

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2026 7:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. SWCP

2.A. SWCP Application Approvals

2.B. SWCP Payments

Listed below are completed SWCP applications ready for payment:

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5-			
2	RONALD SWOBODA	\$	8,336.95 TOT/WASCB
S-			
2			
5-			
4	TAYLOR MURREN	\$	1,680.00 COVER CROP
S-			
2			
5-			
7	LARRY POSPISIL	\$	2,452.50 COVER CROP
S-			
2			
5-			
3	PAUL POLACEK	\$	2,452.50 COVER CROP

Total DWEE reimbursement = \$14,921.95

2.C. SWCP Cancellations

2.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

3. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD (JWMAB)

FEMA's BRIC application period opened up on March 25th and the Elkhorn Township/East Fremont Drainage project could be eligible for consideration. The City of Fremont will need to decide if they want to proceed with completing an application quickly as the application period is short. Applications are due July 23rd and repackaging the application is estimated at \$15-20k. The current plan (as discussed at previous JWMAB meeting) is to have JEO develop a comprehensive ditch cleaning plan.

4. SHELL CREEK WATERSHED

4.A. Shell Creek Implementation - 319 & NET

Bill Bos confirmed the Tom King septic system upgrade has been completed and is waiting on paperwork to certify payment. Bill submitted a new septic system application in Colfax co, current system is open discharge into Shell Creek:

Lyle Klug: Estimated cost: \$10,200.00 \$6,120.00 60% c/s

Bill was contacted by a landowner in Colfax county about a concern along Shell Creek regarding streambank erosion near a new bridge. Bill will contact Carl Grotelueshen to inspect the site and report back.

5. WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED

5.A. Construction Update

Monthly update meeting occurred on 3/31, highlights of the month:

- Shanahan completed sand drain and outlet installation on 26B
- Shanahan continued auxiliary spillway excavation on 26A
- TCI began forming next 10' riser section on 26A
- Riprap and 47B sand hauled to 26B

Photos attached

TCI invoice attached

5.B. Dam Site Planning Update

5.B.1. Design - Olsson

We have received site 77 back from NRCS Nat'l Watershed Center review. We are meeting with Olsson, NE NRCS in the near future to discuss comments:

- Standard Drawings: NE NRCS advised Olsson to use standard drawings for strength calculations for the principal spillway riser and impact basin/plunge pool. NWC wanted original drawings.
- Geotech: NWC wanted more extensive survey than industry standard, eg, boring outside of excavation/embankment area.
- Another submittal MAY be necessary, TBD

Our federal partners are reviewing our biological assessment related to our ACOE 404 permit.

Site 84 should be submitted to NDEE by the end of April for permitting review.

Attached are progress report, and invoices from Olsson for engineering and construction oversight.

5.B.2. Real Estate - Olsson & Great Plains Appraisal

Updates on outstanding acquisitions and remaining parcels.

Invoice attached.

5.B.3. Funding - NRCS WFPO & NeDNR JEDI

JEDI funds have been reduced by \$2.9M in the final budget bill that the Legislature passed (this is \$1.5M more than was planned). This results in approximately \$1.5-\$1.75M less funding being available than we currently have contracted (Wahoo Creek and Morse Bluff project).

We recently submitted a water sustainability grant application for the construction of site 85.

We were also recently informed that NRCS has slippage funds from another state that they intend to add to our construction agreement for the first 3 sites. Conversations will be coming to discuss the order and timetable for construction along with funding mechanics.

5.C. Water Quality - NWQI & 319

Meetings with Frontier have been successful. We are meeting with their on-the-ground reps on 4/2/26 to give them the cost-share numbers and other information to push to producers in the area. They will also be promoting these cost-share practices throughout their southeast Nebraska region, along with the state's NUE program.

6. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

Attached is a request for the Platte River from Fremont to South Bend, NE feasibility study. A separate section 22 study request letter is expected to be developed shortly. A section 22 study would potentially be able to be funded as early as this spring/summer (depending on funds availability), and can be quite flexible in terms of scope and costs. Based on Corps assessment of socioeconomic demographic data, they believe this study would qualify for 100% Federal funding. Corps staff recommend using the Section 22 study to develop some of the foundational data and modeling that we'd need for the feasibility study (attached).

7. MORSE BLUFF FLOOD REDUCTION

Drone survey has been completed with the exception of portions that are under water. They plan to complete underwater portions in the next few weeks the old fashion way.

8. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT

9. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

10. RC&D

Attached is a renewal request and 2025 Annual Report for the Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council.

11. OTHER

12. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT: 016



Date of Issuance: March 31, 2026

Project: LPNNRD Wahoo Creek Watershed Sites 26A 26B and 27

Project No.: 018-3423

Contractor: Thompson Construction

DETAILED ESTIMATE

Description	Unit Price	Extension
Refer to Attached Progress Estimate #16 thru 03-30-2026		
PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO: Thompson Construction 2404 N Lincoln Ave Fremont, NE 68025		

Value of Work Completed This Request: \$ 2,710,878.00

Original Contract Value: \$ 4,314,772.70
 Approved Change Orders:
 No. 1 \$24,274.50
 No. 2 _____
 No. 3 _____

Total Contract Value: \$ 4,339,047.20

Value of completed work and materials stored to date \$ 2,710,878.00
 Less retainage percentage 10% \$ 271,087.80
 Net amount due including this estimate \$ 2,439,790.20
 Less: Estimates previously approved:

No. 1 \$153,421.65	No. 2 \$107,054.10	No. 3 \$167,139.00
No. 4 \$34,211.70	No. 5 \$116,193.60	No. 6 \$208,238.40
No. 7 \$285,587.10	No. 8 \$77,111.10	No. 9 \$70,529.40
No. 10 \$81,970.20	No. 11 \$247,589.10	No. 12 \$260,962.20
No. 13 \$185,013.90	No. 14 \$121,437.00	No. 15 \$223,621.65
No. 16 _____	No. 17 _____	No. 18 _____

Total Previous Estimates: \$2,340,080.10

NET AMOUNT DUE THIS ESTIMATE: \$ 99,710.10

The undersigned hereby certifies, based upon periodic observations as set forth in scope of work and the data included in all applicable payment applications that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief: (1) the work has progressed as indicated in the applicable payment applications; (2) the work performed and materials delivered by Contractor are in conformance with the plans and specifications; and (3) the Contractor, in accordance with the contract, is entitled to payment as indicated above.

