




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: August 8, 2023
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Land Resources Subcommittee met virtually on Monday, August 7, 2023. Subcommittee members present were Mark Spangler, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Chelsea Johnson, Lisa Lewis, Anthony Schutz, and Ken Vogel. Members absent was Ron Nolte. Others in attendance were David Potter, Donna Reid, Lesli Lair, and Tom Cowan. The meeting was called to order by Chair Spangler at 5:33 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed.

a) Surface Water Quality Cost-Share Applications.

The first item on the agenda was consideration of the surface water quality applications. Potter stated the district received a total of 41 fall Cost-Share Assistance applications for conservation work and FY'24 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 at the NRCS Weeping Water Field Office on Thursday, July 27th at 9:00 a.m. to review the 20 fall applications received. The group also reviewed the proposed 2023 Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program budget consisting of the FY'24 budgeted amounts, the allocated funds, obligated dollars, and the available funds. Staff noted the program budget indicates funds are still available with the presented applications and that prioritization was not needed. Review group members attending included Mark Spangler, Tom Green, Chelsea Johnson, Ron Nolte, and Ken Vogel. Others present included Jan Kush, Lesli Lair, Mike Sousek, Donna Reid, Tyler Benal, and David Potter with LPSNRD; and Cole Johnson, Tom Cowan, James Conradi, Devin Heusinkvelt, and Samantha Ziph with NRCS. It was moved by Nolte, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved to recommend approval of the 20 Eastern Portion applications totaling the amount presented in the program budget (\$216,227).

The Western NSWCP Cost-Share Review Group met at the LPSNRD office on Friday, July 28th at 9:00 a.m. to review the 21 fall applications (10 targeted, 11 district-wide) received. The group also reviewed the proposed 2023 Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program budget consisting of the FY'24 budgeted amounts, the allocated funds, obligated dollars, and the available funds. Staff noted the program budget indicates funds are still available with the presented applications and that prioritization was not needed. Review group members in attendance included Gary Hellerich, Lisa Lewis, and Bob Andersen. Directors not able to attend were Gary Aldridge and Anthony Schutz. Others present included John Albert, Sean Loken, Donna Reid, Mike Sousek, Tyler Benal, and David Potter with LPSNRD; and Cole Johnson with NRCS. It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Lewis

and unanimously approved to recommend approval of the 21 Western Portion, SVL, Stevens Creek, and Twin Lakes applications totaling the amount presented in the program budget (\$470,673).

Potter stated that the District's Surface Water Quality Program funding budget and prioritization commonly used were provided to the subcommittee. It was noted the FY2024 cost-share program budget also takes into account those payments made in FY2024 for jobs completed in the previous fiscal year (none this year), the summer applications that were approved for this year, and the current fall applications. In summary, there are 41 District cost-share applications for consideration, including 11 District-wide Western, 10 Targeted, and 20 District-wide Eastern totaling an amount of \$686,900 (District-wide west \$131,656; Salt Valley Lakes \$31,190; Stevens Creek \$42,462; Twin Lakes \$265,365; District-wide east \$216,227). The applications were identified on the spreadsheets and maps provided to the subcommittee. As shown on the program budget, the District has \$139,307 in obligated funds, which includes summer applications. Obligated funds and those recommended 2023 fall cost-share applications total \$826,207. Potter stated that there was \$400K reduced from Surface Water Quality Practices in the District's FY24 Budget this year based on number of applications received and obligated. Even with the reduction, there are funds still available based on the program budget. Staff directed the resources technicians to seek additional applications. The subcommittee and staff discussed reasons why cost-share applications were down this year and what might be done to encourage more.

It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously approved, to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 41 identified fall cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$686,900.

b) Measurable Goals.

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 FY23 measurable goals and the proposed goals for FY24 for the Land Resources Subcommittee were provided to the subcommittee and Potter described each in detail. Discussion was had by the subcommittee on what can be done to promote the cost-share program and get more conservation on the ground, including increasing maximum cost-share amounts, cost-share percentages, advertisements, etc.

