



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: August 12, 2022
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager DP
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Land Resources Subcommittee met Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present were Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, Vern Barrett, Bruce Johnson, Anthony Schutz, Mark Spangler, and Ken Vogel. Members absent was Ron Nolte. Others in attendance were David Potter, Donna Reid, Cole Johnson, Cory Schmidt, and Tammy Timms with NRCS. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hellerich at 5:30 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed.

(a) **Surface Water Quality Cost-Share Applications. *[Action]***

The first item on the agenda was consideration of the surface water quality applications. Potter stated the district received a total of 50 fall Cost-Share Assistance applications for Fall conservation work and FY'23 NRD funds. Applications were divided into the Eastern and Western areas and submitted to those appropriate Review Groups for consideration. Minutes from those review groups are provided herein.

The Eastern NSWCP Cost-Share Review Group met virtually Thursday, August 4th at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom to review the 26 fall applications received. The group also reviewed the proposed 2022 Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program budget consisting of the FY'23 budgeted amounts, the allocated funds, obligated dollars, and the available funds. Staff noted the program budget indicated funds still available with the presented applications and prioritization is not needed. Review group members attending included Mark Spangler, Dave Landis, Ron Nolte, and Ken Vogel. Director Bruce Johnson was not able to attend. Others present included Jan Kush, Cole Johnson, Cory Schmidt, James Conradi, Devin Heusinkvelt, Samantha Ziph, Donna Reid and David Potter. It was moved by Landis, seconded by Vogel and unanimously approved to recommend approval of those Eastern Portion applications totaling the amount presented in the program budget (\$299,679).

The Western NSWCP Cost-Share Review Group met virtually Thursday, August 4th at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom to review the 24 fall applications (8 targeted, 16 district-wide) received. The group also reviewed the proposed 2022 Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program budget consisting of the FY'23 budgeted amounts, the allocated funds, obligated dollars, and the available funds. Staff noted the program budget indicated funds still available with the presented applications and prioritization is not needed. Review group members participating included Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, Vern Barrett, Anthony Schutz, and Bob Andersen. Others present included John Albert, Evan Sisel, Cory Schmidt, Connie Hansen, Trevor Hinn, Scott Mathine, Laura Henery, Donna Reid and David Potter. It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Barrett and unanimously approved to recommend approval of those Western Portion, SVL, Stevens Creek, and Twin Lakes applications totaling the amount presented in the program budget (\$490,641).

Potter stated that the District's program funding budgets and prioritization commonly used were provided to the subcommittee. It was noted that the FY2023 cost-share program budgets also take into account those payments made in FY2023 for jobs completed in the previous fiscal year (none this year), the summer applications that were approved for this year, and the fall applications. In summary, there are 50 District cost-share applications for consideration, including 16 District-wide Western, 8 Targeted (6 in Twin Lakes), and 26 District-wide Eastern totaling an amount of \$790,320 (District-wide west \$196,150; Targeted \$294,491; District-wide east \$299,679). The applications were identified on spreadsheets and maps and were provided to the subcommittee. As shown on the program budget, the District has \$193,976 in obligated funds, which includes summer applications. Obligated funds and those recommended fall cost-share applications total \$981,296.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved, to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 50 identified Fall cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$790,320.

(b) Measurable Goals. [Action]

As directed in the LPSNRD 2019 Master Plan, a list of measurable goals is to be developed for each subcommittee for the fiscal year and then those goals are to be reviewed each year to see what has been accomplished. The 12-month review of the FY22 measurable goals and the proposed goals for FY23 for the Land Resources Subcommittee were provided to the subcommittee and Potter described each in detail.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Schutz, and unanimously approved, to recommend the Finance and Planning Subcommittee include the identified measurable goals as part of the FY23 Long Range Implementation Plan.

(c) Regional Conservation Partnership Program [Discussion]

Cory Schmidt and Tammy Timms briefly explained the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to the subcommittee and provided some examples of current and past projects in the state. RCPP is not a grant but would provide match funding for a possible watershed project with partners. The deadline for RCPP is in April. The subcommittee would like staff to continue with research on the program and a possible project with the Salt Creek Watershed.

