

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 31, 2017 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business at this time.

2. SWCP

Gottschalk reviewed the status of our SWCP funds and allocations as attached to the Projects Committee minutes.

2.A. SWCP Application Approvals

James Gerrard Windbreak Renovation \$ 1,000.00 (\$ 327.00 trees)

2.B. SWCP Payments

17-B-1	Patrick Roh	W/S Basins with Tile	\$ 3,570.90
17-S-11	David Vrana	Emergency Terrace repair	\$ 587.50

2.C. SWCP Cancellations

None

2.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

Gottschalk reported that will be using up our remaining banked 319 Phase I grant funds toward Lands for Conservation payments this fall.

3. WATERSHEDS

3.A. Shell Creek

3.A.1. Kramer Shell Creek Stabilization Project - Bid Process

We have moved forward with the bid process on the Kramer Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project. This is one of four designed projects that are eligible for EPA/NDEQ and NET grant funding. As authorized by the Board, we have been working with Mark Mainelli, (Mainelli, Wagner & Associates) to assist with this process. Mainelli has sent out notices to contractors and beginning this week, we started advertising for bids for three consecutive weeks in the Columbus and Schuyler newspapers to meet our requirements. Bid openings will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 21, 2017, in the Commissioners Board room, at the Colfax County Courthouse.

We have had discussions about approving a bid on September 21, to allow a contractor to proceed as soon as possible. After discussion of various options, the committee desired to

have the Board authorize Board Chair Birkel and/or Projects Chair Terry Sobta to approve a bid on September 21st and not change the scheduled September 28th Projects Committee Meeting date. Prior to the bid opening at 8:30 a.m., a tour of the Kramer project area, the completed Bailey Landowner Shell Creek Levee Project and possible other sites is being planned for attending Board and staff members.

3.A.2. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project

The Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project led by Mel and Kitty Bailey is complete. The Board has previously approved up to \$80,000 from the Shell Creek sinking fund to be used toward this project. There is \$76,380 of unused approved funding remaining for the project and a recommendation to pay this amount is requested.

The completed project construction costs came in much higher than anticipated at \$372,895.51. Our assistance toward the construction at this point is just over 20 percent. The committee is asked to discuss the possibility of approving additional assistance for the project. If additional funding assistance is approved, it would be need to be included in next year's (FY 2019) budget and/or beyond.

Mel Bailey was present and expressed his deep appreciation for the \$80,000 already committed for the project. He suggested that if additional assistance is considered, a maximum assistance level for all project phases be raised from \$80,000 to \$125,000, which would be an additional \$45,000 toward the project. If approved, our total project contribution will be 33.5%.

3.A.3. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan

Attached are two applications for septic inspection and upgrades in the Shell Creek Watershed. These are approved practices identified in the new approved NDEQ grant application. The grant pays 100% for the inspection (if upgrade is completed) and 50% maximum toward the new system.

Larry Formanek	Septic Inspection and Upgrade	\$3,300
Ed Wemhoff	Septic Inspection and Upgrade	\$3,300
Lee Osten	Septic Inspection and Upgrade	\$3,300

Eldon Jedlicka	No-Till 2017 Payment	\$315
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3.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed - General Update

LPNNRD has entered into Regional Conservation Partnership Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for constructing two Wahoo Creek floodwater reduction dams, Sites 26 & 27. These dam sites are two of the remaining identified potential sites identified in NRCS's 1998 Watershed Plan. LPNNRD has submitted a Water Sustainability Fund application to the Nebraska

Department of Natural Resources to assist with the local costs. NRCS will be providing \$1.5 million of federal funding toward the constructing the dams, that have a total estimated project cost of over \$5.2 million. If our WSF application is successful, the estimated remaining local share would be approximately \$1.5 million.

LPNNRD worked with FYRA last week on submitting an application to NRCS for federal financial assistance for completing the remaining eight larger Wahoo Creek flood deduction dams that were identified in their 1998 Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan. NRCS has made available \$150 million nationally for watershed projects through their old P.L. 566 program that traditionally funded flood reduction projects, which has been mostly dormant for over 20 years. Of the \$150 million, \$100 million will be available for new project applications.

LPNNRD continues to work with Saunders County who will be sending out proposal request to engineering firms for the design, permitting and eventual construction of Saunders County road dams at priority locations where bridge replacements are needed.

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

4.A. LPRCA Monthly Report

5. OTHER

5.A. Review of Projects Financial Statement

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Projects Committee adjourned at 9:00 a.m.