

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mick Reynolds called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He reported that the NRD abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business and said that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was displayed on the south wall of the conference room, that the Board reserves the right to change the order of an item on the agenda, and some items on the agenda are subject to closed session.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present were:

LeRoy Arends	Charles Maser	Marvion Reichert
Lon Bohn	Jerry Milner	Mick Reynolds
Alicia Haussler	Barry Obermiller	Jay Richeson
Brian Keiser	Keith Ostermeier	Steve Sheen
Ed Kyes	Doug Reeves	Deb VanMatre
		Jerry Wiese

Excused Absences: Tom Downey, Ryan Kegley, Dwayne Margritz and Ed Stoltenberg

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Specialist, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator, Bill Hiatt – Resources Conservationist and Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist and Carrie Thompson – Resource Conservationist, Lexington

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman Reynolds reported that the notices of the meeting had been published in the Grand Island Independent and the news release was provided to other media outlets in the District.

MEETING MINUTES: Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the January board meeting minutes. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Brian Keiser who abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Chairman Reynolds asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There was none.

PUBLIC FORUM: Chairman Reynolds asked if anyone wanted to address the board on any item not included on the agenda. There was none.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Reynolds reported that Tom Downey, Ryan Kegley, Dwayne Margritz and Ed Stoltenberg requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the absence as requested. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT: Carrie Thompson, NRCS Resource Conservationist, gave a report on the prescribed burn projects in Dawson County (see enclosed).

Joe Krolikowski, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on a new program through the Inflation Reduction Act for Climate Smart Agriculture (see enclosed).

VARIANCE/APPEALS COMMITTEE: Barry Obermiller, chairman, reported they had a transfer request from the Northern edge of our boundary of Hall County into the Lower Loup NRD. The committee is recommending the approval of the transfer, pending the approval from Lower Loup NRD. Lower Loup NRD will meet today as well to review the transfer request.

Barry Obermiller made a motion to approve the transfer request, pending approval from the Lower Loup NRD. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mick Reynolds, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today and continued the discussion on the Educational/Office Facility Project.

Barry Obermiller made a motion to approve the JEO contract in the amount of \$470,425 to complete the final construction documents and bidding/negotiations for the Educational/Office Facility. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Jerry Wiese who voted no. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: Doug Reeves, chairman, reported that the Programs Committee met earlier that day.

Reeves reported that the committee has discussed a new cost share program. The Sensor Based Management of Fertigation Cost Share program would introduce producers to data driven nitrogen management. The cost share would pay \$11/acre with a 2-year commitment with an approved supplier. Each landowner/operator would be eligible to sign-up two fields (320 acres max) one-time per lifetime. After year one, 1/3 of the cost share would be paid after a final report is provided by the supplier. And after year two, the remaining 2/3 of the cost share would be paid. The committee recommended that we begin this program immediately and transfer \$40,000 from the Urban Cost Share Program for this fiscal year.

Doug Reeves made a motion to approve the Sensor Based Management of Fertilization Cost Share Program and move \$40,000 from the Urban Cost Share Program to fund for the 2023 fiscal year. Deb VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Reeves indicated that proposed fiscal 2024 budgets for Cost Share and Information/Education were reviewed. A few changes will be made and brought back to the committee for approval in April.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, reviewed the Lower Wood River WFPO. The NRCS Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS was submitted to the Federal Register on 2/9/23, with a 45-day review & comment period. Lower Wood River landowner meetings will be held March 7th at the Gibbon City Hall from 10-4 and March 14th at the Gibbon Public Library from 10-4. Letters will be sent out to the landowners.

MANAGERS REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that the Groundwater Management Plan was signed off by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources with a few minor wording changes. Staff will review and bring the Plan back to the Board for approval and to set a public hearing within the next two months.

