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Memorandum

Date:

April 15, 2022

To:

Each Director

From:

Paul Zillig, General Manager

Subject:

Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting

The Water Resources Subcommittee will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in the NRD Office. Listed below and attached is the information on two additional agenda items, both related to the lack of adequate grass cover on Upper Salt 3-A, located just southeast of Sprague. NRCS and the NRD did a follow-up inspection of the native grass seeding of the 24 acre dam, spillway & borrow area at Upper Salt 3-A near Sprague (see map). The conclusion was that very little grass survived the drought last fall and what did probably winter killed, this will need to be reseeded. There is no grass there to control erosion on the dam, just weeds. This needs to be reseeded by the end of May so Board action will be needed this month.

<u>Item 8c - Consideration of an amendment to the USDA/NRCS Agreement for the Upper Salt 3-A Rehabilitation Project, for re-seeding expenses.</u>

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has determined that the grass cover on this dam is not adequate and that it needs to be re-seeded. USDA/NRCS has agreed to reimburse the NRD 100% of the cost to re-seed the structure (dam and auxiliary spillway) and borrow area. NRCS is currently preparing the contractual document that will enable the reimbursement.

Item 8d - Consideration of proposals to re-seed Upper Salt 3-A.

The estimated cost to re-seed the 24 acres is \$30,000. Operating Policy G-5: Competitive Bidding states that because the estimated cost is less than \$35,000 we can use the informal competitive bidding procedures. We have submitted the quantities and specifications to 3-4 seeding contractors and we plan to get proposals back the morning of the April Board Meeting (20th). We will open the proposals at that time and present the information to the Water Resources Subcommittee for their recommendation.

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Cc: Steve Seglin & Corey Wasserburger

