

Projects and Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7:00 pm

Present: Fleharty, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Rainforth, Uhrmacher, Onnen, Engelhardt, Keirl.

Action on Prairie Hay Bids for Bruning and Prairie Lake Areas

Bids were received for prairie hay on the Bruning Dam Property from the following:

• <u>NAME</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>	<u>EST. TOTAL</u>
- Chris Bolte	\$87.10/ton	\$1,600.00
- Darreld Domeier	\$76.00/ton	\$1,396.12
- Heidi Wachtel	\$71.89/ton	\$1,034.42

Bids were received for prairie hay on the Prairie Lake Property from the following:

• <u>NAME</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>	<u>EST. TOTAL</u>
- James Oltmans	\$63.00/ton	\$1,951.74
- Greg Hinrichs	\$62.00/ton	\$1,920.76
- Kent Thompson	\$55.00/ton	\$1,703.90

Motion by Hergott, second by Rainforth to approve the the high bids of Chris Bolte for prairie hay on Bruning Dam in the amount of \$87.10/ton and James Oltmans on Prairie Lake in the amount of \$63/ton. Motion carried.

Action to Set 2019 Product and Services Prices

Kent Thompson proposed new rates based on the cost of trees from Halsey and from discussion with adjoining NRDs. The committee reviewed the proposed prices. **Motion by Rainforth second by Hergott, to approve the Product and Services Price List for 2019 as presented. Motion carried.**

Action to Approve Sales Agreement with NARD and Nebraska Forest Service

A copy of the proposed contract between the NARD and Little Blue NRD was circulated. The agreement lists the terms for purchase of trees, prices, placement of orders and the management of the program by NARD.

Motion by Rainforth second by Hergott, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Little Blue NRD and NARD for Services in Obtaining Seedling Trees and Shrubs as presented. Motion carried.

Action on Final Change Order # 3 for Crystal Lake Renovation Project

A copy of Change Order # 3 was circulated. The change order includes some additional work excavating material from Crystal Lake which had sloughed off into the lake, and the installation of another hydrant for the recreation area. **A motion was made by Rainforth second by Fleharty to approve Change Order # 3 for Pruss Excavating for additional work at Crystal Lake and authorize payment. Motion carried.**

Action on Buffer Strip Applications

Two buffer strip applications were submitted for consideration.

- Matthew Hintz, Enrolling 2.4 acres located in the SW ¼ Section 5-3-2 Thayer Co. in a new 10-year contract with an annual payment of \$374.88.
- Gene Heidemann, Enrolling 2.5 acres located in Section 16-4-1 Thayer Co. in a new 10-year contract with an annual payment of \$426.11.

A motion was made by Rainforth second by Fleharty to approve the buffer strip applications of Matthew Hintz, in SW ¼ Section 5-3-2 Thayer Co. for a 2.4 acre, 10-year contract with annual payment of \$374.88; and Gene Heidemann, in Section 16-4-1 Thayer Co. for a 2.5 acre, 10-year contract with annual payment of \$426.11. Motion carried.

Action on Selection of Consultant for Hazard Mitigation Planning Effort

Consultants were contacted to solicit proposals to begin the review and update of the Nine-County Hazard Mitigation Planning process. Only one proposal was returned, that of JEO Consulting. The estimated cost for the update is \$150,000. The county emergency manager, Lower Big and Little Blue NRDs met to discuss the proposal and process. They recommend proceeding with JEO as the consulting firm for the plan.

A motion was made by Rainforth second by Hergott to approve the proposal of JEO Consulting to prepare the application, lead the process and write the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for the Little Blue-Lower Big Blue-Nine County participants. Motion Carried.

Report on Epply Dam Failure

Mike reported that the Epply Dam, which was just constructed recently, washed out in the recent rains. The NRCS and NRD have inspected the site with the landowner and the contractor has been notified. The NRCS plans to bring an investigating team out to do more looking at the site and try to determine the cause of the breach. There was no action required at this time.

There was no further business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.