This certification does not constitute a warranty or guarantee of any type. Client shall hold its Contractor solely responsible for the quality and completion of the Project, including construction in accordance with the construction documents. Any duty or obligation of Olsson hereunder is for the sole benefit of the Client and not for any third party, including the Contractor or any Subcontractor.

cc: Project File
 Sean Elliott - LPNNRD
 Lance French - Thompson Construction

OLSSON

By:

To: LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 From: THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION, INC.
 Contract For: WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED DAM STRUCTURES 26A, 26B, AND 27
 ENGINEER's Project No. 018-3423
 For Work accomplished through the date of: 3/30/26

1. Original Contract Price:		\$	<u>4,314,772.70</u>
2. Net change by Change Orders and Written Amendments (+ or -):		\$	<u>24,274.50</u>
3. Current Contract Price (1 plus 2):		\$	<u>4,339,047.20</u>
4. Total completed and stored to date:		\$	<u>2,710,878.00</u>
5. Percent of Project Completed	<u>53%</u>		
6. Retainage (per agreement):			
	<u>10%</u> of completed Work and Stored Materials:	\$	<u>271,087.80</u>
	(10% of the first 50% of work completed & stored)		
		Total Retainage:	\$ <u>271,087.80</u>
7. Total completed and stored to date less retainage (4 minus 6):		\$	<u>2,439,790.20</u>
8. Less previous Application for Payments:		\$	<u>2,340,080.10</u>
9. DUE THIS APPLICATION (7 MINUS 8):		\$	<u>99,710.10</u>

Accompanying Documentation:

CONTRACTOR'S Certification:

The undersigned CONTRACTOR certifies that (1) all previous progress payments received from OWNER on account of Work done under the Contract referred to above have been applied on account to discharge CONTRACTOR's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with Work covered by prior Applications for Payment numbered 1 through 1 inclusive; (2) title of all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment will pass to OWNER at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a Bond acceptable to OWNER indemnifying OWNER against any such Lien, security interest or encumbrance); and (3) all Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and not defective.

Dated: 3/30/26 Thompson Construction

By: 

Payment of the above AMOUNT DUE THIS APPLICATION is recommended.

Dated: _____

By: _____

APPLICATION APPROVED BY:

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____

2404 N LINCOLN AVE FREMONT, NE 68025 - PHONE - 402-704-2008 - FAX - 402-704-2009

Owner: LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

Date: 30-Mar-26

Project: WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED

TOTAL STORED: \$ 426,395.00

DAM STRUCTURES 26A, 26B, AND 27

TOTAL COMPLETED: \$ 2,284,483.00

Estimate No.: 16

Contractor: THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION INC

TOTAL PLUS STORED: \$ 2,710,878.00

Project No.: 018-3423

ITEM NO.	QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL STORED	QTY TO DATE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	TOTAL PLUS STORED MATERIAL
SITE 26A								
1	1	LS	MOBILIZATION		1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
2	1	LS	CONSTRUCTION STAKING		0.75	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
3	1	EA	CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE		1	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,625.00
4	1	LS	DEWATERING		1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5	12	AC	GENERAL CLEARING AND GRUBBING		12	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 34,800.00
7	86720	CY	EARTHWORK FILL (AT 1.2 COMPACTION)		70500	\$ 3.90	\$ 274,950.00	\$ 274,950.00
8	13543	CY	EARTHWORK CUT AND SPOIL		13543	\$ 4.00	\$ 54,172.00	\$ 54,172.00
9	1047	TN	AGGREGATE 47B FINE		920	\$ 34.00	\$ 31,280.00	\$ 31,280.00
10	8	TN	1" WASHED AGGREGATE		8	\$ 105.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
11	200	TN	C33 #8 AGGREGATE		8	\$ 55.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00
12	4273	TN	CLASS B RIP RAP - STORED = 1620 TONS @\$72.00 /	\$ 116,640.00	800	\$ 90.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 188,640.00
13	998	TN	3" CRUSHED AGGREGATE		253	\$ 45.00	\$ 11,385.00	\$ 11,385.00
14	1022	LF	6" PERFORATED DUAL WALL PVC		900	\$ 23.00	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 20,700.00
15	90	LF	8" GALVANIZED STEEL PIPE		90	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
16	177	LF	24" RCPP PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY		178	\$ 550.00	\$ 97,900.00	\$ 97,900.00
17	2	EA	PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY PIPE SUPPORTS		2	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
18	29	CY	STRUCTURAL CONCRETE (CLASS 4000)		15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
19	5320	LB	REINFORCING STEEL	\$ 1,600.00	2660	\$ 2.50	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 8,250.00
20	1	LS	METAL FABRICATION	\$ 6,063.00	0	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,063.00
21	3	EA	SHEETPILE HEADWALL		3	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
22	24	LF	18" CCP LOW STAGE INLET PIPE		0	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
23	1	EA	18" CONCRETE TRASH RACK		0	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
24	53	LF	12" PVC DRAWDOWN PIPE		53	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 3,180.00
25	1	EA	12" BAR TRASH RACK		1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
26	1	EA	12" LINE GATE	\$ -	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
27	2300	LF	FENCE REMOVAL(ADB ENGINEER)		2300	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
28	1420	LF	FENCE PLACEMENT(ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ -
29	2	EA	GATE		0	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ -
30	2	EA	BRASS CAP MONUMENTS		0	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
31	7.9	AC	SEEDING		0	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
32	2960	LF	WATTLES		0	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -
33	3	EA	PERMANENT PIEZOMETER(W/ BOLLARDS)		0	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
34	4	EA	SETTLEMENT PLATE		2	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
35	1100	LF	TYPE B DIVERSION		0	\$ 2.40	\$ -	\$ -
36	100	LF	DRAIN TILE REMOVAL (ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -
37	100	LF	DRAIN TILE PLACEMENT(ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -
38	0	EA	SEPTIC TANK AND LATERAL FIELD		0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
39	1	LS	QUALITY CNTROL INSPECTION		0.5	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
40	150	SY	GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC		0	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL 26A							\$ 771,222.00	\$ 895,525.00

