

## **WSF 2017 Annual Report #4122**

Project: **Lower Elkhorn Water and Soil Conservation Program – WSF Application #4122**

Date: **April 1, 2017**

### PROJECT PROGRESS APRIL 2016 TO APRIL 2017:

- The LENRD has provided cost share at a rate of \$500 per meter for 847 meters, a total of \$423,500.00. \$463,500.00 is currently obligated to be spent on an additional 927 meters, provided the cost share applicant completes application requirements. Applications for cost share are still being accepted.
- The LENRD has hosted 10 public trainings on the correct installation of flow meters.
- The LENRD has additionally paid for inspections of approximately 500 existing meters.
- The LENRD has spent approximately \$265,000.00 for cost sharing a wide variety of water and soil conservation practices and nutrient management practices. In addition, \$300,000 has been made available to landowners to implement irrigation water management and nutrient management practices through EQIP, utilizing NRCS's RCPP grant.
- The LENRD has contracted with a website/software development group to develop an online reporting tool for annual flow meter readings.

### ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 1, 2017 UNTIL NEXT ANNUAL REPORT DUE APRIL 1, 2018:

- Continue providing cost share at a rate of \$500 per meter for the remaining 2,153 meters.
- Continue to provide flow meter installation trainings as needed/requested.
- Continue inspecting installed flow meters.
- Continue to provide cost share opportunities for water and soil conservation practices and nutrient management practices.
- Make online flow meter reading reporting tool available for public use.
- Submit final report.

### ANTICIPATED CASH FLOW FOR REMAINDER OF THE PROJECT:

- Currently, the LENRD has submitted reimbursement requests for a total of \$187,500.00 from the WSF. This leaves \$712,500.00 of WSF funds to be spent in the next year. The LENRD has provided match of \$125,000.00 so far, with a remaining \$475,000.00 to be spent in the next year.

### LIKELIHOOD THAT BENEFITS PROJECTED IN APPLICATION 4122 WILL BE REALIZED:

- Based on current progress, the project is on target to realize all benefits described in the application.