

Agenda Item: 7.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee

FROM: Terry Schumacher, Land & Water Programs Coordinator

SUBJECT: Transfer of funds from Account# 01 04 505 4410 to Account # 01 04 507 4195

DATE: April 4, 2017

Due to a number of factors, in particular the heavy rain event in the Papio Creek Watershed on August 23, 2016, there has been a tremendous demand for cost share funds to do conservation work in FY2017. To date \$563,838.41 has been paid to landowners throughout the District for conservation work and another \$165,256.28 in approvals has been made with many of these projects at or near completion.

The FY2017 budget amount for the Conservation Assistance Program, account # 01 04 507 4195 is \$700,000.00. There are still a number of landowners that are interested in completing conservation work this spring and there are also a number of CAP applications for tree plantings and grass seedings that have not been approved. These applications total \$168,000.00.

The FY2017 budget for the Pigeon Creek Special Watershed construction account # 01 04 505 4410 is \$350,000.00. These funds are for the construction of dam sites PJ-10 and PJ-16. PJ-16 was completed in December of 2016 and PJ-10 will not be completed in FY2017 due to complications with design and the 404 permit process. \$118,733.79 remains in this account.

Due to the factors outlined above, it is requested that \$118,000.00 be transferred from Account # 01 04 505 4410 to Account # 01 04 507 4195 in the FY2017 budget.

It is staff's recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to transfer \$118,000.00 from Account # 01 04 505 4410 to Account # 01 04 507 4195 in the FY2017 budget and Account # 01 04 507 4195 be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount, with a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$888,000.00 without further Board approval.

FY2017 CAP NEEDS (Spring of 2017)

| Office | # of Applications | Total Dollars Requested |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Omaha | 14 | \$42,200.00 |
| Blair | 18 | \$20,000.00 |
| Tekamah | 22 | \$29,000.00 |
| Walthill | 20 | \$16,000.00 |
| Dakota City | 23 | \$60,800.00 |
| TOTALS = | 97 | \$168,000.00 |

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