ITEM NO.	QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL STORED	QTY TO DATE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	TOTAL PLUS STORED MATERIAL
SITE 26B								
1	1	LS	MOBILIZATION		1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
2	1	LS	CONSTRUCTION STAKING		0.7	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00
3	1	EA	CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE		1	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 2,560.00
4	1	LS	DEWATERING		1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5	15	AC	GENERAL CLEARING AND GRUBBING		15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
7	77628	CY	EARTHWORK FILL (AT1.2 COMPACTION)		24500	\$ 3.70	\$ 90,650.00	\$ 90,650.00
8	2946	CY	EARTHWORK CUT AND SPOIL		2946	\$ 4.00	\$ 11,784.00	\$ 11,784.00
9	814	TN	AGGREGATE 47B FINE		178	\$ 34.00	\$ 6,052.00	\$ 6,052.00
10	4	TN	1" WASHED AGGREGATE		0	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -
11	205	TN	C33 #8 AGGREGATE		0	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ -
12	4888	TN	CLASS B RIP RAP (2823 TONS STORED @ \$72/ TON)	\$ 203,256.00	705	\$ 90.00	\$ 63,450.00	\$ 266,706.00
13	855	TN	3" CRUSHED AGGREGATE		152.1	\$ 45.00	\$ 6,844.50	\$ 6,844.50
14	961	LF	6" PERFORATED DUAL WALL PVC		430	\$ 23.00	\$ 9,890.00	\$ 9,890.00
15	90	LF	8" GALVANIZED STEEL PIPE		30	\$ 25.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
16	177	LF	24" RCPP PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY	\$ 60,668.00	0	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 60,668.00
17	2	EA	PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY PIPE SUPPORTS		2	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
18	23	CY	STRUCTURAL CONCRETE (CLASS 4000)		0	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -	\$ -
19	4285	LB	REINFORCING STEEL	\$ 3,277.00	0	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ 3,277.00
20	1	LS	METAL FABRICATION	\$ 6,063.00	0	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,063.00
21	3	EA	SHEETPILE HEADWALL	\$ -	3	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
22	24	LF	18" CCP LOW STAGE INLET PIPE		0	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
23	1	EA	18" CONCRETE TRASH RACK		0	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
24	64	LF	12" PVC DRAWDOWN PIPE		0	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -
25	1	EA	12" BAR TRASH RACK		0	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -
26	1	EA	12" LINE GATE	\$ 6,617.00	0	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,617.00
27		LF	FENCE REMOVAL(ADB ENGINEER)		0		\$ -	\$ -
28		LF	FENCE PLACEMENT(ADB ENGINEER)		0		\$ -	\$ -
29		EA	GATE		0		\$ -	\$ -
30	2	EA	BRASS CAP MONUMENTS		0	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
31	12.5	AC	SEEDING		0	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
32	2985	LF	WATTLES		0	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -
33		EA	PERMANENT PIEZOMETER(W/ BOLLARDS)		0		\$ -	\$ -
34	4	EA	SETTLEMENT PLATE		2	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
35	1040	LF	TYPE B DIVERSION		0	\$ 2.40	\$ -	\$ -
36	650	LF	DRAIN TILE REMOVAL (ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 2.00	\$ -	\$ -
37	100	LF	DRAIN TILE PLACEMENT(ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 26.00	\$ -	\$ -
38	1	EA	SEPTIC TANK AND LATERAL FIELD		0	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
39	1	LS	QUALITY CNTROL INSPECTION		0.5	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
40	150	SY	GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC		0	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL 26B				\$ 279,881.00			\$ 314,930.50	\$ 594,811.50

ITEM NO.	QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL STORED	QTY TO DATE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	TOTAL PLUS STORED MATERIAL
SITE 27								
1	1	LS	MOBILIZATION		1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
2	1	LS	CONSTRUCTION STAKING		0.75	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
3	1	EA	CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE		1	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,650.00
4	1	LS	DEWATERING		1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5	22	AC	GENERAL CLEARING AND GRUBBING		22	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00
7	93619	CY	EARTHWORK FILL (AT1.2 COMPACTION)		51285	\$ 3.90	\$ 200,011.50	\$ 200,011.50
8	9265	CY	EARTHWORK CUT AND SPOIL		9265	\$ 4.00	\$ 37,060.00	\$ 37,060.00
9	990	TN	AGGREGATE 47B FINE		990	\$ 34.00	\$ 33,660.00	\$ 33,660.00
10	4	TN	1" WASHED AGGREGATE		4	\$ 105.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
11	210	TN	C33 #8 AGGREGATE		24	\$ 55.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
12	7829	TN	CLASS B RIP RAP (209 TONS STORED @ \$72 / TON)	\$ 15,048.00	5695	\$ 90.00	\$ 512,550.00	\$ 527,598.00
13	788	TN	3" CRUSHED AGGREGATE		458	\$ 45.00	\$ 20,610.00	\$ 20,610.00
14	964	LF	6" PERFORATED DUAL WALL PVC		898	\$ 23.00	\$ 20,654.00	\$ 20,654.00
15	90	LF	8" GALVANIZED STEEL PIPE		90	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
16	175	LF	24" RCPP PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY		176	\$ 550.00	\$ 96,800.00	\$ 96,800.00
17	2	EA	PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY PIPE SUPPORTS		2	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
18	23	CY	STRUCTURAL CONCRETE (CLASS 4000)		16	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 34,400.00
19	4465	LB	REINFORCING STEEL	\$ 1,100.00	3000	\$ 2.50	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,600.00
20	1	LS	METAL FABRICATION	\$ 6,063.00	0	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,063.00
21	3	EA	SHEETPILE HEADWALL		3	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
22	24	LF	18" CCP LOW STAGE INLET PIPE		0	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
23	1	EA	18" CONCRETE TRASH RACK		0	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
24	63	LF	12" PVC DRAWDOWN PIPE		58	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 3,480.00
25	1	EA	12" BAR TRASH RACK		1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
26	1	EA	12" LINE GATE		1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
27	1065	LF	FENCE REMOVAL(ADD ENGINEER)		1065	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 1,065.00
28	1170	LF	FENCE PLACEMENT(ADD ENGINEER)		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -
29		EA	GATE		0		\$ -	\$ -
30	2	EA	BRASS CAP MONUMENTS		0	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
31	18.4	AC	SEEDING		0	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
32	3735	LF	WATTLES		0	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -
33	3	EA	PERMANENT PIEZOMETER(W/ BOLLARDS)		0	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
34	4	EA	SETTLEMENT PLATE		4	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
35	1402	LF	TYPE B DIVERSION		0	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ -
36	1500	LF	DRAIN TILE REMOVAL (ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 2.60	\$ -	\$ -
37	100	LF	DRAIN TILE PLACEMENT(ADB ENGINEER)		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -
39	1	LS	QUALITY CNTROL INSPECTION		0.5	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
40	150	SY	GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC		0	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL 27				\$ 22,211.00			\$ 1,198,330.50	\$ 1,220,541.50