Central Platte NRD is currently discussing pursuing a grant through the Natural Resources Conservation Service with several partners and three other NRDs to hire an agronomist. The CPNRD would utilize the agronomist by working one-on-one with landowners in high nitrate areas to ensure the producers are aware of the programs available to assist them.

Vogt reported that if LB394 passes, it would double the cost of land if condemnation was used, would be a negative impact on the cost-benefit determinations required to construct flood reduction projects.

Vogt reported that he and Courtney Widup recently presented at the Agri-Business meeting in Kearney on the CPNRD's Nitrogen Use Efficiency dashboard.

Vogt reported that two applications were received to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 5 that was held by Jim Bendfeldt. Interviews by the Search Committee (Mick Reynolds, Deb VanMatre, Lon Bohn and Ryan Kegley) will take place on March 8th at the CPNRD office. This position is a two-year term and will end in December 2024. A recommendation will be brought to the board in March.

IRRIGATION VIOLATION REPORT: Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, reported that 56 violation letters were sent out February 21, 2023, totaling 321.7 acres. The largest violation was 31.56 acres, and the smallest violation was 0.78 acres.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, requested a transfer of \$17,000 from Phragmites Control and \$8,300 from Soil Moisture Sensor and increasing Center Pivots by \$7,500, Trees by \$6,000 and Burn Preparation by \$11,800 and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Center Pivot, Grazing Deferment, Burn Preparation, Urban Forestry, Tree Planting, and Well Decommissioning (see enclosed). She said the applicants are in compliance with the District's rules and regulations, funds are available, and she recommended they be approved.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the cost share transfer and applications as reported. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reviewed the February financial report.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the February financial report as presented. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: Deb VanMatre reported that their next meeting is March 6, 2023.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: Mick Reynolds reported that applications will be accepted from March 16-31 through the Water Sustainability Fund.

Reynolds also reported that there are two open vacancies on the Commission for a groundwater representative and a public power representative, which are Governor appointed positions.

BOARD MEETING CHANGES: Mick Reynolds requested that the board consider changing the March & June Meetings to the fifth Thursday of the Month, which would be March 30 and June 29.

Alicia Haussler made a motion to change the March & June board meetings to the fifth Thursday of the month, which would be March 30 and June 29. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, March 30. Details to follow.

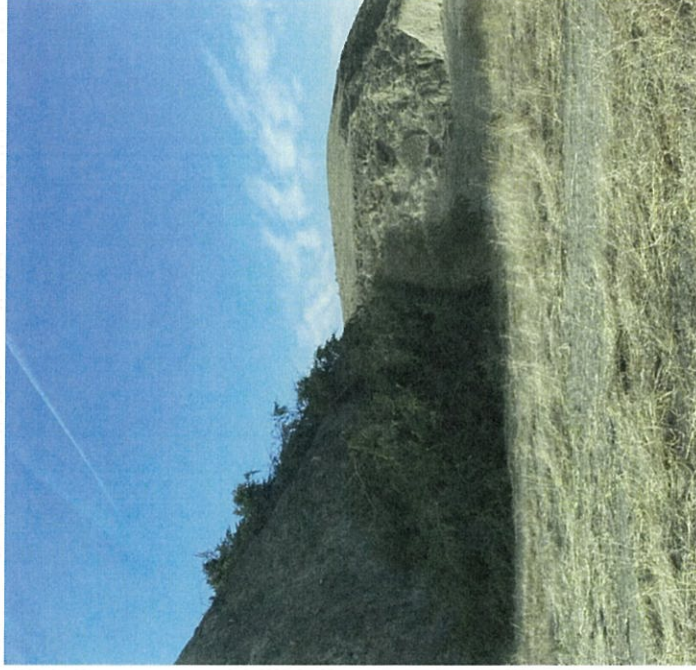
OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 3:00 p.m.

