

Agenda Item: 10.

Memo

To: Programs, Projects, & Operations Subcommittee

From: John Winkler, General Manager

Date: March 8, 2013

RE: Information on Request from Summit Township Board to Hard Surface an 1 1/2 Mile Stretch  
To the Summit Lake Park

Director Japp requested that this item be placed on the agenda. District Staff contacted a representative of the Summit Township Board, Mr. Hansen, to discuss the details of their request. The general nature of the request is that the NRD cost share or pay one hundred percent for the hard surfacing of a road near Summit Lake that is in the townships' jurisdiction. The Summit Township representative did not yet have the details of the proposed project such as what hard surface materials are being "requested", the design (width/length) of the road, and/or any costs or percentages being considered as a formal request from the NRD. The representative also indicated that the Township did not have funds for hard surfacing the road. Staff informed him that this NRD does not have road improvements as one of its purposes (unless the roads were part of a project), nor does the District have an existing road surfacing program that this request could fall under, consequently, having the Board approve a request like this might be "difficult". All of the other District cost sharing programs requires the sponsor to provide all of the Right of Way, permits, maintenance, design, and a percentage of the overall construction costs etc.

As a rough estimate for the 1.5 plus mile (24 feet wide) project from highway 32 to the west end bridge crossing, the cost of this project would likely exceed \$1 million to include design, materials, right of way, and project construction.

Since the Summit Lake Site is managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, NRD Staff contacted the NGPC to inform them of the request and to discover some additional information:

- 1) Both the access road from Highway 32 and internal roads within Summit Lake are currently ON the NGPC's Recreation Road Plan 'schedule' for hard surfacing.
- 2) These improvements are # 9 of the top ten priority projects.
- 3) Since the NGPPC receives roughly 3 million dollars per year from the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) for these projects – if all continues as "normal" then, it will likely be several years before the Summit Lake road surfacing will happen.
- 4) NGPC Personnel indicated that if another entity or entities (NRD, County, Township, Private, etc.) Agreed to cost-share parts of the project --- this may or may not move the Summit Lake Road hard surfacing up on the priority list.