(d) Nebraska Extension Demonstration, Cover Crop Program, and Farm Pond Projects [Discussion]

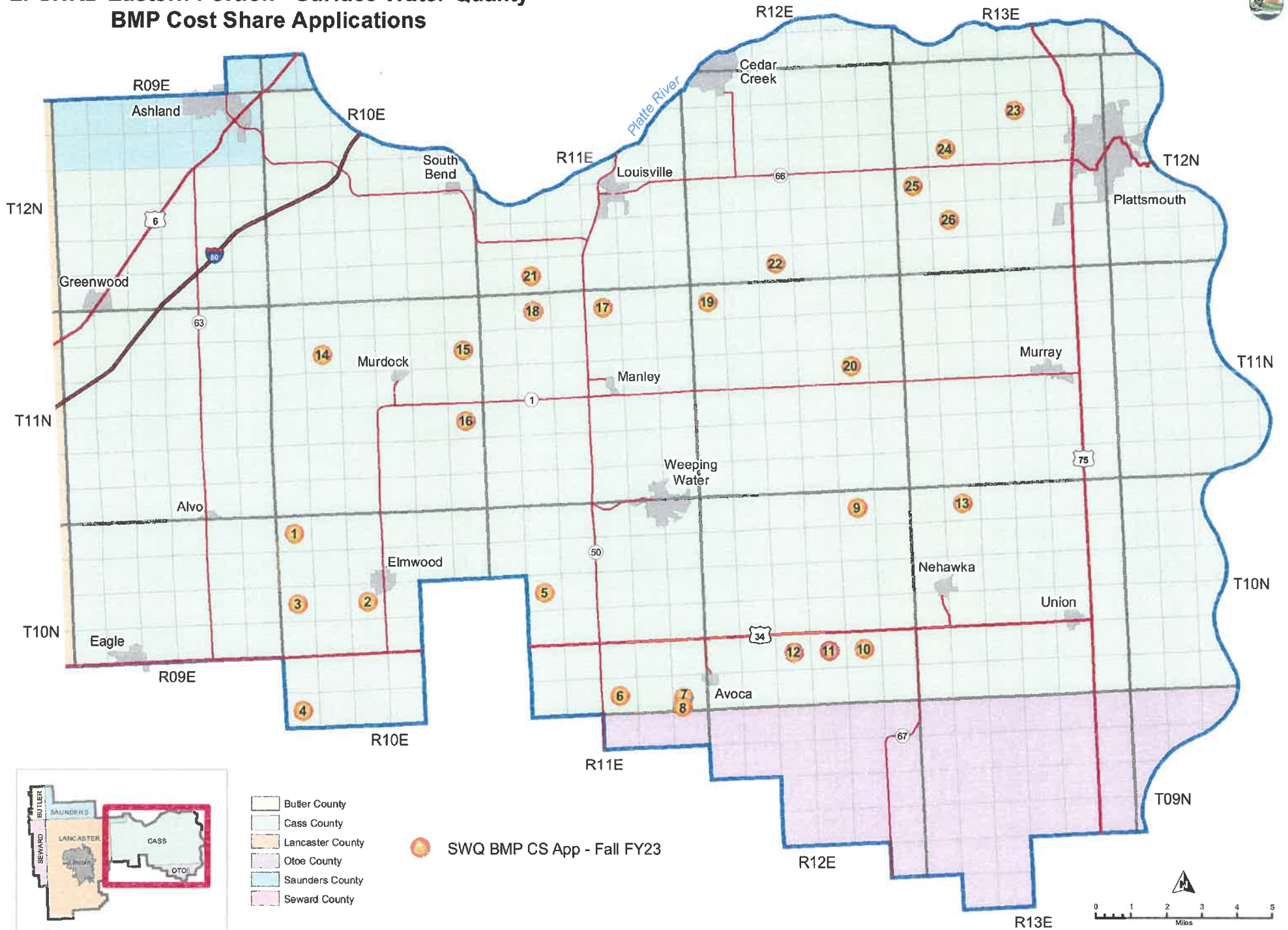
Potter provide updates on various programs and activities. Nebraska Extension received a Section 319 grant to conduct a highboy seeder cover-crop demonstration project in LPSNRD, LPNNRD, and UBBNRD. The District was asked to help identify producers in our District that were located in our Water Quality Management Plan priority areas, along major roads with higher traffic, and on irrigated ground (if possible). The District signed up four producers in northern Lancaster County and seeding will be the week of August 15th. There is no cost to the District or the producer (except for cover crop termination). The District has prepared media publications to help promote our LPSNRD Cover Crop Program and submitted to the various newspapers. The application deadline is October 1st. Potter also informed the subcommittee the Woita farm pond has been completed and construction is to begin on the Benes pond soon. Two other farm ponds are planned to be completed this summer and one in Twin Lakes Watershed maybe in late Spring or early Summer of 2024.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