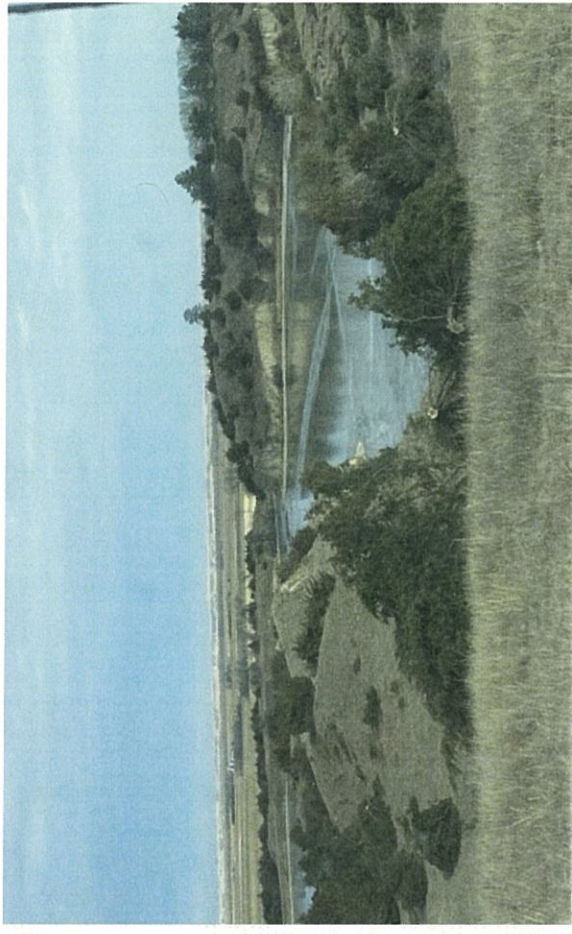
Prescribed Burn Projects

Carrie Thompson, RC Lexington NRCS FO

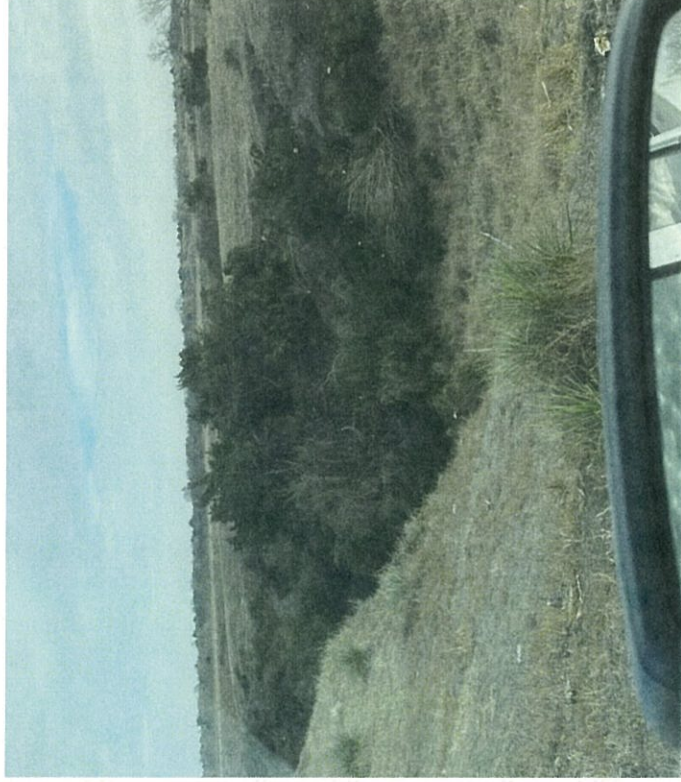
Prescribed Burning Prep Work Project South of Cozad



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Future Prescribed Burns

- In 2023 we have 3 producers deferring their rangeland in preparation for burning in 2024
- In 2024 there will be 3 prescribed burns- 2 are located south of Cozad around Midway lake, 1 is located south of Lexington
- Burn #1 – 233 acres
- Burn #2-282 acres
- Burn #3- 319.9 acres