Wahoo Creek Dams 26A, 26B and 27
Prague, NE
Olsson Project # 018-34230

General Information:

LPNNRD Project Manager:	Sean Elliot, LPNNRD
Project Engineer:	Dan Lightbody, Olsson
Construction Management & Inspection:	Isaac Miesbach, Brian Jueneman, Olsson
Contractor's Projected Final Completion Date:	September 25, 2026
Contract Final Completion Date:	October 1, 2026
Contract Completion by Amount Paid:	51%

Summary of Activity:

Site 26A:

This week Shanahan spent the week placing fill in the embankment footprint. Shanahan used their excavator to cut available fill out of borrow area #1 and hauled it to the embankment footprint with two of their dump trucks. Once the fill was placed Shanahan used their sheepsfoot dozer and bulldozer to spread and compact fill into the embankment footprint. Fill was scarified to regulate placed moisture content as needed.

Site 26B:

Site 27:

Items of Note:

Field and Acceptance Testing:

Field compaction testing was conducted during backfill operations. Testing reports and break reports will be provided when available.

1 Week Look-Ahead:

Weather permitting Shanahan will move over to Site 26B to work on foundation drain and seepage protection filter outfalls.

Wahoo Creek Dams 26A, 26B and 27
 Prague, NE
 Olsson Project # 018-34230

Project Name: Wahoo Creek Dams	Site Location: Prague, NE	Project No. 018-34230
<p>Direction Photo taken: Northeast</p> <p>Description: One of Shanahan's dump trucks placing a line of fill in the embankment footprint on Site 26A.</p>		
<p>Direction Photo taken: Northwest</p> <p>Description: Shanahan's excavator cutting available fill out of borrow area #1.</p>		

Wahoo Creek Dams 26A, 26B and 27
Prague, NE
Olsson Project # 018-34230

Project Name: Wahoo Creek Dams	Site Location: Prague, NE	Project No. 018-34230
<p>Direction Photo taken: North</p> <p>Description: Shanahan's placed fill in the embankment footprint extending up the hill on Site 26A.</p>		
<p>Direction Photo taken: Northeast</p> <p>Description: Shanahan using their dozer to spread the line of fill placed previously by their dump trucks on Site 26A.</p>		

Invoice



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February 18, 2026
Invoice No: 568380

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Lower Platte North NRD
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Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$16,278.60

Olsson Project # B18-34230 Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Watershed & 3 Dam Sites

Professional services rendered from January 04, 2026 through February 07, 2026 for work completed in accordance with agreement.

Phase 070 Construction Oversight

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Construction Services	108.25	11,727.06	
Project Manager	5.75	1,023.39	
Principal	6.75	1,491.68	
Administrative Services	.75	53.22	
Totals	121.50	14,295.35	
Total Labor			14,295.35

Unit Billing

Field Vehicle 1634	99.0 Miles @ 0.75	74.25	
Field Vehicle 1296	1,692.0 Miles @ 0.75	1,269.00	
Atterberg Limit			
1 Tests @ \$110/Test		110.00	
1 Tests @ \$110/Test		110.00	
Dispersion - Crumb			
1 Tests @ \$35/Test		35.00	
1 Tests @ \$35/Test		35.00	
Standard Proctor			
1 Tests @ \$175/Test		175.00	
1 Tests @ \$175/Test		175.00	
Total Units		1,983.25	1,983.25
	Total this Phase		\$16,278.60

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date
Total Billings	16,278.60	220,762.40	237,041.00
Limit			481,603.42
Balance Remaining			244,562.42

INVOICE PAYMENT IS REQUESTED WITHIN 30 DAYS

AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE \$16,278.60

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
562334	12/16/2025	28,993.89
564651	1/9/2026	19,981.37
Total		48,975.26

Email invoices to: jbreunig@lpnrd.org; selliott@lpnrd.org; rchapman@lpnrd.org

Please include our invoice number(s) with your payment.

By Check: Make check payment to Olsson Inc and mail to PO Box 84608, Lincoln, NE 68501-4608

By Electronic / ACH Payment: When transferring funds, please reference the invoice number(s), Account Name Olsson Inc; Pinnacle Bank Account No. 254316; Routing (ABA) No. 104913912, Remittance Email Address: deposits@olsson.com

Questions: Contact us at (402) 458-5062 or accountsreceivable@olsson.com

Authorized By: Brian Jueneman

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February 26, 2026
Invoice No: 570028

Ryan Chapman
Lower Platte North NRD
PO Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$24,962.55

Olsson Project # A18-34230 Lower Platte North NRD Wahoo Creek Watershed & 7 Dam Sites
Phase II
Professional services rendered January 4, 2026 through February 7, 2026 for work completed in accordance with agreement.

