



UPPER BIG BLUE Natural Resources District

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Date: March 12, 2020
To: Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors
From: Jack Wergin, Projects Department Manager
Subject: Projects and Programs Committee Meeting

The Projects & Programs Committee met on Thursday March 12, at 10:36 a.m. at the NRD Office in York, Nebraska. Those present were:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Bethune
Jeff Bohaty
Doug Bruns
Doug Dickinson
Micheal Nuss
David Robotham, Chairman
Paul Weiss, Vice Chairman
Lynn Yates
Roger Houdersheldt, Board Chairman

OTHER DIRECTORS

Gary Eberle
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John Miller
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William Stahly
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STAFF MEMBERS

Nancy Brisk
Dave Eigenberg
Chrystal Houston
Marie Krausnick
Carleen Light
Jack Wergin

GUESTS

ACTION ITEMS

A. LAND TREATMENT PROGRAM COST-SHARE PAYMENT

Motion:

That the Upper Big Blue NRD approve payment of \$1,912.47 for one (1) completed NSWCP Land Treatment application as recommended by staff and reviewed by the Committee.

Motion Carried: 9 Yes 0 No

B. BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM – 3rd QUARTER PAYMENTS

Motion:

That the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District approve 3rd quarter payments totaling \$2,411.72 for two (2) Nebraska Buffer Strip contracts, as recommended by staff and reviewed by the Committee.

Motion Carried: 9 Yes 0 No

C. CITY OF STROMSBURG – TREE PLANTING COST-SHARE

Stromsburg requests assistance in planting trees in the City park in the southwest area of Stromsburg. Trees will be planted by NRD Staff.

Motion:

That the Upper Big Blue NRD provide \$839.50 (25% of total costs - \$3,358.40) of financial assistance to the City of Stromsburg for planting trees in the City Park, as recommended by staff and reviewed by the Committee.

Motion Carried: 9 Yes 0 No

DISCUSSION AND NO ACTION ITEMS

D. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Chairperson Robotham reported that notice of the Projects and Programs meeting was published in the York News-Times.

E. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Chairperson Robotham advised those in attendance that the Open Meetings Act is posted by the entrance to the board room

F. LAND TREATMENT PROGRAM

There were three (3) new NSWCP Land Treatment applications with a total cost-share amount of \$4,174.84. The Committee reviewed the Land Treatment Program funding.

G. PRIVATE DAMS PROGRAM – NEW APPLICATION

Mid-Nebraska Land Developers is removing the pipes at Kubicek's Dam and Kleinschmidt's Dam this week. Dalen Hall's Dam is ready to be released for bids. Carpenter's Dam design is completed and will be sent to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for review. Four (4) new requests were received this month, some may drop off following the NRCS site reviews.

H. TREE PROGRAM UPDATE - 2020

The Committee reviewed the tree report as of March 10, 2020.

I. WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The WQMP is being reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Staff will be meeting with Nebraska Department of Energy and Environment next week to discuss setting up stakeholder groups in the target areas.

J. MENTINK DAM – SLIP LINING - UPDATE

Staff is finalizing the design and specifications. Staff has contacted a few contractors and two (2) have expressed an interest in bidding on this project. Bids will be presented at the April Committee meeting.

K. CEDAR VIEW RECREATION AREA

Staff met with landowner Dwaine Kubicek on March 11th. Staff showed Mr. Kubicek the presentation that was shown to the Board, which included plans and cost estimates for cleanup, county road improvement, recreation facilities, and silt removal. Staff gave Mr. Kubicek a copy of the appraisal report and stated the Board has authorized staff to offer the appraised value for purchasing the Cedar View Recreation Area. Mr. Kubicek will need some time to review the appraisal report and consider the offer. Mr. Kubicek asked if the NRD would be interested in renting the property and staff responded that at this time the NRD is only interested in purchasing the property. Purchase could be set up to pay over a number of years if Mr. Kubicek did not want the entire purchase amount upon purchase. These types of details can be discussed after Mr. Kubicek has had time for reviewing the appraisal and talking with his family and financial advisor.

