



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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TO: Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors
FROM: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator
DATE: April 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Public Hearing – Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center Property

At 10:30 AM on April 11th, the District held a public hearing on the acquisition of a public access easement and a conservation easement on property located in LOT 17 & 18 SW of Section 34 Township 9 North, Range 5 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Meghan Sittler, Director of Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, and Larry Ruth, LPSNRD Director, were present. These attendees did not testify.

The hearing was closed at 10:45 AM.

Attached are copies of the public notice that was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and the notice to the landowners.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 25-2504 R.R.S. 1943, that it will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 10:30 A.M., in the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District large conference room at 3125 Portia Street Place, in Lincoln, Nebraska concerning the acquisition of a public access easement and a conservation easement on private property in Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The private property is LOT 17 & 18 SW of Section 34 Township 9 North, Range 5 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska.

At the hearing the District will explain the nature of and the necessity for the acquisition, the reasons for selecting the sites, and the right of the owners to be represented by an attorney. The District shall hear and consider any objections from any person.



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March 6, 2024

National Audubon Society
Attn: Ethan Strell
225 Varick Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10014

Dear National Audubon Society:

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District has scheduled a public hearing concerning the acquisition of a public access easement and a conservation easement the property you own described as is LOT 17 & 18 SW of Section 34 Township 9 North, Range 5 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The public hearing will take place at 10:30 AM on Thursday, April 12, 2024 in the District conference room located at 3125 Portia Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

You are welcome to attend but it is not necessary for you to be there. The District is required by state statute to hold a public hearing before acquiring any interest in private property (Section 2-3234 and 76-701 et. seq. of the Revised, Reissued Statutes of the State of Nebraska).

Please contact me if you have any questions at 402-476-2729 or winselman@lpsnrd.org.

Sincerely,

Will Inselman
Lower Platte South NRD

Cc Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch file

*The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District shall manage the land
and the water resources of the district for the common good of all people*

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT****4/14/2024****PERSONNEL/OFFICE**

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.
- New Program Assistant in the Lincoln Field Office. Rebecca Wusk was previously the Program Assistant in the Wilber Field Office.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Drought conditions have continued to impact the installation of structural practices in LPSNRD since the fall of 2022. Current soil moisture conditions are variable across the district; staff are still conducting soil moisture evaluations on all projects prior to construction. Projects are being released on a site-by-site basis but many are being withheld due to inadequate soil moisture conditions.
- LPSNRD currently has the following land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County
 - 22 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
 - 24 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications
 - Cass County
 - 32 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
 - 2 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications
- Beginning to get Summer 2024 Structural Applications.

USDA PROGRAMS

- Technicians are working on structural projects as soil moisture conditions allow and checking completed projects.
- Planning staff are reviewing FY24 EQIP and CSP applications, completing in field inventories, conservation planning, cost estimates, application assessments, ranking, and beginning to obligate contracts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/29/24 – Grassland CRP Sign-up Begins
- 5/24/24 – Grassland CRP Sign-up Deadline
- 7/31/24 – Continuous CRP Sign-up Deadline

Tom Cowan – District Conservationist