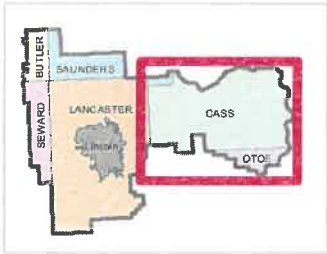
EAST

Map #	Applicant Name	County	Project	SEC	TWN	RNG	Amount Requested
1	Harvey Bornemeier	Cass	Terraces	6	10	10	\$12,328
2	Gary A. Bornemeier	Cass	Terraces	16	10	10	\$12,500
3	Brad J. Backemeyer	Cass	Terraces	18	10	10	\$12,500
4	Jane Heine	Cass	Terraces	31	10	10	\$9,567
5	Harvey Mills	Cass	Terraces	17	10	11	\$12,500
6	Leon Bose	Cass	Terraces	34	10	11	\$2,496
7	Geraldine M. Stubbendick	Cass	Terraces	36	10	11	\$12,500
8	GMR Family Farms LLC	Cass	Terraces	36	10	11	\$12,500
9	Rick D. Nolte	Cass	Terraces	2	10	12	\$12,500
10	Perkins Palmer Farms LLC	Cass	Terraces	26	10	12	\$12,500
11	Straub - Perkins-Palmer Farms LLC	Cass	Terraces	27	10	12	\$12,500
12	Perkins-Garrett-Palmer Farms LLC	Cass	Terraces	28	10	12	\$12,500
13	Ted & Karen Ent LLC	Cass	Terraces	5	10	13	\$12,500
14	Wayne R. Stock, Inc.	Cass	Terraces	8	11	10	\$12,500
15	Luetchens Family LLC	Cass	Terraces	12	11	10	\$12,500
16	Jack Gilbert	Cass	Terraces	24	11	10	\$12,500
17	Roger Gaebel	Cass	Terraces	3	11	11	\$4,992
18	Mark & Nancy Luetchens	Cass	Terraces	5	11	11	\$12,500
19	James Mayfield	Cass	Terraces	6	11	12	\$12,427
20	Kathleen Copple	Cass	Terraces	14	11	12	\$12,500
21	LeMar Vogler	Cass	Terraces	32	12	11	\$9,900
22	Don Schlichtemeier	Cass	Terraces	33	12	12	\$10,469
21	Oak N Ridge	Cass	Terraces	10	12	13	\$12,500
24	James Meisinger	Cass	Terraces	17	12	13	\$12,500
25	Mark Meisinger	Cass	Terraces	19	12	13	\$12,500
26	Ronald Nolte	Cass	Terraces	29	12	13	\$12,500
TOTAL (26 Applications)							\$299,679

LPSNRD Eastern Portion - Surface Water Quality BMP Cost Share Applications



SWQ BMP CS App - Fall FY23



- Butler County
- Cass County
- Lancaster County
- Otoe County
- Saunders County
- Seward County



