

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Board Meeting Agenda
September 24, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

This is an open meeting of the Central Platte Natural Resources District. The NRD abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed on the south wall of this room as required by State law. 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.

MEETING NOTICES

MEETING MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

PUBLIC FORUM

BUSINESS:

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - James Huntwork, Liaison District Conservationist, Grand Island Field Office
2. Excused Absences
3. Eastern Projects Committee – Report & Recommendation
 - a. Doniphan Drainage Project Request
 - b. Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Contract Update
4. Western Projects Committee – Thirty Mile Irrigation District Rehab Report & Recommendation
5. Water Resources Committee – Report & Possible Recommendation
 - a. Groundwater Exchange Program
 - b. Water Quality Subcommittee - Phase 2 & 3

6. Platte River Implementation Program Report & Action Requested – Mark Czaplewski
 - a. J-2 Reregulating Reservoir Engineering Costs
 - b. Reappoint the PRRIP Land Advisory Delegate & Alternate
9. NARD Report – Jim Bendfeldt
10. Executive Session – Concerning Ongoing Litigation
11. Cost Share Program Applications – Kelly Cole
12. Financial Report
13. Upcoming Events
 - a. September 28-29, NARD Annual Conference – Kearney
 - b. November 11, Veteran’s Day Observed (Office Closed)
 - c. November 26-27, Thanksgiving Holiday Observed (Office Closed)
14. Next Board Meeting – October 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
15. Other Business

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Kyes 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	Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds
Jim Bendfeldt	Dwayne Margritz	Jay Richeson
Charles Bicak	Charles Maser	Bob Schanou
Alicia Haussler	Jerry Milner	Steve Sheen
Chris Henry	Barry Obermiller	Keith Stafford
Brian Keiser	Marvion Reichert	Ed Stoltenberg

Excused Absences – Ladd Reeves, Deb VanMatre and Jerry Wiese.

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Duane Woodward – District Hydrologist, Mark Czaplewski – District Biologist, Dianne Miller – Administrative Director, Kelly Cole – Programs Coordinator, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Sandy Noecker – Data & Compliance Officer, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist; Jesse Mintken – Projects Director, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Angie Warner – GIS Program Coordinator.

Others present – James Huntwork – NRCS Liaison District Conservationist, Hall County; Randy Zach – NE Public Power District, Columbus; Dean Krull – UNL Extension Service, Grand Island; Bill Vasey – Cozad; Cathy Allen – Attorney, Grand Island; Megan Johnson – NTV News, Lori Potter – Kearney Hub.

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman Kyes reported that the notices of the meeting had been sent to the news media as required by law.

MEETING MINUTES: It was reported that Brian Keiser had been incorrectly listed as an excused absence but was in attendance at the September 3rd board meeting.

Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the September 3rd board meeting minutes as corrected. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Jim Bendfeldt, Charles Bicak, Barry Obermiller and Keith Stafford who all abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Chairman Kyes asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There were no suggestions or announcements.

PUBLIC FORUM: Chairman Kyes asked if anyone wanted to address the board on any item not included on the agenda. No one requested time to speak.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION (NRCS) REPORT: James Huntwork, NRCS Liaison District Conservationist, reported on the FY 2015 applications' summary for the RCPP, EQIP, and OAI programs (see enclosed).

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Kyes reported that Ladd Reeves, Deb VanMatre and Jerry Wiese had requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

EASTERN PROJECTS: Committee chairman Mick Reynolds reported on their meeting held earlier that day.

Doniphan Drainage Project Request – Mick said Trent Kleier, a representative from the village of Doniphan, presented additional information concerning a drainage project within the city limits of the village and their request for \$4,000.00 funding assistance to help pay for their park detention cell project.

Mick Reynolds said the Eastern Projects Committee is recommending, and he made the motion, to approve the request from the Village of Doniphan for \$4,000.00 funding assistance to help pay for their park detention cell project to help with drainage. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Other – Mick said also discussed was the possibility of forming a subcommittee to discuss recommendations on drainage requests such as this, made up of a couple of members each from the Eastern and Western Projects committees.

Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Contract Update – Mick said the committee also heard a report from Lalit Jha with JEO Consulting Group concerning a proposed Amendment #5 in the amount of \$118,560.00 to JEO's contract on the Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Control Project. The amendment would add engineering services for the analysis, floodplain delineation and preparation of Conditional Letter of Map Revision for the purposes of floodplain mapping.

Mick Reynolds said the Eastern Projects Committee is recommending, and he made the motion, to approve Amendment #5 in the amount of \$118,560.00 to the JEO Consulting Group contract on the Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Control project. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Brian Keiser was absent for the motion. Motion carried.

WESTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE – THIRTY MILE IRRIGATION DISTRICT REHAB REPORT & RECOMMENDATION: Committee chairman, Jim Bendfeldt, reported that at their meeting earlier that day they discussed the bids for the repair of the Thirty Mile Irrigation District canal which had been budgeted. Jim said the TMID board has also reviewed the three contractors' bids. They were from Saul Ramos of Shelton for \$191,541.00, Midlands Contracting of Kearney for \$249,983.00, and Simon Contractors of North Platte for \$264,820.00. The TMID board is recommending the low bid from Saul Ramos be accepted.

Jim Bendfeldt said the Western Projects Committee is recommending, and he made the motion, to approve the low bid from Saul Ramos in the amount of \$191,541.00 to do the repair on the Thirty Mile Irrigation District canal. Keith Stafford seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Mick Reynolds was absent for the motion. Motion carried.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Jay Richeson reported on the committee's meeting held earlier that day.

Groundwater Exchange Program – Jay said the committee discussed the proposed program concerning an annual water transfer option, whereby producers could lease water to other producers on a one year basis.

Jay Richeson then made the motion to approve the Water Resources Committee's recommendation to approve the pilot Groundwater Exchange Program. Jim Bendfeldt seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Water Quality Phase 2 & 3 – Jay reported that the committee discussed an area which is currently in a Phase 1 area in Hall County south of the Platte River in which the nitrate levels are raising.

Jay said the Water Resources Committee is recommending, and he made the motion, to move the area in Hall County south of the Platte River into a Phase 2 area, except for 16 sections in the southeast corner. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Jay said the Water Resources Committee is also recommending, and he made the motion, that the area in Hamilton County also be moved into a Phase 2 area. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

PLATTE RIVER IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM REPORT & ACTION REQUESTED: J2 Re-regulating Reservoir Engineering Costs – District Biologist, Mark Czaplewski, reported that the Program's Governance Committee met on September 8th and 9th in Kearney. Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District and its

engineering contractor, RJH Consultants, Inc., provided the Governance Committee with a progress report on development of the J2 Reservoirs Project including an updated cost estimate. Their report detailed cost increases significantly higher than original estimates. The original cost estimate was \$63 million and the updated estimate is now \$170 million (neither of those estimates include the cost of land acquisition). The Governance Committee authorized the Program's Executive Director to work with CNPP&ID and the NE Dept. of Natural Resources to evaluate J2 Project alternatives that can be accomplished within the available Program budget. The plan is to have an update to the Governance Committee when they meet in Denver in early December.

As the Program continues to work on the J2 Project, several other Water Action Plan projects are being evaluated and implemented to keep the Program on track to meet its First Increment water objective of an average of 130,000 to 150,000 acre-feet of water per year. The Program will continue to explore all options, including revisions to the current J2 design concept, to make the best use of Program funds to meet their water objective.

The Program has scored the benefits of the J2 Project at 40,800 acre-feet on an average annual basis and the NE Dept. of Natural Resources has acquired 25% of the J2 Project's benefits (10,200 acre-feet annually) for an estimated price of just over \$19.6 million. Central Platte, Twin Platte and Tri-Basin NRDs have each purchased a percentage of the Nebraska share. Central Platte NRD purchased 20% of the State's share (2,040 acre-feet annually) for just over \$1.5 million.

Re-appoint the PRRIP Land Advisory Delegate & Alternate – Mark said the Program's Land Advisory Committee includes a member and alternate from Central Platte NRD, a member and alternate from Tri-Basin NRD and member and alternate jointly appointed by both NRDs. In September of 2012, the Board appointed Mark Czaplewski as its member of the Program's Land Advisory Committee and Bob Schanou as alternate. Those appointments expire this month and it was recommended they be re-appointed for another three-year term.

