



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 12, 2022

To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors

From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*

Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 5:31 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Tom Green, Mark Spangler, Ray Stevens, John Yoakum, and Don Jacobson. Other attendees were Paul Zillig, Jay Seaton, and Will Inselman.

First item on the agenda, was the discussion on the upcoming FY2023 Conservation Tree Program changes to the price of seedlings and to limit the number of orders. Bessey Nursery recently sent their price list for FY2023 and there was another increase in price. We have not had a price increase here at LPSNRD since FY2020. Since then, Bessey has increased their price by 11.5%. That is in addition to the cost of packing materials. However, due to the introduction in FY2022 of funds from Executive Travel, we can offset some of that cost and pass that on to our clients. The staff recommendation was to increase the increase seedling prices for orders of less than 100 seedlings to \$0.95, orders greater than/equal to 100 seedlings to \$0.90 and the small acreage packages to \$65.00. This is an increase of \$0.05 per seedling and \$10.00 for the packages.

Another recommendation from staff was to limit the total number of seedlings sold to 40,000 or 450 orders, whichever would happen first. Due to the high number of small orders placed last year (over 500) we learned that space is limited in the tree cooler. With that high number of orders, safety of moving boxes became a concern, as well as the logistics of sorting and finding orders. It was requested that staff investigate finding alternative solutions that would not limit the number of trees and/or orders in future years.

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Stevens and approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the changes to the guidelines and price increase of seedlings for the FY2023 Conservation Forestry Program.

Motion passed 6-0

Second on the agenda, was a discussion on changes to the program rules for the FY2023 Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program. The cost-share program is for planting landscape sized trees on residential or commercial properties in the District. Staff discussed changes that would help streamline the program by setting application and payment deadlines to help with the administration of the program. The staff recommended changes to the rules were an application deadline of October 31st and requirement to be invoiced prior to May 31st to avoid

getting bills in the wrong fiscal year. Staff also recommended removing wording on the maximum amount of application accepted, to read that applications would be accepted until October 31st or earlier if all funds were expended. This program is in its second year so we knew there would be some growing pains. Staff felt these changes would help streamline the program.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Jacobson and approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the changes to the program rules for the FY2023 Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program.

Motion passed 6-0

Last on the agenda, were staff updates and reports on various projects. Reports/updates: Conservation easement conversations with interested landowners, Wabash trailhead, MoPac connector status update, and new historical MoPac trail signs to be installed at trailheads.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file



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TO: LPSNRD Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee
FROM: Jay Seaton, LPSNRD Forester
DATE: August 11, 2022
SUBJECT: Lower Platte South NRD FY 23 Conservation Tree Program Changes

The Conservation Tree Program: 2022 fiscal year we sold more than 43,000 trees and shrubs to over 500 different clients in the Lower Platte South NRD. That is the highest number of clients sold to in the program's history.

Recommendations for the program for fiscal year 2023.

- Bessey Nursery has set their price list for FY2023 and there was another increase in price. We have not had a price increase here at LPSNRD since FY2020. Since then, Bessey has increased their price by 11.5%. That is in addition to the cost of packing materials. However, due to the introduction in FY2022 of funds from Executive Travel, we can offset some of that cost and pass that on to our clients.
 - It is recommended for FY2023 that the LPSNRD increase seedling prices for orders of less than 100 seedlings to \$0.95, orders greater than/equal to 100 seedlings to \$0.90 and the small acreage packages to \$65.00.
 - That is an increase of \$0.05 per seedling and \$10.00 for the packages.
- In the past, we have set a deadline for last day of tree orders. However due to the high number of orders we learned space is limited in the tree cooler. That size of orders taken safety of moving boxes became a concern, as well as the logistics of sorting and finding orders.
 - It is recommended for FY2023 we set a maximum of 40,000 seedling to sale and a maximum of 450 orders.

If there are any questions, comments and/or additional ideas, please send them to me for consideration.

Sincerely,

Jay Seaton
Lower Platte South NRD Forester

THE PROGRAM

- The Lower Platte South NRD sells tree and shrub seedlings in bulk to cooperating landowners.
- **The program will not accept applications once 450 orders or 40,000 total seedlings are sold.**
- The minimum order is 25.
- Species are sold in bundles of 25 (except if ordering packages) and therefore must be ordered in increments of 25.
- All trees and shrubs are \$0.90 **\$0.95** each for orders of 25-75 seedlings.
- Only \$0.85 **\$0.90** each for orders of 100 seedlings or more.
- Trees ordered will be delivered directly to the LPSNRD office and stored in our custom tree cooler.
- LPSNRD will notify you when trees are available to pick up.
- Trees should be ready for pick-up by mid-April.
- The sooner you plant them, the better their survival rate will be.
- LPSNRD can no longer provide seedling planting services.



One bundle of 25 seedlings

Need instruction on planting your tree seedlings? Visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search "Lower Platte South NRD", and view the video, "Planting a Seedling Tree".