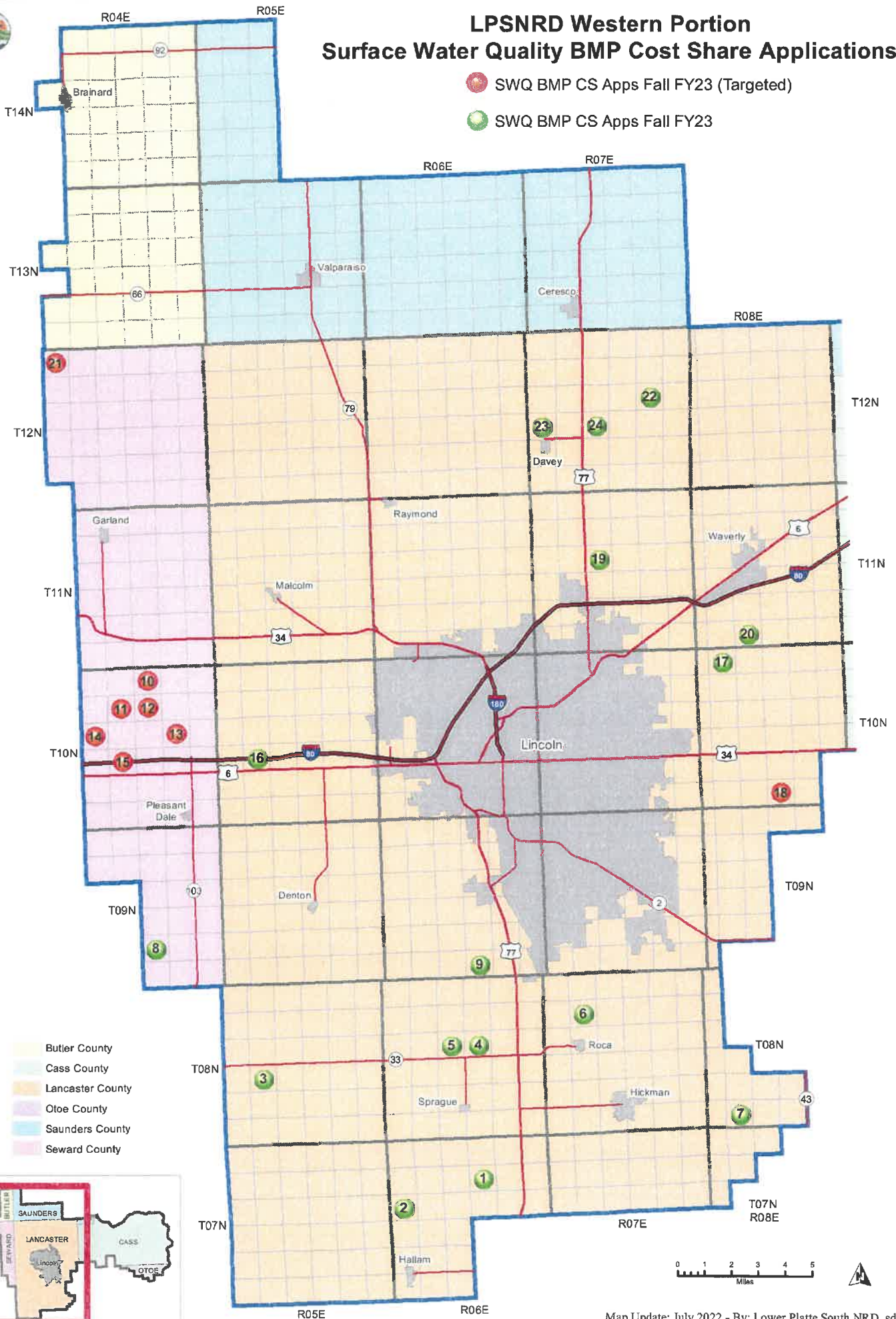
WEST

Map #	Applicant Name	County	Project	SEC	TWN	RNG	Amount Requested	Targeted Area
1	Thomas Sullivan	Lancaster	Terraces	10	7	6	\$12,500	
2	Nebraska Public Power District	Lancaster	Terraces	18	7	6	\$12,500	
3	Nancy L. Kunz Revocable Trust	Lancaster	Terraces	20	8	5	\$12,500	
4	Percy P. Krueger Family Revocable Trust	Lancaster	Terraces	15	8	6	\$12,500	
5	Charlene Brown	Lancaster	Terraces	16	8	6	\$12,500	
6	Roger L. Byrne	Lancaster	Grassed Waterways	8	8	7	\$8,650	
7	Paulsen Family Living Trust	Lancaster	Terraces	32	8	8	\$12,500	
8	Lumir Novak	Seward	Terraces	27	9	4	\$12,500	
9	Marcia Bauer & Thomas Riggs	Lancaster	Terraces	34	9	6	\$12,500	
10	Larry G. Schildt Revocable Trust	Seward	Terraces	3	10	4	\$85,420	Twin Lakes 319
11	Gilbert Woebbecke	Seward	Terraces	9	10	4	\$55,130	Twin Lakes 319
12	Kenneth Schultz	Seward	Terraces	10	10	4	\$44,880	Twin Lakes 319
13	Paula Wehling	Seward	Terraces	14	10	4	\$8,376	Twin Lakes 319
14	Jason Radford	Seward	Terraces	17	10	4	\$51,622	Twin Lakes 319
15	Thomas L. Sieck Revocable Trust	Seward	Terraces	21	10	4	\$18,700	Twin Lakes 319
16	Roger Bruner	Lancaster	Terraces	20	10	5	\$12,500	
17	Marvin Hall	Lancaster	Terraces	5	10	8	\$12,500	
18	Maahs Limited.	Lancaster	Terraces	34	10	8	\$17,500	Stevens Creek
19	Rick Erickson Revocable Trust	Lancaster	Terraces	16	11	7	\$12,500	
20	Lynn Neujahr	Lancaster	Terraces	33	11	8	\$12,500	
21	Robert Kunasek	Seward	Terraces	6	12	4	\$12,863	Branched Oak
22	Alan D. Hansen	Lancaster	Terraces	14	12	7	\$12,500	
23	Janeane O'Donnell	Lancaster	Terraces	19	12	7	\$12,500	
24	Grant Fiedler	Lancaster	Terraces	21	12	7	\$12,500	
				TOTAL (24 Applications)			\$490,641	

