



MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects & Operations Subcommittee
FROM: Nicole Gust, Purchasing Agent
DATE: April 29, 2025
RE: FY 2026 Equipment Requirements

Attached is a chart of equipment items identified for purchase/replacement in FY 2026. The process to identify and prioritize equipment items most needed by the District was determined by a staff Equipment Committee comprised of Bill Brush, Martin Cleveland, Carey Fry, Justin Novak, Bill Warren, Terry Schumacher, and myself. Each department within the NRD identified their equipment requirements and the Equipment Committee reviewed each item and made recommendations to the General Manager and Assistant General Manager for purchase. The General Manager then reviewed the Committee's recommendations and made further changes to the request list.

The FY 2025 total equipment budget was \$570,621. The proposed FY 2026 equipment budget request is \$519,456.44.

Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the proposed FY 2026 Equipment Requirements subject to funding in the FY 2026 Budget.

F.Y. 2026 Equipment Requirements List Worksheet

Item Description	Cost	Justification/Indicative Data
Account #01-01-4802 Machinery & Equipment		
Caterpillar 938 M Rubber Tire Loader – Name Brand Memo *State Contract Pricing*	5/5 (Final) annual payment \$39,497	Used in construction, maintenance, and Parks, 100 miles of levees and PL-566 structures.
2026 Annual replacement for Bob Cat T66 Track Skid Loader	\$7,500	Used for Operations & Maintenance and Park Maintenance (Replacing 2025 Equipment)
2025 Rhino 4155 – 15' Flex Mower *State Contract Pricing*	\$17,500 w/ trade-in	Mower for levees, PL-566 Structures, High Hazard Dams. Replacing District's 2019 Rhino 9JS34
2025 Trail King Trailer TK14U 20' Capacity 14,000lbs *State Contract Pricing*	\$22,475 w/ trade-in	Used to haul skid loaders, mowers, and mini backhoe. Replacing District's 2015 FT 14 Trailer 8AE29
2026 JD 6R145 Tractor *State Contract*	\$167,421.44 w/ trade-in	Used for Mowing and Seeding Levees, PL-566 Structures and High Hazard Dams. Replacing the District's 1994 JD 7400 4AA10 with 6k hours.
2026 PJ Trailer Gooseneck 20' Flatbed Trailer Capacity 16,000lbs *State Contract*	\$9,626.25 w/ trade-in	Used for hauling Mini Excavator and Skid Steer for maintenance of Pigeon/Elk Creek levees, Silver Creek, Tekamah/Mud Creek, Pigeon Jones watershed structures and high hazard dams. The current trailer is too big and has proven to be dangerous when hauling off-road and gravel roads. Replacing 8AA06 2016 H&H 30' Trailer.
Leica LTE Rover GNSS SmartAntenna *Government Pricing*	\$12,936.75	Replacing outdated District Equipment.
Total FY 26 Machine/Equip	\$276,956.44	FY 25 Budget \$419,908
Account #01-01-4803 Automobiles and Trucks		
2026 Mini Van	\$50,000	Replacing 2VA03 – 2010 Chrysler Town & Country w/ almost 110K EOY miles and over \$10k in Maintenance
2026 Half Ton Crew Cab Truck	\$50,000	Replacing 2LL31 – 2018 Ram 1500 w/ almost 120K EOY miles and over \$26k in maintenance
2026 Half Ton Crew Cab Truck	\$50,000 *Rural Water Budget*	Replacing 2LL32 – 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab w/ almost 140K EOY miles and almost \$20k in maintenance
Total FY 26 Autos/Trucks	\$100,000 (excluding Rural Water)	FY 25 Budget \$55,000

Account #01-01-4804 Office Equipment		
Network Equipment – New Blair Shop	\$10,000	Carryover from FY25
Replace Virtualization Hosts	\$40,000	Three hosts, normal replacement interval (3 years)
Replace User Desktops	\$45,000	Approximately 30 desktops, normal replacement interval (3 years)
Replace Main Omaha Firewall	\$25,000	The current unit is end-of-life, and the manufacturer will no longer provide maintenance. Last replaced approximately 2014. This is not a single unit; it is a redundant pair.
Director Equipment	\$7,500	Annual Allowance
Miscellaneous Equipment	\$15,000	Covers low cost, non-replacement cycle equipment like printers, tablets, computer accessories (e.g., keyboards, mice, charging cords), etc.
Total FY 26 Office Equip	\$142,500	FY 25 Budget \$95,713
Total FY 26 Budget \$	\$519,456.44 (excluding Rural Water)	Total FY 25 Budget \$570,621

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fiscal Year 2026 Equipment Committee
FROM: Bill Warren, Operations, Maintenance
DATE: April 25, 2025
RE: Name Brand Request “John Deere”, “Rhino”, “Trail King” and “PJ”

We are requesting one name brand John Deere 6R145 Tractor, one name brand Rhino 4155 Mower, one Trail King Flatbed Trailer and one PJ Gooseneck Trailer. All pieces of equipment are State Contract Price. Staff and management believe it is in the best interest of the District to purchase these named pieces of equipment for the following reasons:

1. The District currently owns several pieces of these named equipment. This equipment has performed outstandingly with minimal maintenance.
2. All components of said equipment are John Deere/Rhino parts, which is essential for sound operation and performance.
3. The John Deere/Rhino equipment seems to perform best with the terrain in which the equipment is used. Just as with the Caterpillar equipment and Mack trucks that the Board has approved name branding in the past, the John Deere/Rhino equipment operates most efficiently and safely in our field conditions.
4. The District has used other heavy equipment brands in the past and incurred excessive maintenance and repair cost in everyday use.
5. Douglas County and the City of Omaha use the Nebraska State Contract from John Deere.

Staff is requesting the name brand purchase of this equipment subject to funding of the FY 2026 Budget.

MEMORANDUM

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee
From: Mike McNaney, Survey Coordinator
Date: 4/25/2025
Re: Name Brand Request “Leica”

The Survey Department is requesting the purchase of a Leica LTE Rover GNSS SmartAntenna and a Leica CS30 Field Controller to be included in the FY 2026 Budget.

The Survey Department is requesting the name brand purchase of Leica due to the compatibility with our existing equipment. Purchase subject to funding of the FY 2026 Budget.