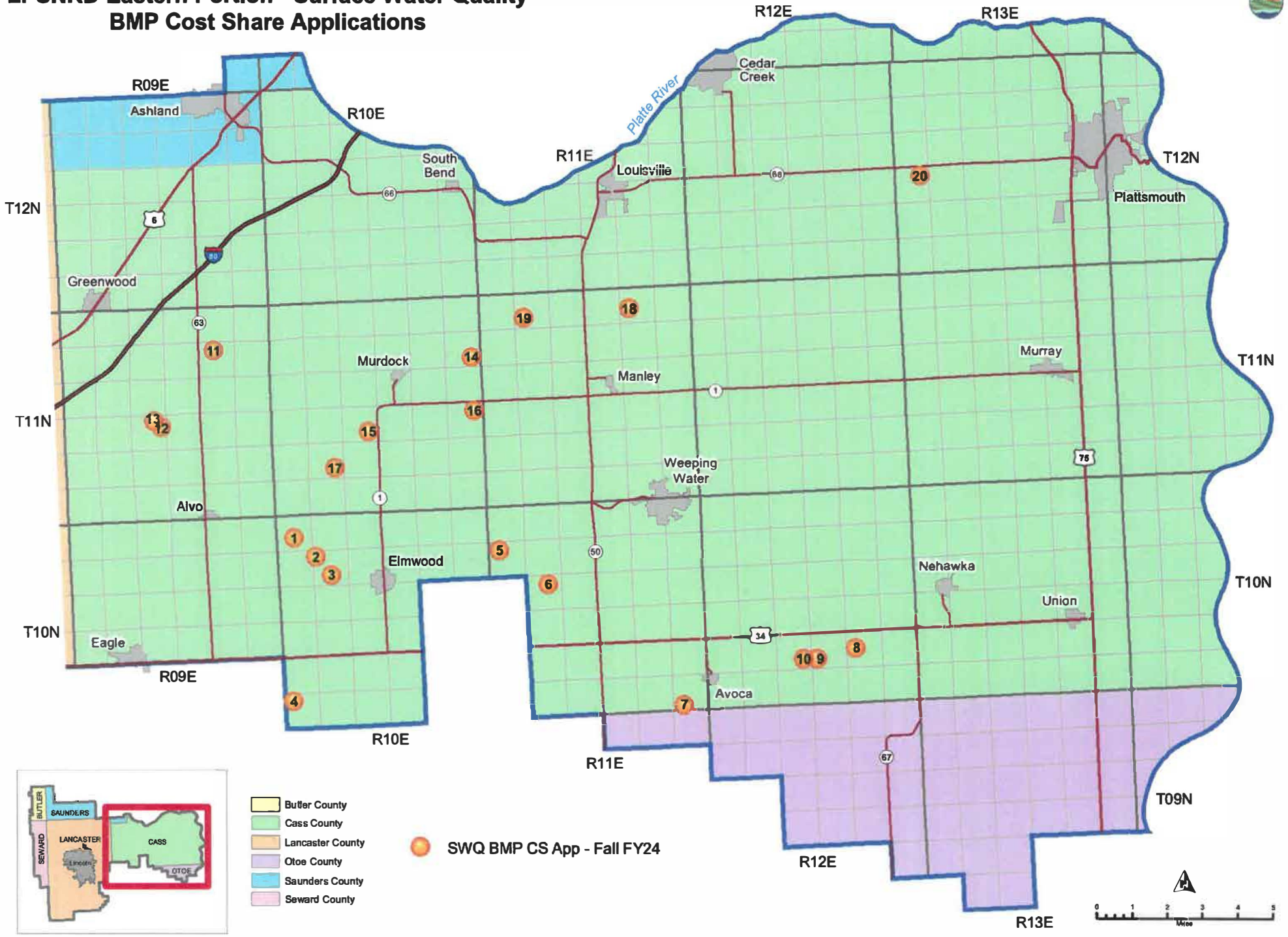
It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Lewis, and unanimously approved, to recommend the Finance and Planning Subcommittee include the identified measurable goals as part of the FY24 Long Range Implementation Plan.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

2023 Fall Applications (Eastern Portion)

MapID	Applicant Name	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
1	Harvey Bornemeier	6	10	10	Cass	Terraces	\$12,328.00	
2	Brad J. Backemeyer	8	10	10	Cass	Grassed Waterways	\$3,760.00	
3	Randall F. Reinke	8	10	10	Cass	Terraces	\$5,627.00	
4	Jane Heine	31	10	10	Cass	Terraces	\$9,639.00	
5	Michael Vogt	7	10	11	Cass	Terraces	\$10,440.00	
6	Harvey Mills	17	10	11	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
7	GMR Family Farms LLC	36	10	11	Cass	Terraces	\$5,822.00	
8	Perkins Palmer Farms LLC	26	10	12	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
9	Straub Perkins Palmer Farms LLC	27	10	12	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
10	Perkins Garrett Palmer Farms LLC	28	10	12	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
11	Lambert Family Farms LLC	11	11	9	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
12	Bob Rikli	21	11	9	Cass	Terraces	\$7,650.00	
13	Brad Rikli	21	11	9	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
14	Luetchens Family LLC	12	11	10	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
15	Cheryl A. Dill Patterson Gifting Trust	21	11	10	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
16	Dorothy J. Pointer	24	11	10	Cass	Terraces	\$10,961.00	
17	Laurel McReynolds & Roger Bornemeier	29	11	10	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
18	Ingwerson Ent LLC	2	11	11	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
19	Mark & Nancy Luetchens	5	11	11	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
20	Mark Meisinger	19	12	13	Cass	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
						TOTAL	\$216,227.00	