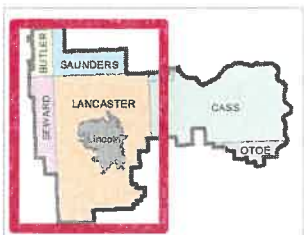


LPSNRD Western Portion Surface Water Quality BMP Cost Share Applications

- SWQ BMP CS Apps Fall FY23 (Targeted)
- SWQ BMP CS Apps Fall FY23



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Map Update: July 2022 - By: Lower Platte South NRD, sdr

Sources: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District; Nebraska Department of Natural Resources; Nebraska Department of Roads

FY 2022 - Measurable Goals or Outcomes

12-Month Review (June 30, 2022)

As directed in the LPSNRD 2019 Master Plan, a list of measurable goals or outcomes was identified for each standing and ad hoc subcommittee. In preparation for the following year's LRIP, these identified goals or outcomes should be rated on progress being made. It's important to note that these goals or outcomes are guidance for the staff, subcommittees and Board, and do not represent all of the possible goals or outcomes, nor does it indicate any error or false information on behalf of the staff, subcommittees and Board if they are not achieved.

Land Resources

Soil & Water Conservation (District-wide)

- Complete construction of three approved farm ponds – None completed. Hunter farm pond (approved FY18) was constructed Summer 2021. Woita and Benes farm ponds (approved FY20) are designed were to be constructed last summer but now will be constructed summer 2022 but will be in FY23. Schneider and Lux farm ponds (approved FY21) are in design and will be constructed summer 2022 (FY23). Stohlmann farm pond (approved FY21) was canceled at request of the owner. Four more farm ponds (Troyer, DeJong, Sieck and Helge), all located in Twin Lakes watershed are currently being considered for approval and summer 2023 construction.
- Complete 75% of the approved cost-share conservation practices - 83 Cost-Share Applications approved. 54 have been completed and paid; 29 were cancelled. Only completed 65%.

Soil & Water Conservation (Targeted)

- Approve at least 45 cover crop applications - 52 Cover Crop applications were received and approved (one in Twin Lakes). 46 were completed and paid; Six applications were cancelled by the producer.
- Complete 85% of the approved cost-share conservation practices - 14 Cost-Share Applications approved. 13 have been completed and paid; one was cancelled. Completed 93%.

GIS Support and Imagery

- Complete GIS mapping of NRD R.O.W. on 20 parcels – Digitized land rights completed and added to the NRD Database from July 2021 – June 2022 include: Denton Prairie on Prairie Corridor H.B. (deed from City of Lincoln to NRD), Kapke property on Prairie Corridor H.B. (deed), Upper Salt 27-A Easement, Old Fire Station Property (deed from City of Lincoln to NRD), Quiet Title Deed for old channel area along Salt Creek Levee, Stevens Creek A2-1 Access Easement, Antelope Creek Access Easement near 22nd & M, Antelope Creek Access Easement near 23rd & N, Upper Salt 29-5 Easements, Upper Salt 31-1 Easement, Upper Salt 33-1 Easements, Upper Salt 36-1 Easement, Upper Salt 39-1 Easement, North Oak 6-C (Timber Point) Easements, Marilyn Harrold (deed of distribution, land donation), North Oak 2-C (agreement to allow dock), Howerter Rd Structure Easement, Trail and Levee Easement along Salt Creek in Ashland, Ashland Loop Trail Easements, Salt Creek at Ashland – Levee and Floodplain Easements, Salt Creek at Ashland – Floodplain Management Deeds.

Water Quality Watershed Project

- Hold at least one in-person event in the watershed to promote the incentive program – An open house was held on December 2nd, 2021 in Pleasant Dale at the Fire Hall. Approximately 15 residents attended.
- Implement at least 4 BMPs in the watershed – We received two fall cost-share applications for terraces and one for cover crop. One cost-share BMP for terraces and the cover crop were completed. Four farm pond applications were approved in March 2022.

FY 2023 - Measurable Goals or Outcomes - DRAFT

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Land Resources

Soil & Water Conservation (District-wide)

- Complete construction of five approved farm ponds
- Complete 75% of the approved cost-share conservation practices

Soil & Water Conservation (Targeted)

- Approve at least 60 cover crop applications
- Complete 85% of the approved cost-share conservation practices

GIS Support and Imagery

- Complete GIS mapping of NRD R.O.W. on 20 parcels

Water Quality Watershed Project

- Implement at least 15 BMPs in the Twin Lakes Watershed