Future Prescribed Burns

- In 2025 we will have 1 burn for 993 acres
- In 2026 we will have 1 burn ~ 550 acres
- In 2027 we will have 1 burn ~2240.6 acres

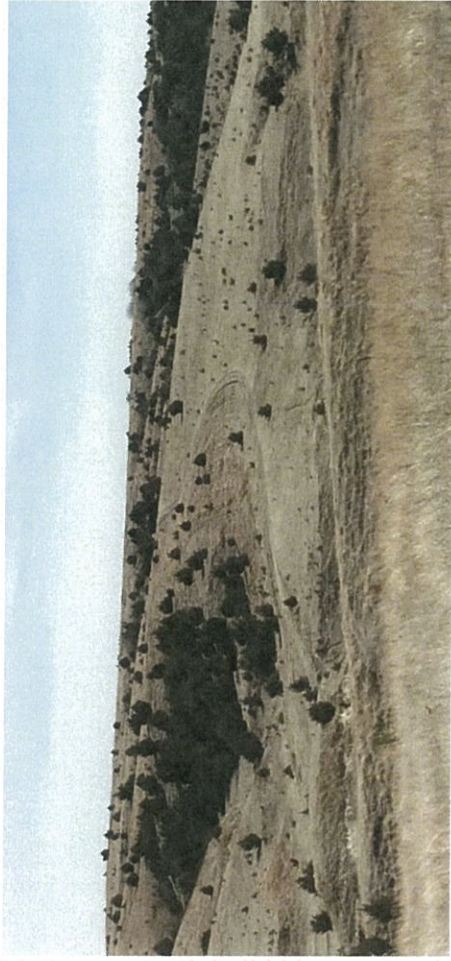
Funding Sources

- EQIP- we have several fund codes that we can fund burning through- WIN, GPGI, Local funds
- CPNRD- NSWCP funds, CPNRD Burn funds and now the new Grassland Conservation Grant

Goals

- We want to try to do some outreach and education for producers in the northern part of Dawson/Buffalo County
 - The need for ERC removal and Prescribed burning is increasing in this area
- Keeping producers on track with their burn schedules
- Provide funding wherever possible to encourage rangeland restoration

Questions?



February 21, 2023

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February Report to CPNRD

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Climate-Smart Agriculture Nationwide

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13, 2023 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making funding available for agricultural producers and forest landowners nationwide to participate in voluntary conservation programs and adopt climate-smart practices. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provided an additional \$19.5 billion over five years for climate smart agriculture through several of the conservation programs that USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) implements. NRCS is making available \$850 million in fiscal year 2023 for its oversubscribed conservation programs: the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

"The Inflation Reduction Act provided a once-in-a-generation investment in conservation on working lands, and we want to work with agricultural and forest landowners to invest in climate-smart practices that create value and economic opportunity for producers," said Vilsack, who spoke today at the National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting. "We know that agriculture plays a critical role in the nation's effort to address climate change, we're using this funding to bolster our existing programs, maximize climate benefits, and foster other environmental benefits across the landscape."

The IRA funding includes an additional \$8.45 billion for EQIP, \$4.95 billion for RCPP, \$3.25 billion for CSP, and \$1.4 billion for ACEP. The increased funding levels begin in fiscal year 2023 and rapidly build over four years. These additional investments are estimated to help hundreds of thousands of farmers and ranchers apply conservation to millions of acres of land. Additionally, the IRA provides \$300 million to quantify carbon sequestration and greenhouse gases (GHG) through the collection and use of field-based data to assess conservation outcomes. Information gained through this effort will be used to improve practices and technical assistance to customers. Further guidance on this important work will be provided as the implementation of this portion of the IRA continues.

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These funds will provide direct climate mitigation benefits and will expand access to financial and technical assistance for producers to advance conservation on their farm, ranch or forest land through practices like cover cropping, conservation tillage, wetland restoration, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, tree planting and more. To ensure we can quantify the benefits of these IRA investments, NRCS is working to support Department-wide work on Measurement, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MMRV). The IRA provided targeted funding to support this effort. In administering the Inflation Reduction Act climate investments, USDA will also support other environmental co-benefits, including – among other things – water conservation, wildlife habitat improvements, and reducing runoff.