LPSNRD Eastern Portion - Surface Water Quality BMP Cost Share Applications



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

SWQ BMP CS App - Fall FY24



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

Map Updated: July 2023 - By: Lower Platte South NRD, sdr

2023 Fall Applications (Western Portion)

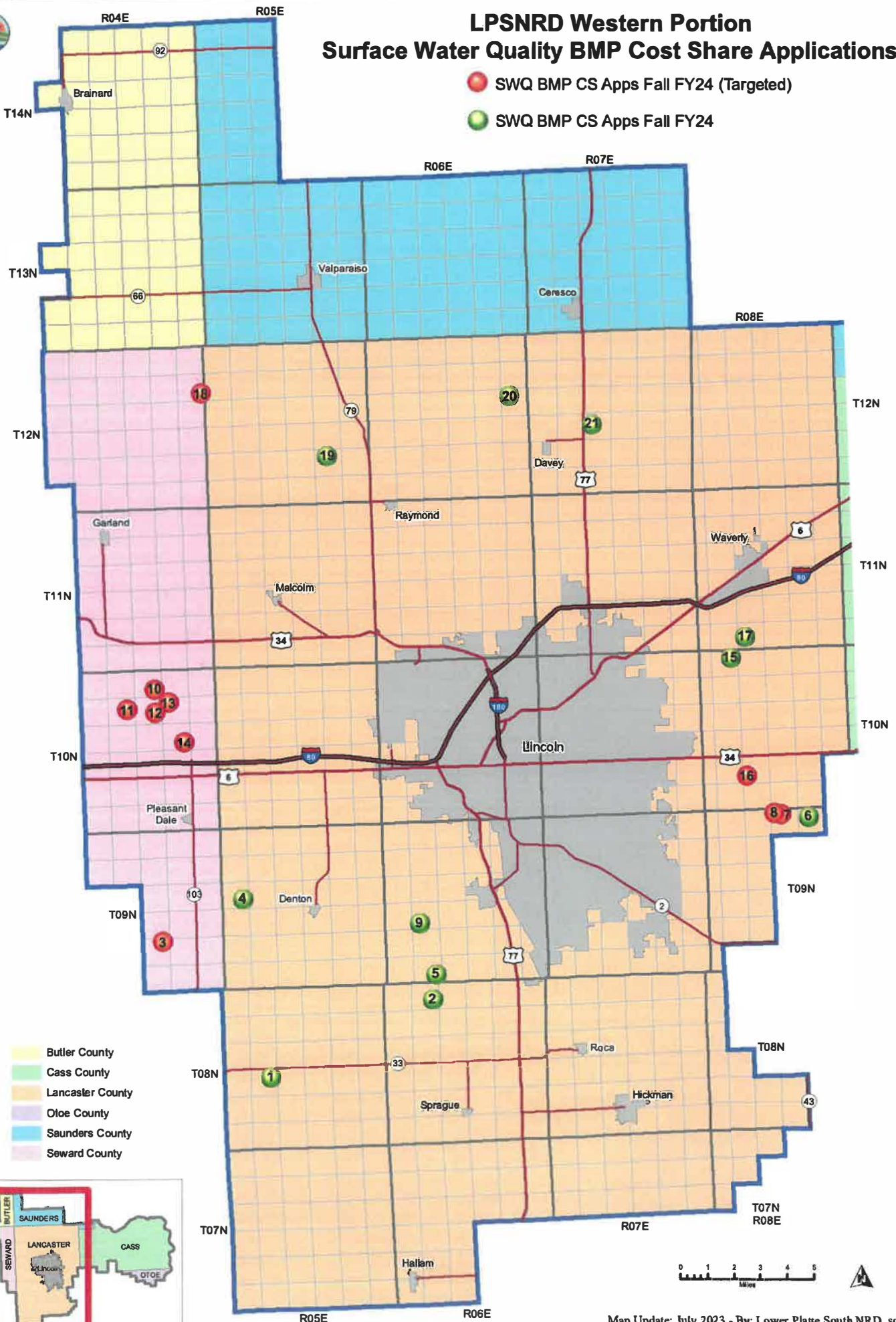
MapID	Applicant Name	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
1	Nancy L. Kunz	20	8	5	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
2	Woodruff Family LLC	5	8	6	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
3	Lumir Novak	27	9	4	Seward	Terraces	\$13,690.00	SVL - Conestoga Lake
4	Marilyn J. Giles	18	9	5	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
5	Dennis & Lynn Fiedler Revocable Trust	32	9	6	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
6	Furrer Farms G.P.	2	9	8	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
7	Clayton Maahs	3	9	8	Lancaster	Terraces	\$17,500.00	Stevens Creek
8	Marilyn Kirchhoff	3	9	8	Lancaster	Terraces	\$7,462.00	Stevens Creek
9	Charles Reddish	20	9	9	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
10	Larry G. Schildt Revocable Trust	3	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$90,460.00	Twin Lakes 319
11	Gilbert Woebbecke	9	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$20,875.00	Twin Lakes 319
12	Carol A. Schieldt Revocable Trust	10	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$77,329.00	Twin Lakes 319
13	Wilma Mook	11	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$67,720.00	Twin Lakes 319
14	Paula Wehling	14	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$8,981.00	Twin Lakes 319
15	Marvin Hall	5	10	8	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
16	G&B Farms, Inc.	28	10	8	Lancaster	Terraces	\$17,500.00	Stevens Creek
17	Lynn Neujahr	33	11	8	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
18	Daniel E. Benes	12	12	4	Seward	Terraces	\$17,500.00	SVL - Branched Oak
19	Kyle Schwarting	26	12	5	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
20	Heritage Farms, Inc.	13	12	6	Lancaster	Terraces	\$6,656.00	
21	Grant Fiedler	21	12	7	Lancaster	Terraces	\$12,500.00	
						TOTAL	\$470,673.00	
						District-Wide	\$131,656.00	
						Salt Valley Lakes	\$31,190.00	
						Stevens Creek	\$42,462.00	
						Twin Lakes	\$265,365.00	



