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Memorandum

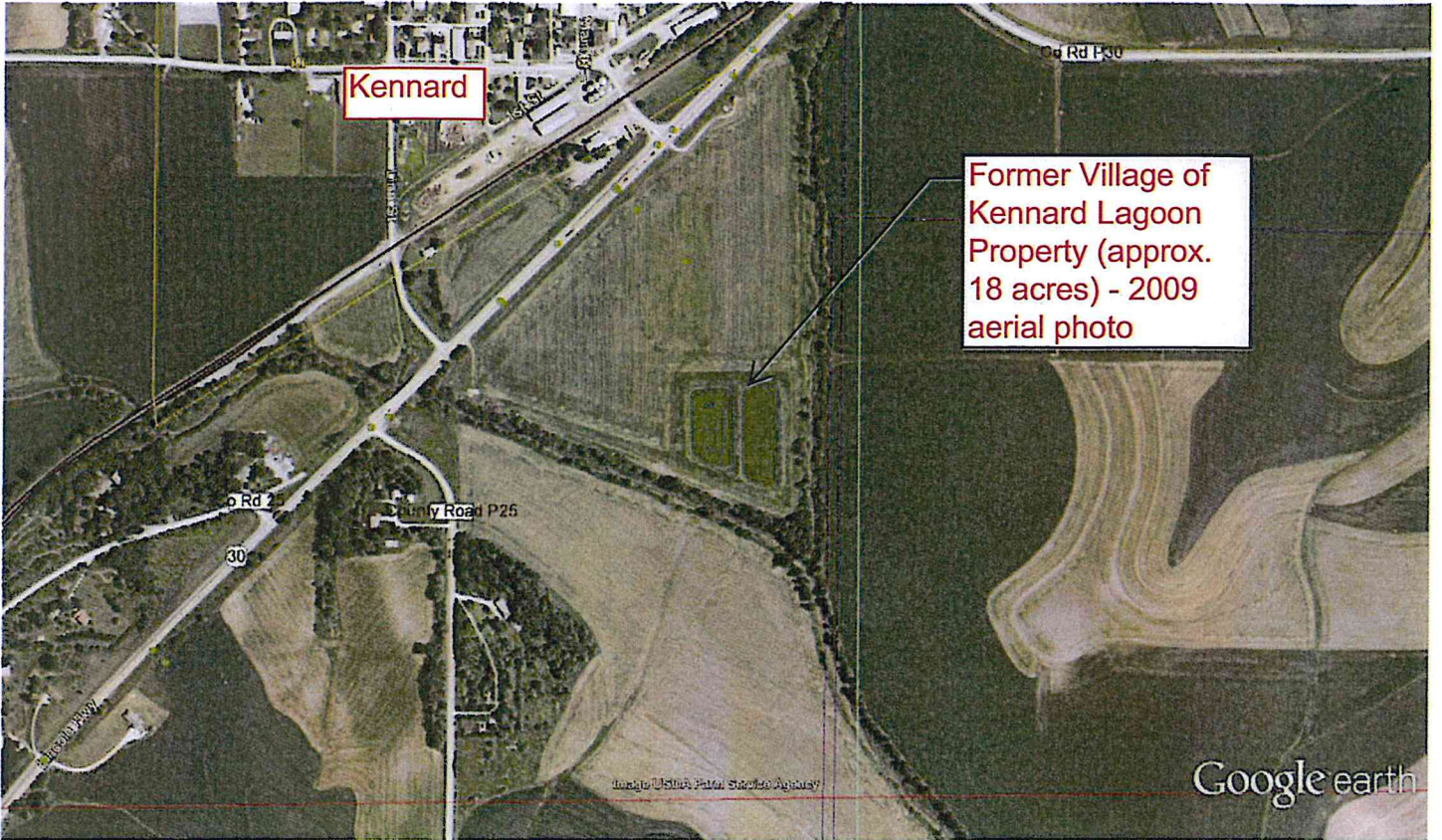
To: Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee
From: Amanda Grint, Water Resources Engineer
Date: May 1, 2013
Re: Kennard Lagoon Property

In July of 2005, the Board received a request from the Village of Kennard to provide funding to assist the Village in improving 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. This project was completed in 2010. See attached maps.