How to Apply

NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation programs year-round, but producers interested in EQIP or CSP should apply by their state's ranking dates to be considered for funding in the current cycle. Funding is provided through a competitive process and will include an opportunity to address the unmet demand from producers who have previously sought funding for climate-smart conservation activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolikowski

Joe Krolikowski
District Conservationist

Attachments:

NRCS Conservation Programs and the Inflation Reduction Act Factsheet 2023
CSAF Mitigation Activities 2023



NRCS Conservation Programs and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)



Overview

The IRA provides USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) with \$19.5 billion in additional funds over five years for its existing conservation programs, including the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#), [Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#), and the [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program \(ACEP\)](#).

The IRA directs NRCS to use these additional funds specifically for climate change mitigation, activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve carbon storage, like:

- ◆ Cover Crops
- ◆ Reduced-Till and No-Till
- ◆ Nutrient Management
- ◆ Prescribed Grazing
- ◆ Tree/Shrub Establishment
- ◆ Wetland Restoration

Through this funding, NRCS is seeking to both benefit the climate, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and the producer, by improving access to programs and providing financial and technical assistance to improve their farm, ranch, urban operation or forest land.

NRCS Climate-Smart Mitigation Activities

For a list of NRCS climate-smart mitigation activities, eligible for IRA funding in fiscal year 2023, see: nrcs.usda.gov/mitigation-activities.pdf.

How to Apply

EQIP and CSP

NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation programs year-round, but if you're interested in EQIP or CSP, you should apply by your state's ranking dates to be considered for funding in the current cycle. Funding is provided through a competitive process: nrcs.usda.gov/ranking-dates.

ACEP

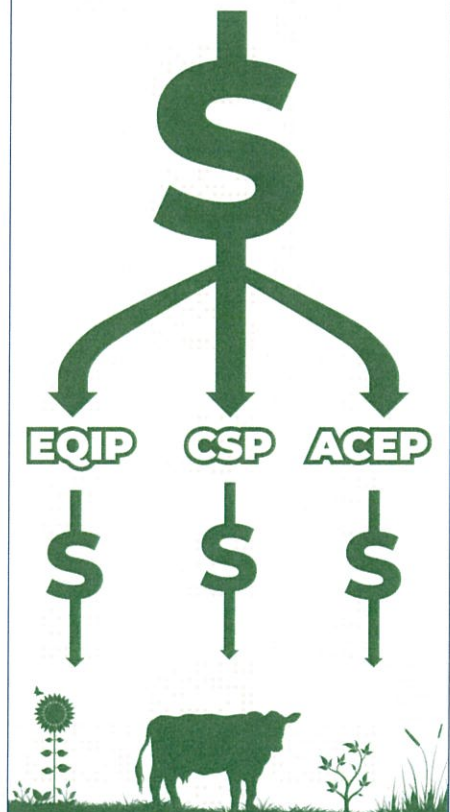
ACEP Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE) and Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE) applications for the current IRA funding cycle must be submitted by **March 17, 2023**, for the first funding round.

Improving Access

Every producer has a part to play when it comes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, regardless of the size or type of operation. Whether you are a new or an existing NRCS client, we encourage you to apply. We want to make sure you have access to our programs and get all the assistance for which you are eligible.

Contact NRCS at: farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)



Climate-smart mitigation activities, e.g.