Phase 230 Finish Design

Labor

	Hours	Amount
Principal	22.25	4,125.15
Project Manager	50.25	8,908.25
Project Professional	.50	78.24
Assistant Professional	24.50	2,842.71
CAD Operator	117.75	8,927.99
Administrative/Clerical	1.00	80.21
Totals	216.25	24,962.55
Total Labor		24,962.55
	Total this Phase	\$24,962.55
	AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE	\$24,962.55

Authorized By: Carrie Wiese

Progress Report for Wahoo Creek Watershed Dams Sites



Lower Platte North NRD

For Work Completed During The Month Of : January, 2026

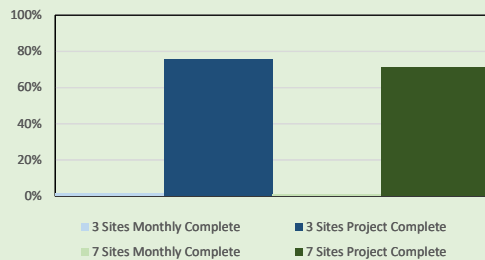
(through 02/07/2026)

Project # 018-3423 Dam Site 26A, 26B, &27 Project Phase	Phase Budget	Billings for Month		Project Total Billings to Date	
		Current Earned/Billings	% Completed This Month	JTD Earned/Billings	% Completed Overall
010 - Project Management/Meetings	\$ 25,709		0.0%	\$ 23,362.98	90.9%
020 - Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 224,493		0.0%	\$ 226,775.48	101.0%
030 - Dam Design	\$ 184,885		0.0%	\$ 199,168.83	107.7%
040 - Permitting	\$ 86,634		0.0%	\$ 60,884.18	70.3%
050 - Survey and Legal Descriptions	\$ 11,142		0.0%	\$ 23,636.47	212.1%
060 - Community/Public Participation	\$ -			\$ -	
070 - Construction Services	\$ 507,509	\$ 16,278.60	3.2%	\$ 247,145.58	48.7%
090-Tree Clearing Bidding and Enviro	\$ 11,554		0.0%	\$ 11,642.75	100.8%
100- Additional Easement Documents	\$ 5,085		0.0%	\$ 5,144.49	101.2%
110-Additional 90% Review	\$ 9,930		0.0%	\$ 9,911.40	99.8%
3 Sites Totals	\$ 1,066,941	\$ 16,278.60	1.5%	\$ 807,672.16	75.7%

Project # A18-3423 (separate invoice) Sites 55, 66, 77, 84, 85, & 86 Project Phase	Phase Totals	Billings for Month		Project Total Billings to Date	
		Current Earned/Billings	% Completed This Month	JTD Earned/Billings	% Completed Overall
100 - Project Management/Meetings	\$ 107,310	\$ 700.80	0.7%	\$ 92,024.69	85.8%
110 - Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 626,482	\$ 4,912.37	0.8%	\$ 603,394.18	96.3%
120 - Dam Design	\$ 672,426	\$ 18,172.13	2.7%	\$ 674,524.69	100.3%
130 - Permitting	\$ 253,448		0.0%	\$ 244,879.61	96.6%
140 - Survey and Legal Descriptions	\$ 114,486		0.0%	\$ 54,365.80	47.5%
150 - Community/Public Participation	\$ 30,000		0.0%	\$ 5,899.20	19.7%
160 - Other	\$ -			\$ -	
170- Construction Services	\$ 603,992		0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
180- Site 55 Additional Investigation	\$ 70,923		0.0%	\$ 46,770.79	65.9%
190-Easement Documents & Survey	\$ 14,953		0.0%	\$ 15,804.30	105.7%
200- 77 Additional Evaluation	\$ 45,215		0.0%	\$ 51,857.11	114.7%
210- 90% Review	\$ 19,827		0.0%	\$ 19,192.67	96.8%
220- Depletions Calculations	\$ 14,194		0.0%	\$ 11,882.19	83.7%
220- Biological Assesment	\$ 24,720	\$ 1,177.25	4.8%	\$ 29,921.85	121.0%
6 Sites Totals	\$ 2,597,975	\$ 24,962.55	1.0%	\$ 1,850,517.08	71.2%

Billings For Month	\$ 41,241.15
Total Billings To Date	\$ 2,658,189.24
Project Budget	\$ 3,664,916.43
Budget Remaining	\$ 1,006,727.19

% Budget Spent Per Site



Summary Of Work Completed This Month

Sites 26A, 26B, & 27 (Construction)	Sites 55, 66, 77, 84, 85, & 86 (Design)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ongoing construction management/oversight -Site visits, contractor coordination, materials testing, doc. -Expenses include vehicle mileage, field and laboratory testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ongoing project management -Site 55 completed and sent to DWEE -Revisions in progress on 84 to prepare for Site 77 comments from NRCS -Coordination with USFWS for OK of response to comments on BA

Planned Work For Next Month

Site 26A, 26B, & 27	Sites 55, 66, 77, 82, 84, 85, & 86
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ongoing construction management/oversight -Site visits, contractor coordination, materials testing, doc. -Expenses to include vehicle mileage, laboratory testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Finalization of Site 84 and submittal to DWEE -Finalization of BA

For questions regarding billings, please contact Andrew Phillips at (402) 440-8807 or aphillips@olsson.com

Invoice



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February 27, 2026
Invoice No: 570625

Ryan Chapman
Lower Platte North NRD
PO Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066-0126

Invoice Total \$7,881.18

Olsson Project # 023-00443 LPNNRD Wahoo Creek Watershed Flood Reduction Project Real Estate Services
Professional services rendered through February 7, 2026 for work completed in accordance with our Agreement dated February 17, 2023.

Phase 100 Real Estate Acquisitions

Labor

	Hours	Amount	
Principal	21.25	5,357.98	
CAD Designer	15.00	2,177.46	
Administrative/Clerical	3.75	300.79	
Totals	40.00	7,836.23	
Total Labor			7,836.23

Reimbursable Expenses

Personal Vehicle Mileage	44.95		
Total Reimbursables	44.95		44.95

Total this Phase \$7,881.18

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date
Total Billings	7,881.18	217,696.49	225,577.67
Limit			268,500.00
Balance Remaining			42,922.33

AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE \$7,881.18

Billings to Date

	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	7,836.23	195,876.71	203,712.94
Expense	44.95	21,366.20	21,411.15
Internal Unit	0.00	453.58	453.58
Totals	7,881.18	217,696.49	225,577.67

Authorized By: Danielle Allen _____

INVOICE PAYMENT IS REQUESTED WITHIN 30 DAYS



Lower Platte River
CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

LEAD. ORGANIZE. INSPIRE. The voice of the Lower Platte.