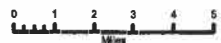
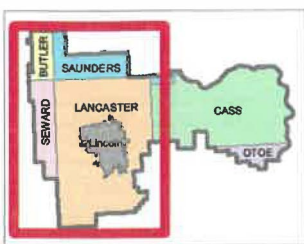
LPSNRD Western Portion Surface Water Quality BMP Cost Share Applications

● SWQ BMP CS Apps Fall FY24 (Targeted)

● SWQ BMP CS Apps Fall FY24



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**NRD SURFACE WATER QUALITY BMP C/S PROGRAMS
JULY 2023 (7/25/2023)**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>FY ALLOC.</u>	<u>ALLOC +</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
SALT VALLEY LAKES	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$0 Applications Funds Left	\$165,000 \$31,190 \$133,810
STEVENS CR.	\$75,000	\$82,500	\$0 Applications Funds Left	\$82,500 \$42,462 \$40,038
TWIN LAKES 319**	\$572,9150	\$572,915	\$140,250* Applications Funds Left	\$432,665 \$265,365 \$167,300
TURKEY CREEK 319	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0 Applications Funds Left	\$30,000 \$0 \$30,000
DISTRICT-WIDE	\$680,000	\$925,000	\$139,307	\$792,875
East Portion		\$447,440	\$86,807 Applications Funds Left	\$360,633 \$216,227 \$144,406
West Portion		\$504,560	\$52,500 Applications Funds Left	\$452,060 \$131,656 \$320,404

- (1) “Allocated +” means the amount in the budget plus 40% for the District-wide Program. For the Salt Valley Lakes or Stevens Creek targeted areas we will only add 10% due to the expenditure experience from the last several years.
- (2) Funds are split between the two portions of the NRD based on the % of the cropland of each area. The funds would be split as follows: NRD (East Portion) 47%. NRD (West Portion) 53%.
- (3) *If either the East or West Portions have funds unobligated after the initial fall approval, up to 75% of the unobligated funds may be transferred and made available to the other portion.*

PRIORITIZATION COMMONLY USED

In determining the criteria to select applications for approval within amount of allocated funds, the NRD gives priority to landowners who haven’t received cost-share most recently. The following priorities were used to eliminate applications and determine approvals.

1. Landowners who received NRD District-wide cost-share payment (>\$4,000) this year wouldn’t be approved, continuing back until enough applications would be eliminated to reach the NRD’s approval limit.

Limits utilized

- NRD-wide (non-summer): \$12,500 (summer): \$17,500
- Salt Valley Lakes (non-summer): \$17,500 (summer): \$22,500
- Stevens Creek (non-summer): \$17,500 (summer): \$22,500
- Twin Lakes: no limit
- ** Also includes farm ponds and other BMPs
- * Obligated funds for four farm ponds