Cover Crops
Reduced-Till and No Till
Nutrient Management
Prescribed Grazing
Tree/Shrub Establishment
Wetland Restoration



Natural Resources Conservation Service

Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry (CSAF) Mitigation Activities List^[1] FY2023



Climate Change Mitigation Practice Categories	Code	Conservation Practice Standard Name ^[2] (units)	CSP Enhancement Code	Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Bundle and Enhancement Activity
Soil Health			B000BFF1	Buffer Bundle#1*
			B000CPL24	Cropland soil health management system*
			B000CPL25	Climate smart advanced soil health*
	327	Conservation Cover (acres)	E327A	Conservation cover for pollinators and beneficial insects
	328	Conservation Crop Rotation (acres)	E327B	Establish Monarch butterfly habitat
			E328A	Resource conserving crop rotation
			E328B	Improved resource conserving crop rotation
			E328E	Soil health crop rotation
			E328F	Modifications to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter
			E328G	Crop rotation on recently converted CRP grass/legume cover for soil organic matter improvement
			E328N	Intercropping to improve soil health
			E328O	Perennial grain crop conservation rotation
	329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (acres)	E329A	No till to reduce soil erosion
			E329B	No till to reduce tillage induced particulate matter
			E329C	No till to increase plant-available moisture
			E329D	No till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content
			E329E	No till to reduce energy
	332	Contour Buffer Strips (acres)	None Available	
	340	Cover Crop (acres)	E340A	Cover crop to reduce soil erosion
			E340B	Intensive cover cropping to increase soil health and soil organic matter content
			E340C	Use of multi-species cover crops to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter
			E340D	Intensive orchard/vineyard floor cover cropping to increase soil health
			E340F	Cover crop to minimize soil compaction
			E340G	Cover crop to reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excess soil nutrients
			E340H	Cover crop to suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles
			E340I	Using cover crops for biological strip till
	345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (acres)	E345A	Reduced tillage to reduce soil erosion
			E345B	Reduced tillage to reduce tillage induced particulate matter
			E345C	Reduced tillage to increase plant-available moisture
			E345D	Reduced tillage to increase soil health and soil organic matter content
			E345E	Reduced tillage to reduce energy use
	386	Field Border (acres)	E386A	Enhanced field borders to reduce soil erosion along the edge(s) of a field
			E386B	Enhanced field borders to increase carbon storage along the edge(s) of the field
			E386C	Enhanced field borders to decrease particulate emissions along the edge(s) of the field
			E386D	Enhanced field borders to increase food for pollinators along the edge(s) of a field
			E386E	Enhanced field borders to increase wildlife food and habitat along the edge(s) of a field
	393	Filter Strips (acres)	E393A	Extend existing filter strip to reduce water quality impacts
	412	Grassed Waterways (acres)	E412A	Enhance a grassed waterway
	484	Mulching (acres)	E484A	Mulching to improve soil health
			E484B	Reduce particulate matter emissions by using orchard or vineyard generated woody materials as mulch
			E484C	Reduce particulate matter emissions by using orchard or vineyard generated woody materials as mulch
	585	Stripcropping (acres)	None Available	
	601	Vegetative Barriers (feet)		
	603	Herbaceous Wind Barriers (feet)		