March 9, 2026

Colonel Robert J. Newbauer, District Commander
United States Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
1616 Capitol Ave.
Omaha, NE 68102-4901

RE: Platte River - Fremont to South Bend, NE (Flood Risk Management) – Letter of Intent

Dear Colonel Newbauer:

On behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance (LPRCA), I am requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) assist in developing a plan to address significant flood risks, as well as other water resources issues, along roughly a 36-mile reach of the Platte River extending from Fremont to South Bend in eastern Nebraska. The three Natural Resources Districts (Lower Platte North, Lower Platte South, and Papio-Missouri River) who comprise the LPRCA (along with four other agencies) are willing and able to partner with USACE and serve as the non-federal sponsor for the Platte River – Fremont to South Bend, NE Study.

The Platte River experienced record flooding in 2019 that caused extensive damage to public and private property, transportation corridors, water and wastewater infrastructure, and the Army National Guard's Camp Ashland. The proposed project area is home to rapidly changing land use due to growth along the western and southwestern fringes of the Greater Omaha metropolitan area including several suburbs and "bedroom" communities. Interstate 80 and several federal and state highways and railroad systems support vital interstate and international commerce. Water and wastewater infrastructure along this reach of the Platte River supports over 50-percent of the state of Nebraska's population. The six counties bounded by this reach of the Platte River have the highest sustained population growth in the state, but several areas exhibit lower than average per capita income and higher than average poverty levels.

With the changing demographic along the Platte River, the river has seen an increase in demand for maintaining and restoring natural habitat areas and integrating opportunities for natural resources-based recreation. The Platte River is renowned as the defining river system of the Central Plains, and as such is uniquely positioned to serve that need. A project that addresses flood risks and potentially incorporates a natural and nature-based approach would increase resiliency while restoring native habitats and providing high quality recreational opportunities would align well with the goals and on-going work that LPRCA and the Natural Resources Districts have been pursuing.

Colonel Newbauer
March 9, 2026
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The LPRCA is aware that recent legislative and policy revisions to the standard feasibility study process afford non-federal sponsors the ability to request that a Federal Interest Determination (FID) be prepared at the start of the feasibility study. The FID is conducted at 100-percent federal expense and serves to confirm that the water resources problems and potential solutions are likely to merit federal participation. We understand that policy and request that a FID be conducted to help shape the scope of the study. We also understand that this feasibility study cannot be initiated unless it is selected as a new start study with associated allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. If selected for funding and upon completion and approval of the FID, we intend to sign a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) to initiate the study with USACE. We understand the standard target timeline and budget for a feasibility study is no more than three years and \$3 million, which is cost-shared 50-50 between USACE and the non-federal sponsor.

The LPRCA is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent to initiate a study partnership to address the specified water resources problems and is not a contractual obligation. It is understood that we or USACE may opt to discontinue the study at any time after the FCSA is signed and will commit to work together as partners from the FID through the subsequent scoping phase and decision points throughout the feasibility study.

The LPRCA has and continues to work collaboratively to address Platte River issues (ice jams, flood risk, habitat preservation, water quality, recreation) on a local scale. By partnering with USACE, we hope to broaden the scope of effects to better serve the nation and our communities.

Sincerely,



David Potter
Lower Platte South NRD, General Manager

Cc: John Winker, PMRNRD General Manager
Eric Gottschalk, LPNNRD General Manager



Nebraska Loess Hills

Resource Conservation & Development Council

P.O. Box 24, Oakland, NE 68045

www.nlhrcd.org Phone(402)685-4020

February 20, 2026

Lower Platte North NRD
511 Commercial Park Rd
Wahoo, NE 68066



Your past support of the Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is truly appreciated! Your sponsorship allows the Council to develop and implement projects which improve the quality of life in Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington counties. Enclosed is the Council's 2025 Annual Report which highlights some of the projects completed in fiscal year 2025 including:

- The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council applied for and received a grant from Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment to hold an electronic waste collection. This collection was held in Scribner in September. We had 6 volunteers and 2,960 pounds of waste was collected.
- The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council applied for and received a grant from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment to conduct (3) household hazardous waste collections. The RC&D Council implemented these collections in the host communities of Blair, North Bend, and Pender. Over 40 volunteers helped with all three collections and over 28,000 lbs. of waste was collected.
- The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council has a scholarship available for current high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students. The Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council offered (2) \$500 scholarships to (2) individuals within the service area. Eight applications were received from four of the six counties.

In FY2025, RC&D Council Board members and community volunteers organized by the Council donated more than 400 hours to RC&D projects in our local communities. In addition to completing 9 projects, these efforts furthered progress in other ongoing projects. Your support made this possible!

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The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D is a proud member of the US Department of Agriculture's Circle of Diamonds – awarded to a select number of RC&D Councils nationwide for demonstrating: "Excellence by an RC&D Council".

Your support is just as important now than ever!

The RC&D Council is committed to continuing its work. Sponsor support is vital to facilitating RC&D projects. We have enclosed a Sponsorship Renewal Invoice for 2026 in the amount of \$350.00. Projects planned for 2026 include (3) household hazardous waste collections, an electronic waste collection, and several others. These projects save local government and taxpayers significant dollars, preserve resources and protect the environment.

Sponsors directly impact the quality of life in area communities through active involvement in the Council's Board of Directors. This Board identifies area needs, adopts projects and goals, and formulates strategies for project completion. Sponsors may choose to designate a representative to serve on the Board of Directors.

We truly hope you will continue to support the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council. Enclosed is contact information for the Council's Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact the Board for more information or to suggest projects or partnerships which improve the quality of life in the RC&D service area.

