Agenda Item: 6.

Memorandum

To: FEL Subcommittee

From: Amanda Grint, Water Resources Engineer

Date: March 6, 2014

Re: Kennard Lagoon Property

In 2010, the Village of Kennard completed a project that improved their wastewater system by pumping sewage to the City of Blair for treatment. The Board supported this regionalized wastewater system because it provided benefits to water quality and overall public health, so the District contributed \$250,000 to the Village of Kennard. As a part of the agreement, the Village of Kennard transferred title of the 18 acre formerlagoon site to the District. See attached map for location.

In October 2013, the Board approved an action for the sale of the property and at the February 2014 Subcommittee meeting, a motion failed recommending the sale of the property through a sealed bid process. At that time it was known that access to the lagoon property would need to be arranged with the property owner to the north, Andersen Farms, LTD. and that there was potentially dumping occurring on site along with trees near the creek that had not been removed by the Village of Kennard.

Since the February Board meeting, an access easement has been established with the Andersen family for ingress/egress through the existing road to the District property. Also, the Village of Kennard volunteer fire department has burned the tree piles that were on site. With these items resolved, and with the concurrence of the Andersen family, staff recommends a public auction to sell the 18 acre property.

Be it resolved that the General Manager of the District should be and is hereby authorized and directed to sell the former Kennard sewer lagoon property, legally described as Tax Lots 75 and 95, Washington County, Nebraska, at a public auction, at such time and place, upon such notice, with such reserve, and according to such other terms and conditions of sale as he determines necessary for the sale; and, the General Manager is further hereby authorized to execute a purchase agreement, deed and such other documents as he determines necessary, and Legal Counsel approves as to form, to effectuate and accomplish such a sale to the bidder that he determines is the highest bidder at the auction.