Climate Change Mitigation Practice Categories	Code	Conservation Practice Standard Name ^[2] (units)	CSP Enhancement Code	Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Bundle and Enhancement Activity
Nitrogen Management	590	Nutrient Management (acres)	E590A	Improving nutrient uptake efficiency and reducing risk of nutrient losses
			E590B	Reduce risks of nutrient loss to surface water by utilizing precision agriculture technologies
			E590C	Improving nutrient uptake efficiency and reducing risk of nutrient losses on pasture
			E590D	Reduce risks of nutrient losses to surface and groundwater by increasing setback awareness via precision technology
Livestock Partnership	366	Anaerobic Digester (number)	None Available	
	632	Waste Separation Facility (number)*		
Grazing and Pasture	512	Pasture and Hay Planting (acres)	E512A	Cropland conversion to grass-based agriculture to reduce soil erosion
			E512B	Forage plantings that help increase organic matter in depleted soils
			E512C	Cropland conversion to grass for soil organic matter improvement
			E512D	Forage plantings that help increase organic matter in depleted soils
			E512E	Forage and biomass planting that produces feedstock for biofuels or energy production
			E512I	Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect and/or monarch habitat
			E512J	Establish wildlife corridors to provide habitat continuity or access to water
			E512L	Diversifying forage base with interseeding forbs and legumes to increase pasture quality
			E512M	Forage plantings that improve wildlife habitat cover and shelter or structure and composition
	528	Prescribed Grazing (acres)	E528A	Maintaining quantity and quality of forage for animal health and productivity
			E528D	Grazing management for improving quantity and quality of food or cover and shelter for wildlife
			E528E	Improved grazing management for enhanced plant structure and composition for wildlife
			E528F	Stockpiling cool season forage to improve structure and composition or plant productivity and health
			E528G	Improved grazing management on pasture for plant productivity and health with monitoring activities
			E528H	Prescribed grazing to improve/maintain riparian and watershed function-elevated water temperature
			E528I	Grazing management that protects sensitive areas -surface or ground water from nutrients
			E528J	Prescribed grazing on pastureland that improves riparian and watershed function
			E528L	Prescribed grazing that improves or maintains riparian and watershed function-erosion
			E528M	Grazing management that protects sensitive areas from gully erosion
			E528O	Clipping mature forages to set back vegetative growth for improved forage quality
			E528P	Implementing Bale or Swath Grazing to increase organic matter and reduce nutrients in surface water
			E528R	Management intensive rotational grazing
			E528S	Soil Health Improvements on Pasture
			E528T	Grazing to Reduce Wildfire Risks on Forests
	550	Range Planting (acres)	E550A	Range planting for increasing/maintaining organic matter
			E550B	Range planting for improving forage, browse, or cover for wildlife

Climate Change Mitigation Practice Categories	Code	Conservation Practice Standard Name ^[2] (units)	CSP Enhancement Code	Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Bundle and Enhancement Activity
Agroforestry, Forestry and Upland Wildlife Habitat	311	Alley Cropping (acres)	None Available	
	342	Critical Area Planting (acres)		
	379	Forest Farming (acres)		
	380	Windbreaks/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (feet)		
	381	Silvopasture (acres)	E381A	Silvopasture to improve wildlife habitat
	390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover (acres)	E390A	Increase riparian herbaceous cover width for sediment and nutrient reduction
			E390B	Increase riparian herbaceous cover width to enhance wildlife habitat
	391	Riparian Forest Buffer (acres)	E391A	Increase riparian forest buffer width for sediment and nutrient reduction
			E391B	Increase stream shading for stream temperature reduction
			E391C	Increase riparian forest buffer width to enhance wildlife habitat
	420	Wildlife Habitat Planting (acres)*	E420A	Establish pollinator habitat*
			E420B	Establish monarch butterfly habitat*
	422	Hedgerow Planting (feet)	None Available	
	612	Tree/Shrub Establishment (acres)	E612B	Planting for high carbon sequestration rate
			E612C	Establishing tree/shrub species to restore native plant communities
			E612G	Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food
	645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (acres)	E645B	Manage existing shrub thickets to provide adequate shelter for wildlife
			E645C	Edge feathering for wildlife cover
	666	Forest Stand Improvement (acres)*	E666A	Maintaining and improving forest soil quality*
			E666D	Forest management to enhance understory vegetation*
			E666E	Reduce height of the forest understory to limit wildfire risk*
			E666F	Reduce forest stand density to create open stand structure*
			E666H	Increase on-site carbon storage*
			E666I	Crop tree management for mast production*
			E666J	Facilitating oak forest regeneration*
			E666K	Creating structural diversity with patch openings*
			E666L	Forest Stand Improvement to rehabilitate degraded hardwood stands*
			E666P	Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species*
			E666R	Forest songbird habitat maintenance*
			E666S	Facilitating longleaf pine regeneration and establishment*
Restoration of Disturbed Lands	453	Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment (acres)	None Available	
	543	Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land (acres) ^[3]		
Energy, Combustion, and Electricity Efficiency	372	Combustion System Improvement (number)	None Available	
	374	Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation (number)*		
			E533C	Install VFDs on pumps ^[4] *
			E533D	Switch fuel source for pumps ^[4] *
	672	Energy Efficient Building Envelope (number)*	None Available	
	670	Energy Efficient Lighting System (number)*		
Wetlands	657	Wetland Restoration (acres)*	None Available	
Rice	449	Irrigation Water Management (acres) ^[4]	E449B	Alternated Wetting and Drying (AWD) of rice fields

