dams (Site 26 & 27 as attached) has passed the first round. We are now being requested to submit a full application by September 19, 2016. Mountford will be working on this proposal with NRCS after participating in a webinar in early August. While most of the application work is planned to be completed in-house, we may benefit from having an engineering firm provide technical data and update project costs. The committee is asked to consider allowing staff to retain services from an engineering firm if needed to improve our application. For the pre-application, Mountford estimated a total construction and landrights costs at \$1,762,500 to complete both structures. If successful, the RCPP program would provide up to 50% assistance.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

At the July 11 Board Meeting, a motion failed to support the proposed LPRCA budget for FY 16 - 17 which mean we are a non-contributing Alliance member. While the base annual dues are \$16,000 with another \$7,000 contingency, it is suggested to consider at least continuing as a non-dues paying member through FY 16-17 opposed to withdrawing entirely.

It should be noted that the Board has already approved budget commitments for certain efforts that fall under the Alliance umbrella. The larger commitment by our Board was to be a partner in the Leshara water quality monitoring effort with several other partners over the next three years. The Alliance was to be the lead for bringing everyone together with our contributions over the next three fiscal years being \$9,696 in FY17, \$6,379 in FY18 and \$4,173 in FY19.

We have also previously agreed to help support the website (\$700) and ESRI agreement to store project data (\$834). These are longer term commitments.

The total amount of previous Board commitments for FY 2017 total \$11,230.

Committee discussion and a possible recommendation is requested.

4. OTHER

4.A. Army COE 205 Projects

4.A.1. Fremont GI Study

Miyoshi and Heimann met with NDOR on July 15th concerning the Hwy 30 Expressway and its crossing of our Rawhide Diagonal Ditch in the area of Co. Rd 20th Ave. The NRD needs O & M access to the Diagonal Ditch where the highway intersects it, the NRD needs

the capability to get to the head wall of the Diagonal and maintain the ditch. Also the Highway intersects flood water storage cells in which the District has easements. The new Highway will fill in some of this easement area, this may require mitigation. The top of the roadway will exceed the elevation of the 100-yr event. We are also concerned about the length of bridge (600+') over our ditch but, FEMA is currently reviewing the flood way. DOR agreed to extend the bridges by a minimum of 110 feet to allow flood water to move into the storage cell as designed. (Aerial Maps Attached)

Later that day we met with the COE and U.P.R.R regarding construction of the levee along the Railroad and Military St. in Fremont. There is uncertainty as to whether there is enough space to accommodate a third rail or if Military Street could be on top of the levee or the seepage berm. Also discussed were closure structure(s) where the levee would cross the railroad. U.P. will discuss in house and get back to the Corps.

On July 21st we met with the COE and NDOR on the Fremont Levee system and future Highway 30 alignment/construction. NDOR will start letting contracts starting in late 2017, then 2018 and 2019 with each of the three segments under a 2.5 year construction period. It's a little unclear as to where the levee would cross the Highway system, there will be multiple locations for road closure systems and uncertainty on the type of closure systems to be used, the bridge length over the NRD Diagonal ditch, and the levee and highway location in Southeast Fremont in relationship to the Costco development.

The Corps is organizing a Public Meeting in Fremont on September 6th for an update on the Fremont GI Levee Study.

4.A.2. Schuyler 205

Attached is "Amendment No. 2 to the Project Partnership Agreement Between the Department Of The Army, The City Of Schuyler, Nebraska, And The Lower Platte North Natural Resources District For Design And Construction Of The Platte River And Shell Creek (Section 205) Project, Schuyler, Nebraska". This amendment will allow the Army COE to include needed drainage ditch cleaning as part of Schuyler's levee cost-share project. By signing this agreement, there is no financial commitment from LPNNRD for the ditch cleaning.

4.B. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

Director Bailey reported that process is being made with regards to completing final engineering adjustments to the project and preparing a no-rise certificate for the City of Schuyler's review.

4.C. Review of Projects Draft Budget

The committee was reminded of our Director Budget Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd, starting at 5:00 p.m.

5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

No new information to report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Projects Committee adjourned at 9:06 a.m.