Sincerely,

John Ross

John Ross, President
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RENEWAL INVOICE

Annual Sponsor Membership Dues 2026 (January 1-December 31, 2026)

SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP: \$350.00

Please make checks payable to: **Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council**

Send to: Kent Neumann, Treasurer
Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council
PO Box 24
Oakland, NE 68045

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council is approved as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Please return with payment:

Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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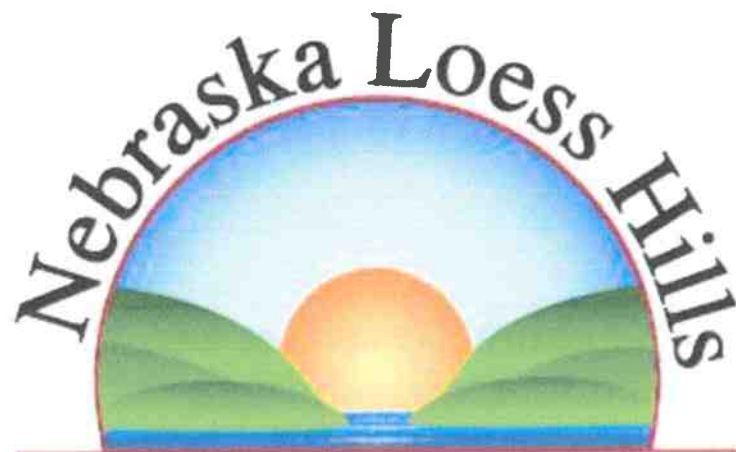
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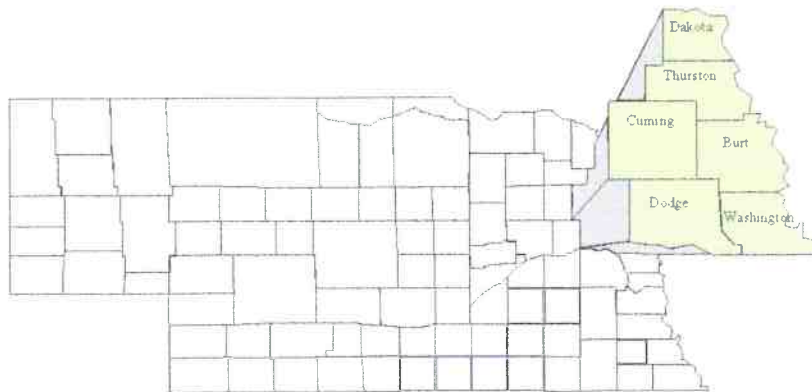
2025 Annual Report



Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council

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Introduction:

❖ Purpose

The Purpose of the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council, Inc. is to serve the will of local residents to the best of their ability with the tools they have available.

Vision Statement

People working actively and in cooperation to strengthen communities.

Mission Statement

Manage and conserve natural resources and develop human capital for present and future generations.

❖ Goals

GOAL A: ENHANCE & PROTECT LAND-BASED AND WATER-BASED NATURAL RESOURCES & PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

GOAL B: PROMOTE TOURISM AND DEVELOP RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RC&D'S SIX COUNTY AREA

GOAL C: PROMOTE LAND STEWARDSHIP BY WORKING WITH LOCAL GROUPS TO OFFER RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL D: DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE SIX COUNTY RC&D AREA BY INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN RC&D EVENTS.

❖ Committees

- Education
- Economic Development
- Tourism
- Environment and Conservation
- Infrastructure and Community Resources
- Finance

❖ History

- October 9, 1991 - The first informational meeting about the RC&D program was held for area residents at the Legion Hall in Walthill.
- March 1, 1992 - A steering committee was formed which proceeded to develop Bylaws and secure Articles of Incorporation and apply to the Secretary of Agriculture for authorization.
- September 23, 1992 - After numerous Steering Committee meetings, meetings of the Application and Bylaws Committees, twelve informational presentations, and six public participation meetings, the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council was formed.
- September 24, 1992 - an application for authorization from the RC&D Board of Directors was submitted to (then) SCS State Conservationist Ron Moreland, which was forwarded to (then) U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan.
- November 16, 1992 - Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were adopted.
- January 11, 1993, the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council became incorporated in the State of Nebraska.
- October 18, 1993 - the Council presented their second proposal for authorization to (then) Nebraska SCS State Conservationist Ron Moreland.
- August 10, 1994 - The Nominal Group Process was used to develop and prioritize Goals, Objectives, and Action Items for the group's first Annual Plan of Work (approved by the RC&D Board of Directors on September 28, 1994).
- April 11, 1995 - A logo development contest was held, and a winner was selected – it was a pencil drawing of our current logo. (Color was added to the logo in 2001 and was again updated in 2009).
- October 15, 1997 - Another application for authorization was submitted to Dan Glickman, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.
- December 3, 1997 - Received a Federal Tax Identification Number from the IRS.
- April 13, 1998 - The Internal Revenue Service determined the Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Incorporated, to be exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).
- September 7, 2000 - The Board of Directors, despite being passed over for funding numerous times, was persistent and submitted another application for funding.
- January 4, 2001 - Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman authorized the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D.
- April 15, 2011 – President Barack Obama approved the termination of the RC&D Program nation-wide. Staff was given 3 days to redistribute all furniture and vehicle and to vacate the office.
- 2011 to present – The RC&D Council operates on donations from public entities, business, and private citizens.

Declaration of the Area of Operation:

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D consists of six counties – Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington – encompassing 1,671,808 acres in East Central and Northeastern Nebraska. The Omaha and Winnebago Indian Reservations occupy all of Thurston County and small portions of Burt and Cuming Counties. The area is predominately rural with a population of 102,122 (2020 U.S. Census). Not quite 75% of area residents live in 36 communities. The largest communities are: Fremont– 27,141; South Sioux City – 14,043; and Blair – 7,790. The median size community in the area is 647. The area hosts 28,679 households. Per capita income for the RC&D area is \$30,895. 10.8% of area residents live in poverty.

The six-county Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Area covers approximately 2600 square miles and is bordered on the east by the Missouri River and the Platte River on the south. A third major river, the Elkhorn, flows through three counties in the southwest part of the area. All three rivers provide recreation for Nebraska and Area residents as well as habitat for several threatened or endangered species such as the Bald Eagle, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, and the Pallid Sturgeon. The Missouri River is the primary source of domestic and municipal water supply for several large cities and communities in Nebraska and neighboring states. About 100 miles of Missouri River shoreline border the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Area.