NOTES:

In addition to the designated CSAF mitigation activities listed, conservation practices that facilitate the management or the function of a CSAF mitigation activity but may not achieve the desired effects on their own (and may not have a quantifiable benefit) may be planned as applicable. Examples: Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) may need facilitating practices such as Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490) or Access Control (472). Conservation Crop Rotation (328) may need facilitating practices such as Pest Management Conservation System (595), Cover Crops (340), or Irrigation Water Management (449). Waste Separation Facility may need facilitating practices such as Waste Transfer (634) or Roofs and Covers (367). Prescribed Grazing (528) may need facilitating practices such as Watering Facility (614), Stream Crossing (578), Fence (382), or Livestock Shelter Structure (576). Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) may need facilitating practices such as Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), or Prescribed Grazing (528).

Activities highlighted have been added to the list in FY23.

*Noted activities are added to the list as “provisional.” These practices, associated enhancements, and bundles are being added under the premise that they may provide benefits, and a quantification methodology will be evaluated during the fiscal year. Practices may be removed from the mitigation practice list in a subsequent fiscal year if quantification is not possible.

- [1] Unless otherwise noted, listed practices have quantifiable carbon sequestration and/or GHG reduction methodologies described in COMET-Planner (www.comet-planner.com). New practices will be added as science progresses and scientifically defensible quantification methodologies are identified to accompany existing and new NRCS conservation practice standards.
- [2] The included Conservation Practice Standard links provide national information. Please consult the NRCS office at your local USDA Service Center for any local and state level criteria. Visit farmers.gov/service-locator to find contact information for your local office.
- [3] Effective Oct 1, 2022, Land Reclamation, Currently Mined Land (544) was archived and has been removed from this mitigation list, the practice was combined into Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land (543). See NHCP Notice 172 for more information.
- [4] Conservation Practice Standards Irrigation Water Management (449) and Pumping Plant (533) are not GHG mitigation practice standards. The only atmospheric-beneficial applications are with Enhancement Activities E533C, E533D, and E449B or when 449 is implemented as part of an alternated wetting and drying (AWD) system in rice fields.



Requesting Transfer of Funds:

**\$17,000 from Phragmites Control and \$8,300 from Soil Moisture Sensor
to \$7,500 Center Pivot/\$6,000 to Trees/\$11,800 Burn Preparation**

**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
Thursday, February 23, 2023**

CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	7,327.90
John J Person – Merrick	\$	2,711.90
Bradley Jones – Hall		4,616.00
GRAZING DEFERMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	16,590.00
Tim Dean – Dawson	\$	6,990.00
Larsen Land & Livestock Inc. – Dawson		9,600.00
BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	24,500.00
K & K Ranch LLC – Custer	\$	10,000.00
Dirk Rubenthaler – Custer		10,000.00
Robert Crandall – Custer		4,500.00
URBAN FORESTRY COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	3,500.00
City of Gothenburg – Dawson	\$	3,500.00
TREE PLANTING COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	6,000.00
Skeeter Rutkowski – Dawson	\$	3,000.00
Mike Slaughter – Dawson		3,000.00
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	1,500.00
3MJR LLC – Hall	\$	750.00
Lue Vel Ltd – Dawson		750.00
Total	\$	59,417.90