ABOUT THE NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources, with an emphasis on watershed management. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and governed by a board of directors—elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe, and Butler counties.



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ORDERING

More species may be available by ordering at LPSNRD.org. Visit LPSNRD.org and look for the online ordering link near the top, or complete the "Tree Request Form" on this page and send it to LPSNRD at the address on the form, along with a check in the appropriate amount. Order forms and payment need to be at LPSNRD by March 26, 2021. Some species may sell out and you may then opt for another species or receive a refund. Trees will be delivered to LPSNRD in April.

PLANNING

At your request, the NRD forester will make a free planning visit with you to your tree planting site to suggest species of trees.

Contact the NRD Forester:
Jay Seaton, (402) 476-2729 or at jseaton.forester@lpsnrd.org for more information.

SEEDLING ORDER FORM

More species may be available by ordering online. Visit LPSNRD.org and look for the link near the top.

*LPSNRD will not share your information.
Ordering deadline is March 26, 2021*

Name

Phone

Address

City

State ZIP

Email

Tree and shrub species are sold in bundles of 25 and must be ordered in increments of 25. See photos of species at LPSNRD.org

Conifers # Ordered

Eastern Red Cedar _____

Eastern White Pine _____

Jack Pine _____

Southwestern White Pine _____

Total Number of Conifers: _____

Deciduous # Ordered

American Elm _____

Black Walnut _____

Bur Oak _____

Cottonwood, Native _____

Crabapple, Manchurian _____

Hackberry _____

Northern Red Oak _____

Silver Maple _____

Swamp White Oak _____

Total Number of Deciduous: _____

Shrubs # Ordered

American Plum _____

Chokecherry _____

Cotoneaster 'Centennial' _____

Elderberry _____

Golden Currant _____

Lilac, Common _____

Redosier Dogwood _____

Serviceberry _____

Silver Buffaloberry _____

Skunkbrush Sumac _____

Total Number of Shrubs: _____

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|--|----------|--|
| Total Conifers, Deciduous, & Shrubs: _____ | | |
| If 75 or less x by \$0.90 _____ | \$ _____ | Make checks to: Lower Platte South NRD |
| If 100 or more x by \$0.85 _____ | \$ _____ | |
| # of packages x \$55 \$65 _____ | \$ _____ | Mail this form to: Lower Platte South NRD P.O. Box 83581 Lincoln, NE 68501-3581 |
| Subtotal _____ | \$ _____ | |
| Subtotal x .0725 sales tax added _____ | \$ _____ | |
| Total amount enclosed _____ | \$ _____ | |

SMALL ACREAGE PACKAGES:

Get 50 seedlings for \$55.⁰⁰

Each of the three choices below are pre-packaged, with ten of each of the species listed. Sorry, no substitutions.

West Package

Ponderosa Pine

Rocky Mountain Juniper

Bur Oak

Chokecherry

American Plum

Total Number of West Packages: _____

East Package

Bur Oak

Centennial Cotoneaster

Swamp White Oak

Crabapple

Chokeberry, 'McKenzie'

Total Number of East Packages: _____

Wildlife Package

Chokecherry

Elderberry

Woods Rose

Golden Currant

Redosier Dogwood

Total Number of Wildlife Packages: _____

Flowering Package

Serviceberry

Red-Osier Dogwood

Common Lilac

Crabapple

Caragana

Total Number of Flowering Packages: _____

Lower Platte South Natural Resources District's (LPSNRD) Landscape Tree Cost-Share Applicant Checklist:

- Step 1: Double Check to make sure the tree will be planted in LPSNRD.
- Step 2: Determine what tree you (the Applicant) would like to plant.
 - Check whether the species is on the approved list provided by LPSNRD.
 - The LPSNRD Forester is available for consultation.
- Step 3: Shop....
 - Applicants will shop around to find their species of choice.
 - LPSNRD Forester can help in recommending a nursery close to home.
 - Procure a written bid from nursery, with price, prior to buying.
- Step 4: Apply....
 - Fill out the LPSNRD Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program application form.
 - All information must be accurate, and Applicant must provide:
 - Address where tree will be planted.
 - Detailed map of exact location of tree planting.
 - The more pictures the better, to see all directions and that the area is ideal for planting.
 - Receipt from 811-Digger's Hotline confirming planting site has been marked.
 - Bid from nursery for the tree.
 - Submit all information to LPSNRD Forester, preferably via email.
- Step 5: Inspection and Approval...
 - LPSNRD Forester will review the application.
 - Forester will alert Applicant of application submission.
 - Forester then reviews application.
 - Forester will contact Applicant for any additional information needed.
 - If needed, Forester will visit the site to insure it is ideal for the tree.
 - Forester approves application, submits it to General Manager for final approval.
 - General Manager approves.
- Step 6: Purchase tree, plant tree and request cost-sharing.
 - With Applicant approved, they will go purchase tree.
 - Tree will then be planted.
 - Applicant is responsible for tree planting.
 - LPSNRD does not cost-share on planting.
 - Send request to LPSNRD Forester for cost-sharing reimbursement.
 - Forester will inspect tree & planting.
 - Forester will submit request for accounting to issue reimbursement.