Alicia Haussler made the motion to re-appoint, for another three year term, Mark Czaplewski as Central Platte NRD's member and Bob Schanou as alternate on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program's Land Advisory Committee. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Bob Schanou who abstained. Motion carried.

NARD REPORT: Jim Bendfeldt, Central Platte NRD's NARD board member reported on some of the activities of the NE Association of Resources Districts including a recommendation from the NARD Executive Committee for NARD to become a member of a new coalition being formed to promote ag awareness. He also said that at the September NARD conference Bill Vasey will be awarded the NARD Director of the Year Award. Bill was thanked for his many years of service and congratulated on the award.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING ONGOING LITIGATION: Chairman Kyes said he would entertain a motion for the board to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to go into Executive Session at 2:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation with Attorney Cathy Allan. Jim Bendfeldt seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

General Manager Lyndon Vogt, Administrative Director Dianne Miller, Projects Director Jessie Mintken and GIS Image Analyst Luke Zakrzewski were asked to remain for the Executive Session.

Jim Bendfeldt made the motion for the board to come out of Executive Session at 3:02 p.m. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Bob Schanou was absent for the motion. Motion carried.

COST SHARE PROGRAM: Applications – Programs Coordinator Kelly Cole reported that we have received applications for the following cost share programs: NE Soil & Water Conservation Fund, Center Pivot Incentive, Grassland Conservation Program, Flow Meter Program, and Well Decommissioning (see enclosed). She said the applicants are in compliance with the District's rules and regulations, funds are available, and recommended they be approved.

Jim Bendfeldt made the motion to approve the cost share applications as reported. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Bob Schanou was absent for the motion and vote. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the September financial report as presented. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Bob Schanou was absent for the motion and vote. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS: As listed on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: DNR Commission Report – Mick Reynolds, Middle Platte River Basin Commission member, briefly reported on the process for the Commission to approve project applications for the Water Sustainability Funds.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, October 22nd. Details to follow.

ADJOURN: Chairman Kyes adjourned the board meeting.

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September 23, 2015

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September Report to CPNRD

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has completed FY 2015 contract obligations for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Ogallala Aquifer and Platte River Recovery Project and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI) project to help improve water quality and quantity in central Nebraska.

Following is an application summary for each project:

RCPP

Field Office	Applications	\$ Requested
Central City	15	754,603.29
Grand Island	25	1,144,203.66
Kearney	9	311,968.84
Lexington	10	827,089.93
St. Paul	1	37,733.10
North Platte (TPNRD)	4	92,845.00
Ogallala (TPNRD)	4	225,235.00
Totals	68	3,393,678.82

OAI

Field Office	Applications	\$ Requested
Central City	15	708,490.03
Grand Island	16	572,864.04
Kearney	7	198,322.21
Lexington	7	613,598.94
Totals	45	2,093,275.22

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Following is a summary of contract obligations for each project:

RCPP

Field Office	Contracts	Acres Treated	\$ Obligated
Central City	0	0.0	0.00
Grand Island	1	145.7	69,582.00
Kearney	3	85.9	38,601.00
Lexington	2	241.1	143,429.00
Twin Platte NRD	4	247.9	105,959.00
Totals	10	720.6	357,571.00

OAI

Field Office	Contracts	Acres Treated	\$ Obligated
Central City	4	431.3	235,583.00
Grand Island	1	93.0	46,457.00
Kearney	3	328.8	227,725.00
Lexington	4	228.1	143,342.00
Totals	12	1081.2	653,107.00

Attached are two maps, one for each project showing the locations of the approved contracts during FY 2015.

