

Projects Committee Meeting
Friday, March 4, 2016 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
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1. SWCP

Gottschalk reviewed the attached SWCP spreadsheet with the committee.

1.A. SWCP Application Approvals

None

1.B. SWCP Payments

14-S-56	John Schultz	Terraces/Tile	\$ 4,795.59	(Above structure 21a)
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1.C. SWCP Cancellations

None

1.D. Cottonwood Creek Payments

None

1.E. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals

None

1.F. Sand/Duck Cost Share Payment

None

1.G. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Payments

Curtis Havelka	Conservation work	Basins/Tile	\$ 1,366.42	(10%)
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1.H. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

New Lands for Conservation Application:

Darrell Kubik	15.32 acres
\$ 2,818.88	

David & Cynthia Hartman x2	74.83 acres	\$ 13,768.72
	(40.55 & 34.28 acres)	

will have a total of \$45,550.38 paid on our \$49,040 contract (\$3,489.62 remains). No Board motion for payment is needed since this was a prior Board approved contract.

2.A.2. Shell Creek Grant - Cover Crop Payment

Attached is a \$3,200 cover crop payment request from ACC Farms (Platte County) for 2015. This payment was 100% reimbursed to LPNNRD from prepaid NET grant funds that we have in our account. Committee recommendation for payment is requested.

2.A.3. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan

2.A.4. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan

Attached are the revised goals and objectives for the Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan. After EPA's review, the plan will hopefully be officially approved.

2.A.5. Newman Grove Water Testing Supplies

The Newman Grove Science Club is requesting assistance to purchase water testing supplies for their 2016 Shell Creek Sampling program.

2.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

2.B.1. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - Phase II

As mentioned last month and at the Directors Retreat, we have been preliminarily approved for a \$106,000 Environmental Trust grant for Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - Phase II (letter attached). These funds will accompany \$168,215 of NDEQ funds and \$500,000 of Special Water Quality Initiative EQIP funds for additional conservation projects in the Wahoo Creek Watershed.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

3.A. LPRCA Monthly Report

Meghan Sittler was present and reviewed recent LPRCA activities. Attached is a schedule for upcoming Recreation Public meetings scheduled in Ashland, Columbus and Fremont. Board members are encouraged to attend one of the public meetings if possible. Meghan's full February report is attached.

3.B. Leshara USGS Monitoring Agreement

In February, the Board approved being a partner for establishing a water quality monitoring gauge near Leshara. Attached is the agreement with USGS for the Leshara site for your reference. LPSNRD plans to take action on this agreement on behalf of all of the partners at the Platte River subcommittee meeting, March 21 and Board meeting March 23rd. They will also execute the separate agreements with the municipalities as well.

As shown on the attached spreadsheet, the total annual cost of \$36,854.67 will be shared each of the three years between USGS, LPNNRD, LPSNRD, PMRNRD, MUD and Lincoln Well Field. LPNNRD's annual commitment will be a total of \$20,427 over the three year period (\$6,809 average per year).

4. OTHER

4.A. Army COE 205 Projects

4.A.1. Fremont 205

4.A.2. Schuyler 205

Weather permitting, the contractor will finish grading and seeding.

4.B. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

No new developments but things seem to be moving forward.

4.C. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update- JEO Progress Report and Invoice

JEO has completed our flood pool and breach inundation maps on 20 of our non-high hazard floodwater dams. We met with JEO on February 19 to review and give input on the maps. This information will help us work with Saunders, Butler and Platte Counties in identifying higher flood risk areas and help them avoid permitting development in those areas. The completed maps will eventually be posted on our web site and director download page as well. FEMA/NEMA will be providing \$30,000 (75%) reimbursement on our \$40,000 JEO contract to complete this work.

We received the final bill and progress report for contact work completed on our Hazard Mitigation Plan update and associated work as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. This \$4,924.90 payment will complete the \$126,000 HMP contract with JEO.

4.D. Review of Projects Financial Statement

As of January 3, 2016, 54.59% for the Projects budget was expended.

4.E. Sand Creek

The landowners that boarder the Wanahoo Wetland met with Miyoshi on February 26, see attached minutes.

At this time we need to decide if we want to move forward with tiling the three properties or hire one of the firms that submitted an RFP to come up with a solution for us.

Estimated cost to tile the 40 acres - \$40,000

RFPs

Headwaters Corporation - \$19,830

EA Engineering - \$15,000-\$40,000

5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

The contractor needs to complete installing gates, hopefully by our March 10th Board Meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, the Projects Committee adjourned at 9:34 a.m.