Natural Resources Conservation Service Written Report To Papio-Missouri River NRD Board December 8th, 2022 Andy Bohnenkamp, District Conservationist

NRCS is currently busy completing planning and project estimates for 2023 EQIP applications now that our EQIP sign-up has come-to-a-close for 2023. We have a total of 111 applications between the 4 field Offices. The breakdown is shown below:

Blair FO	34
Dakota City FO	10
Tekamah FO	34
Walthill FO	33

So far Nebraska NRCS has not issued an official allocation for FY23 but I am expecting it to be very similar to the \$280,000 we received last year as a starting local allocation.

Our CSP application deadline is also ended and we have 10 applications NRD-wide.

Blair FO	5
Dakota City FO	1
Tekamah FO	3
Walthill FO	1

We also have a fair number of CRP SAFE Upland Game bird interest. Roughly 10 applications so far NRD wide in the first month of the sign-up period.

NRCS and NRD Technical staff have been utilizing and fine-tuning the latest LIDAR Elevation models to pre-design grassed waterways and terrace systems. This newer process has the potential to improve project estimates and overall quality of EQIP projects and planning, which lessens the back-end of our contract management process.

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Andy Bohnenkamp

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