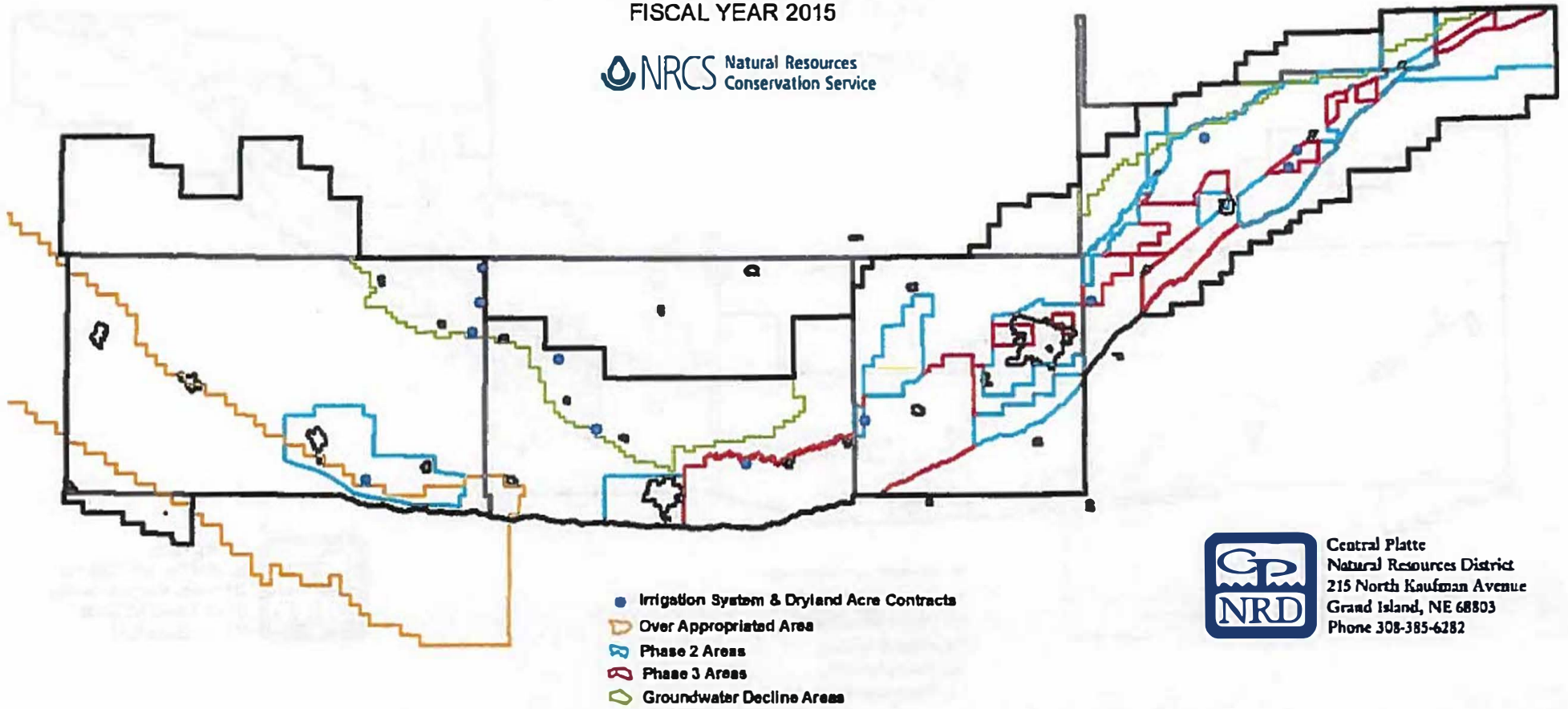
Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ G. James Huntwork