LAND TREATMENT FINAL PAYMENTS

March 2020

NAME	COUNTY	PRACTICE	FUND	TOTAL COST	OWNER SHARE	OTHER FUNDS	FINAL COST SHARE	SLIPPAGE
TAYLOR, JIMMY R	CLAY	Brush Management	NSWCP	\$6,262.50	\$4,350.03		\$1,912.47	\$0.00
Sub Total							\$1,912.47	\$0.00
TOTAL FINAL PAYMENTS							\$1,912.47	

LAND TREATMENT PROGRAMS - FUND SUMMARY

	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	OTHER FUNDS TENTATIVE	LANDOWNER SHARE	TENTATIVE COST SHARE	FINAL COST	OTHER FUNDS	LANDOWNER COST	COST SHARE FINAL	OBLIGATED
<i>Authorized</i>	1	\$22,192.03		\$14,692.03	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
<i>Eligible</i>	1	\$3,040.00		\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Paid</i>	4	\$11,261.37	\$0.00	\$2,843.42	\$8,417.96	\$11,524.01	\$0.00	\$4,274.85	\$7,249.16	\$7,249.16
TOTALS	6	\$36,493.40	\$0.00	\$19,055.45	\$17,437.96	\$11,524.01	\$0.00	\$4,274.85	\$7,249.16	\$14,749.16
										FUND BALANCE: \$160,250.84

BUDGET AMOUNT \$175,000.00

NSWCP

<i>Authorized</i>	13	\$107,864.48	\$0.00	\$55,356.19	\$52,508.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,508.63
<i>Eligible</i>	1	\$3,737.41	\$0.00	\$944.09	\$2,793.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Paid</i>	3	\$26,227.08	\$0.00	\$9,314.63	\$16,912.47	\$24,109.63	\$0.00	\$9,189.22	\$14,920.42	\$14,920.42
TOTALS	17	\$137,828.97	\$0.00	\$65,614.91	\$72,214.42	\$24,109.63	\$0.00	\$9,189.22	\$14,920.42	\$67,429.05
										FUND BALANCE: \$5,302.40

BUDGET AMOUNT \$72,731.45

FUND BALANCE:

Nebraska Buffer Strip Program March 2020

NAME	Address	County	Pmt	Years	Amount Paid	Date Paid
Corn Lane Farms Inc	32080 Rd T Saronville NE 68979	Clay	5th	10	\$1,260.00	19-Mar-20
NAME	Address	County	Pmt	Years	Amount Paid	Date Paid
Thomsen	501 North 13th St Geneva NE 68361	Fillmore	10th	10	\$1,151.72	19-Mar-20
Total					\$2,411.72	

CITY OF STROMSBURG
RECREATIONAL TREE PLANTING

500 Trees @ \$1.18	\$ 590.00
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3,112 L.F. Weed Control Fabric (.70/L.F.)	<u>\$ 2,178.40</u>
Total Cost	\$ 3,358.40
NRD 25% Share	\$ 839.60

LAND TREATMENT

NEW APPLICATIONS

Name	COUNTY	PRACTICE	FUND	ESTIMATED COST	OWNER SHARE	OTHER FUNDS	TENTATIVE COST SHARE
HENTZEN, NEAL	SEWARD	Windbreak	NSWCP	\$981.16	\$247.79	\$0.00	\$733.37
CONRAD, JENNY A	YORK	Windbreak	NSWCP	\$3,737.41	\$944.09	\$0.00	\$2,793.32
SEMLER & SEMLER	YORK	Windbreak	NSWCP	\$867.03	\$218.88	\$0.00	\$648.15
					<i>Sub Total</i>		\$4,174.84
						TOTAL TENTATIVE FUNDS	\$4,174.84