Lower Platte South Natural Resources District's (LPSNRD) Landscape Tree Cost-Share Rules:

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District ("District") has budgeted funds for the purpose of sharing the total cost of trees for the good of the urban forest. Below are program rules and District administering guidelines.

- Applications will be considered in order (Based on the submission date).
- Maximum of 1 tree per applicant AND location per year.
- Applications will be **accepted until October 31st or until available funds are expended.**
 - **Maximum of 85 approved applicants per year. Remove**
- Applications will be reviewed by the District Forester and approved by the General Manager.
- Applicants give permission for District Forester to visit site to inspect planting area and planted tree.
- Tree planting location must be within the District. [See map.](#)
 - Can be planted on rights-of-way, common areas, etc., with proper approval.
 - Can be on private ground, both residential & commercial.
 - Land cannot be owned by the United States government, the State of Nebraska, and/or any division of government of the State of Nebraska (i.e. county, city, local government).
- The address of tree planting must be accurate with:
 - Detailed map of exact location of future tree placement.
 - Pictures of tree placement location.
- Confirmation of request for tree planting, via email receipt, from Digger's Hotline, 811.
 - Applicants are required to call Digger's Hotline (811) prior to any planting.
- No shrubs, grass, flowers or orchard trees.
 - Species not recommended for the program will NOT be approved. See list.
- Standard landscape size 1 ½" stock (1" – 1 ¾") for deciduous trees and 4 – 5' for conifer trees is the recommended size. Root maker bag trees 3 gallon to 15-gallon trees are encouraged as well. All trees must be guaranteed for 1 year.
- District will provide technical expertise for tree planting location, tree selection, proper planting and maintenance.
- Cost-Share will be 75% of the cost of the tree, with a maximum of \$115.
- No cost-sharing will be provided for nursery planting.
 - Applicant can plant tree themselves.
 - Nursery can plant, but Applicant is responsible for nursery planting cost.
- Applicants will be provided with the Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program checklist.
- Applicants must sign and date their application prior to planting.
- After planting, Applicants will provide District confirmation of tree planting via email receipt from nursery and pictures of planted tree.
- **The District must receive an invoice for the planted tree no later than May 31st.**

Approved Species - LPSNRD Landscape Tree Program

| Species | Height | Spread | Note |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Baldcypress | 50 | 30 | |
| River Birch | 50 | 40 | |
| Catalpa | 50 | 35 | |
| Kentucky Coffeetree | 50 | 40 | |
| Cottonwood, Native | 80 | 60 | |
| Elm spp. mis | 50 | 40 | Disease resistant varieties available. |
| Ginkgo | 45 | 35 | Males only |
| Hackberry | 50 | 50 | |
| Hickory spp. | 40 | 40 | Native Species only |
| Oak spp. | 50 | 40 | Prioritize native species |
| Pecan | 50 | 50 | |
| Sycamore | 80 | 50 | |
| Tulip Tree | 50 | 40 | |
| Black Walnut | 60 | 45 | |
| Yellow Buckeye | 40 | 30 | |
| Black Cherry | 35 | 20 | |
| Goldenrain Tree | 35 | 25 | |
| Horsechestnut | 60 | 40 | |
| Persimmon | 30 | 20 | |
| Yellowwood | 25 | 20 | |
| Chestnut spp. | 25 | 25 | Disease resistant varieties available. |
| Flowering Crabapple | 20 | 15 | Several varieties available. |
| Hophornbeam | 20 | 15 | |
| Redbud | 20 | 15 | |
| Serviceberry | 15 | 15 | |
| Douglasfir | 50 | 30 | |
| Concolor Fir | 50 | 25 | |
| Eastern White Pine | 70 | 40 | |
| Ponderosa Pine | 65 | 30 | |
| Red Pine | 40 | 30 | |
| Southwestern White Pine | 35 | 20 | |
| Black Hills Spruce | 50 | 30 | |
| Norway Spruce | 70 | 40 | |
| White Spruce | 50 | 30 | |

Charles E. Bessey Nursery
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FY 23 Bareroot and Container Prices

Bareroot

| Age/Class | Price |
|------------------------|---------|
| 2-0 Conifers | \$0.87 |
| 2-0 Hardwoods | \$0.87 |
| 1-0 Hardwoods | \$0.81 |
| Rooted Cuttings | \$1.10 |
| Small Acreage Packages | \$60.00 |

Container

| Container Size | Price |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Ray Leach Super Cells (RL10's) | \$1.20 |
| 112's | \$0.87 |
| 160's | \$0.81 |
| 77's | \$1.20 |
| 45's | \$2.30 |
| Anderson 2 7/8" | \$5.00 |
| Anderson 3 5/8" | \$8.00 |
| Anderson 5" | \$12.00 |