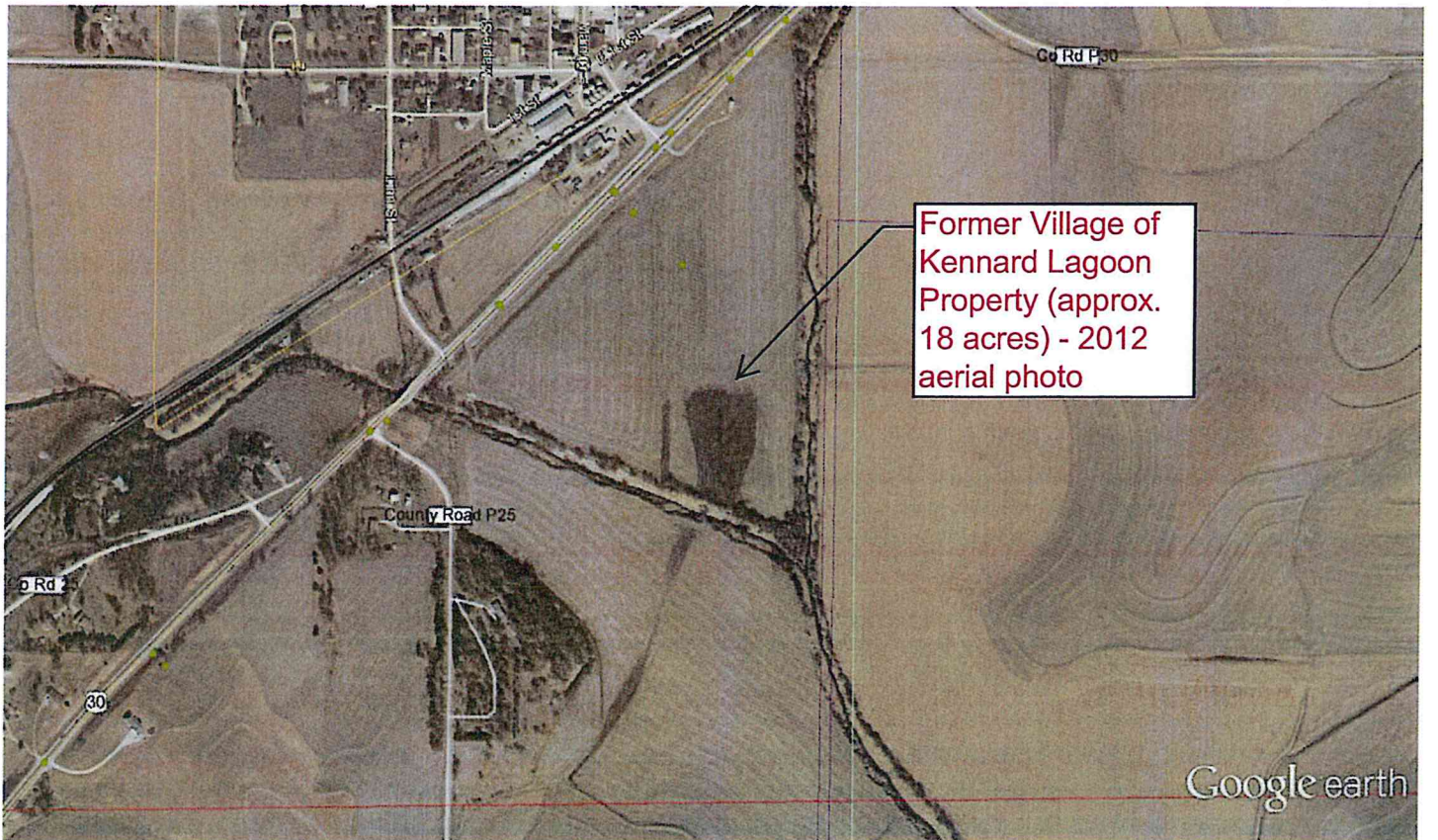
As part of the agreement, the Village transferred title of the existing 18 acre treatment lagoon site to the NRD. This property is located on the banks of the Big Papillion Creek just south of Highway 30. It should be noted that the 18 acres is within the top of dam elevation for a previously studied Dam Site 3C project, although the reservoir has never been a planned project.

Director Japp has requested that the District auction off the former Village of Kennard property. The District performed an appraisal in 2005 and the value of this property following remediation of the lagoon site was estimated at \$108,000. A signed farm lease has been executed for the 2013 growing season with Merle Anderson.

Since the District has already leased the land for farming in 2013, it seems prudent to take some time to research the District's needs for the property and if determined surplus property, the preferred method of disposal. Staff could investigate the matter and report back to the Board prior to executing a 2014 farm lease.



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