All soils begin as rock or “Parent material”. Destruction of certain properties of parent material leads to unconsolidated forms of “rock” in which soils are forming. Soils can be moved by wind, water, gravity, man/animals, or glaciers. Those soils transported by wind are either loess (pronounced luss), or aeolian sand (windblown sand). Except for the “Sand Hills” where soils formed in aeolian sand, loess is the parent material for many soils throughout Nebraska. A large portion of the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Area lies in the Loess Uplands and Till Plains Major Land Resource Area (102B). About 15% of the area lying along the Missouri River Valley is in the Iowa and Missouri Deep Loess Hills Major Land Resource Area (107N). A small area in southwestern Washington and southeastern Dodge counties is located in the Nebraska and Kansas Loess Drift Hills Major Land Resource Area (106). All three Major Land Resource Areas are characterized by rolling to hilly topography with narrow to moderate ridge tops dissected by numerous drainage-ways. Predominant soils are typically well-drained upland soils with silty clay loam surface layers formed in loess with underlying material of silty clay loam or silt loam. Water erosion (sheet & rill, ephemeral, and gully) is the primary resource concern on these soils.

Warm summers and cold winters characterize the climate of the area. Monthly average high temperatures are in the 20s (degrees F) in January and 80s (degrees F) in July. Annual precipitation averages 24”-26”, with 60% of the precipitation occurring during the May to October growing season.

Types of RC&D Assistance:

GOAL A: ENHANCE & PROTECT LAND-BASED AND WATER-BASED NATURAL RESOURCES & PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP...

- ✓ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council received a grant from Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment to hold (3) Household Hazardous Waste collections. Host communities were Blair, North Bend, and Pender. After a change of contractors in early summer and additional support from Papio-Missouri River NRD, Cargill, Washington County Recycling, Lower Platte North NRD, and Lower Elkhorn NRD, the RC&D was able to hold these collections in October 2024. The collections were an overwhelming success. There were 263 vehicles representing 415 households that participated. The collection brought in over 28,000 lbs. of waste that will be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner or recycled and NOT going into a landfill.
- ✓ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council assisted in unloading vehicles and collecting surveys at the PMRNRD E-Waste collections held in Dakota City, Walthill, Tekamah, and Blair in May. Four RC&D board members helped at these collections. Over 260 vehicles attended and approx. 28,500 lbs. of electronic waste was collected.

GOAL B: PROMOTE TOURISM AND DEVELOP RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES...

- ✓ The RC&D hosts and facilitates the Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway which is a group dedicated toward promoting area attractions and services which may be of interest to travelers and tourists.
- ✓ The RC&D is maintaining a tourism rack at the Jackson Pump & Pantry to provide tourists with brochures of things to see along the Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway.

GOAL C: PROMOTE LAND STEWARDSHIP BY WORKING WITH LOCAL GROUPS TO OFFER RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES...

- ✓ The RC&D coordinates and conducts recycling opportunities for area residents including E-Waste collections and Household Hazardous Waste collections.

GOAL D: DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE SIX COUNTY RC&D AREA BY INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN RC&D EVENTS.

- ✓ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council created a scholarship for current high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students. The scholarship application was distributed to the high schools in our service area as well as newspaper articles in the service area promoting this opportunity. The Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council offers (1) \$500 scholarship to an individual within the service area of Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington counties. The scholarship is offered primarily to an individual that shows volunteering in community events. This year, eight applications were received from four of the six counties in the RC&D service area. Two scholarships were given this year, Caleb Johnson from Thurston County, and Madison Enstrom from Burt County.

Completed Projects in 2025

<u>Project#</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
25-401	Scholarship
25-402	E-Waste PMNRD
25-403	Tourism Display
25-404	E-Waste Grant
25-405	HHW Grant
25-406	E-Waste Collection
25-407	Logan Creek Accessibility
25-408	HHW Collection
25-409	Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway

Impact of the Council's Projects in the Area of Operation:

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council completed 9 projects in 2025. Over 40 volunteers donated more than 400 hours to RC&D projects. Financially, the total value of the projects completed in 2025 was over \$154,000.

Major Impact Projects

- ❑ RC&D Scholarship - The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council created a scholarship for current high school seniors, current college students and non-traditional students. The scholarship application was distributed to the high schools in our service area. The Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council offered (2) \$500 scholarships to two individuals within the service area of Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington counties. Eight applications were received this year from four of the six counties in the RC&D service area.
- ❑ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council helped unload vehicles and collect surveys at the PMNRD E-Waste Collections held at Dakota City, Walthill, Tekamah, and Blair. Over 260 loads totaling approx. 28,500 lbs. of e-waste were collected.
- ❑ The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council held an E-Waste Collection in Scribner (Dodge County) in Sept '25. Four RC&D members and two community/city volunteers collected surveys and unloaded waste from 32 vehicles which included 35 households and 8 businesses. The waste totaled 2,960 pounds.
- ❑ Board meetings and Little News mailings.
More than 1800 copies of the agenda and Little News were sent to board members and the public.
- ❑ Completed Projects
The NLHRCD completed 9 projects in FY 2025.
- ❑ Volunteerism
Over 40 volunteers donated more than 400 hours of time working on RC&D projects.

Council's Financial Summary (October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025)

Income:

Dues and Support from 26 members	\$10,000.00
Collected from Scribner and Walthill E-waste collections	\$ 65.00
Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE)	
NDEE E-waste Grant for calendar year 2024	\$ 3,873.68
NDEE Household Hazardous Waste Grant (HHW) for 2024	\$24,585.00
Lower Elkhorn NRD contribution for 2025 HHW collections	\$ 4,290.47
Short term loan to cash flow Council Operations and Projects	\$10,000.00

Expenditures:

HHW collections 2025 at Tekamah, Dakota City and Bancroft	\$48,875.46
Council Operations	\$18,506.76
Loan repayment	\$10,016.16
2 Scholarships Awarded	\$ 1,000.00

End of Year Balances:

Checking Account	\$51,179.74
Savings Account	\$ 1,704.16
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$10,992.63</u>
Total	\$63,876.53

The Papio Missouri River NRD paid \$15,000.00 direct to the 2025 HHW Contractor.
The Lower Platte North NRD paid \$4,290.47 direct to the 2025 HHW Contractor.

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