

Agenda Item 10

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John

Put on the agenda for April's board meeting to transfer funds from the Silver Creek project into the CAP programs.

I suggest the \$200,000 of funds need to be transferred so the program has enough funds until next years budget is finalized. This fund has been reduced over the last 5 years form \$1.4 million to \$800,000. There is a need for these funds and a demand from land owner to install conservation practices.

Scott Japp

Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Re: Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) Funding

Date: April 5, 2011

From: Ralph Puls, Land/Water Programs Coordinator

Director Japp has requested that the Board transfer \$200,000.00 from the Silver Creek Watershed Site #11 Dam Project into the Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) so that CAP has enough funds to continue approving applications until funds are available in Fiscal Year 2012. At their November 2010 meeting the Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee voted not to approve a similar request from Director Japp.

The current status of cost-sharing funds is shown below:

- 1) All of the \$800,000 in CAP have been approved plus 10% more for a total of \$885,022.32
- 2) All \$130,683.25 Nebraska Soil and Water Funds have been approved
- 3) Total combined funds allocated is \$1,015,705.57
- 4) Additional request for funds pending approval: \$99,186.95

Enclosed is a report showing the conservation contractors who have constructed conservation practices in the P-MRNRD and the amount of conservation cost-sharing funds spent in each county from July 1, 2010 through March 30, 2011.

In Fiscal Year 2011, \$700,000 has been budgeted for construction of Silver Creek Dam Site #11. The District has acquired the necessary 404 Permit from the Corps of Engineers. On April 8 and 15, 2011, the project will be advertised for bids in the Omaha World-Herald. The schedule calls for the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee to review bids on May 10, and make a recommendation to the Board at their May 12 meeting. With Board approval, a contract could be awarded on May 13, 2011. However, it is expected that no contractor invoices will be received for payment in FY 2011. For budgetary purposes, it is inadvisable to transfer funds from the Silver Creek Project this Fiscal Year. If dollars for the construction of Silver Creek Site #11 are transferred to CAP, the Silver Creek Project will have to be fully funded in FY 2012. The cash carryover will be less and those funds will have to be made up with tax revenue next year.

Management has recommended previously this fiscal year that funds not be transferred, and the Board has overwhelmingly accepted that recommendation. It is management's recommendation that Silver Creek funds not be transferred to CAP this spring.

Attachment: List of Conservation Contractors

CONSERVATION CONTRACTORS IN P-MRNRD

Shown below is a list of conservation contractors who have built soil and water conservation practices in the P-MRNRD. They are listed in order of the amount of work they have done in Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011).

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dakota	Ray Cooney Rod Lieber Tim Harris Lathan Detlefsen
Thurston	Cooney Fertilizer Harold Hayes Construction Milo Meyer Construction, Inc. Salestrom Construction Craig Glup Construction Juhlin Plumbing Jensen Well Co.
Burt	Glup Construction Orval Fleischman Salestrom, Inc.
Washington	Camden Excavating Japp Bros. Grading Shepard Enterprises Glup Construction Tri-County Grading Shepard Excavating Inc. Pruss Excavation Philip Jensen Construction
Douglas/Sarpy	Ron Hurst Willard Clark Matt Japp Kenny Schram Gerald Snodgrass Dan Nixon Brad McArdle John Camden Conserv Trenching

Dollar amount paid to landowners or approved for payment to landowners in each county through the P-MRNRD Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) and the State of Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Fund (NSWCP). This does not include the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funds.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CAP Funds Spent or Allocated in FY 2011</u>	<u>NSWCP Funds Spent in FY 2011</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dakota	\$ 62,330.27	--	\$ 62,330.27
Thurston	\$ 54,942.41	--	\$ 54,942.41
Burt	\$118,346.56	\$ 6,206.00	\$ 124,552.56
Washington	\$492,212.07	\$124,477.25	\$ 616,689.32
Douglas	\$ 7,565.38	--	\$ 7,565.38
Sarpy	\$149,625.63	--	\$ 149,625.63
TOTALS:	\$885,022.32	\$130,683.25	\$1,015,705.57

Dollars as of 3/30/2011