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District Conservationist

OGALLALA CONTRACT LOCATIONS

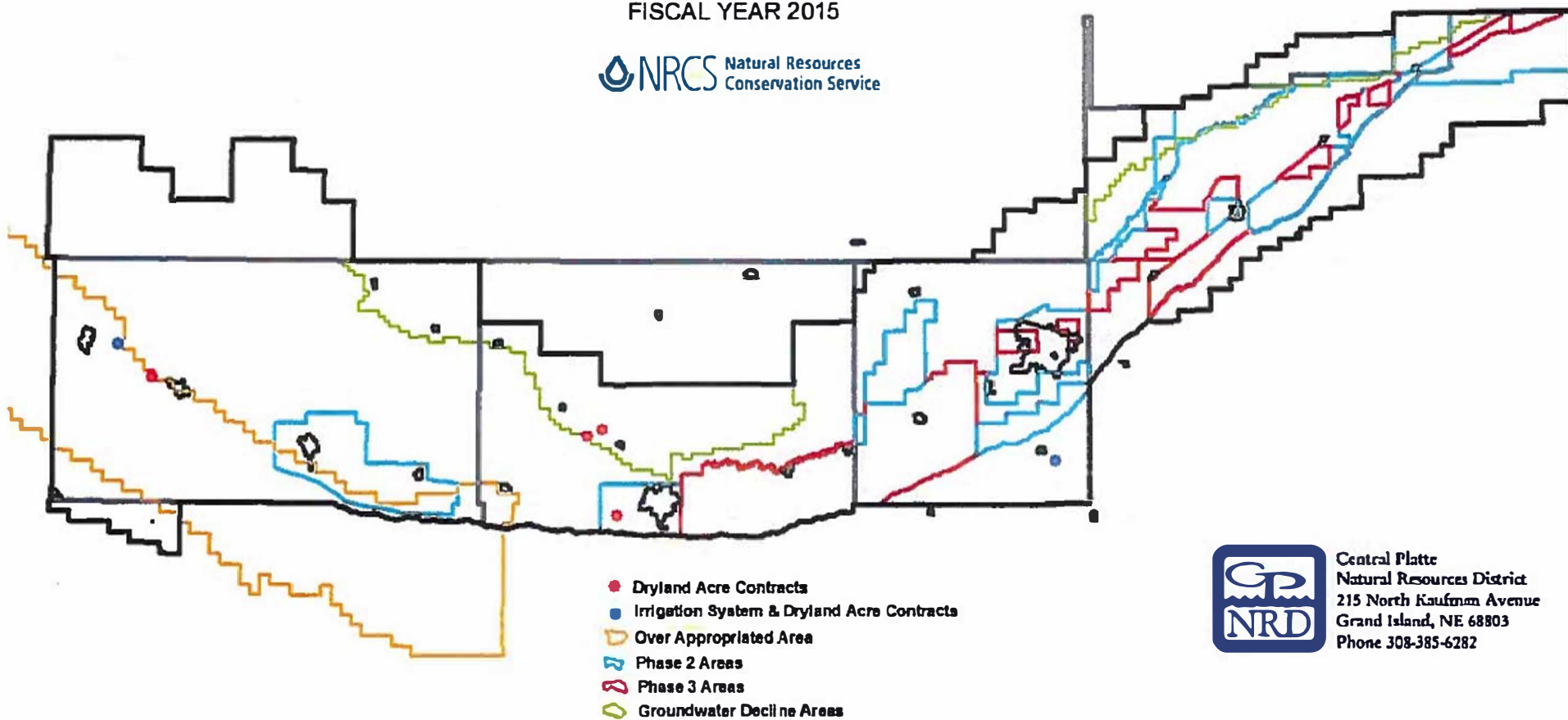
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RCPP-EQIP 2014 CONTRACT LOCATIONS

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NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...		\$ 35,980.15
Eugene Kula – Nance – Surge Valve & Pipeline	\$ 5,000.00	
Greg Zimbelman – Dawson – Planned Grazing	7,469.03	
James S Larsen Living Trust – Dawson – Planned Grazing	5,132.04	
Melvin Packer – Buffalo – Planned Grazing	5,607.08	
Greg Senkbile – Merrick – Underground Pipeline to a Pivot	5,000.00	
Hannappel Inc – Merrick – Underground Pipeline to a Pivot	2,772.00	
Osceola Company – Merrick – Underground Pipeline to a Pivot	5,000.00	
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$ 10,962.00
Greg Senkbile – Merrick	\$ 7,500.00	
Hannappel Inc – Merrick	3,462.00	
GRASSLAND CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 18,100.00
Cheryl Maurer – Dawson	\$ 12,675.00	
K J Hueftle LTD – Dawson	5,425.00	
FLOW METER COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 800.00
Vicki Fishler - Merrick	\$ 800.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 2,500.00
Steven Stelk – Hall	\$ 750.00	
Notz Farms LLS – Buffalo	750.00	
Amherst Public Schools – Buffalo – 2 wells	1,000.00	
Total		\$ 68,342.15