

Agenda Item 1 : Report on Grant-Funded Real Estate

All grants awarded for the purchase of real property (land) require the grantee to continue to pay local property taxes.

*Exception: Grants awarded prior to 1997, which pre-dates the adoption of the current policy, do not require payment of property taxes.

The Board also adopted a new mechanism in November 1999, to ensure the payment of property taxes by government entities. New grant awards for real property contain an additional allocation for payment of taxes for up to 15 years for those government entities that are not allowed to pay taxes by law. These funds are paid out to the county in a lump sum.

A list of grants that have acquired real property is provided on pages 1-2 through 1-22. These grantees have been contacted and tax payment status will be updated as the Real Estate section of the grant portal is completed.

We do not require proof of payment of taxes on individual grants with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission and The Nature Conservancy. We maintain a current letter on file from each entity that indicates they agree to pay taxes on all properties purchased with Trust funds.

Possible Action: A motion to accept, modify or deny the report as presented.

A verification of the status of required defense funds on easements funded by the Trust has been requested. These funds are being monitored on an annual basis. A summary of defense fund status will be provided at the August 4th meeting.

No NET funded real estate has been transferred to another entity during the period July 31, 2019 through June 30, 2030

Board Authority:

Title 137 Chapter 9, Section 005.

Any grant agreement which includes the transfer or acquisition of real property which is taxable before such transfer or acquisition shall specify a mechanism to address the continued payment of property taxes or payments in lieu of property taxes.

Adopted Policies, VI Grantee Conditions, Section E, Payment of Tax on Real Property.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust recognizes the importance of maintaining the property tax base to local communities. All government grantees are required to pay taxes or payments in-lieu of taxes in accordance with applicable state or federal laws on real property acquired with Trust funding. All private grantees, for-profit or non-profit, are required to pay property taxes on real property acquired with Trust funding in full in perpetuity.

Grants issued for the purpose of acquiring title to real property to a grantee(s), which does not have the statutory ability to pay property taxes, shall be accompanied by a one-time payment to the county/ies affected. The payment shall be 15 (fifteen) times the amount of the total property tax due in the last calendar year, less the levy amount which would have been due to the grantee(s).

Proposed Date: 10/27/99 Ad-Hoc Committee on Property Tax Abatement
Adopted Date: 11/9/99
Revised Date: 04/7/05

