

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Grants Committee Minutes  
January 7, 2021  
Ferguson House

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on December 22, 2020.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

**Members present:** Mr. Jeff Kanger; Mr. John Orr; Mr. Felix Davidson; Mr. Tom Riley; Mr. Steve Wellman, and Mr. Quentin Bowen, Chair.

**Staff present:** Mr. Mark Brohman, Executive Director, Ms. Holly Adams, Grants Administrator, and Ms. Pam Deines, Administrative Secretary.

Members of the public were on Zoom and in person at the meeting.

**Agenda Item # 3 - Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Meeting:** Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Grants Committee meetings were received.

**Motion By:** Mr. Orr seconded by Mr. Kanger to approve the December 16, 2020, minutes.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Orr; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Riley; Mr. Wellman; Mr. Kanger and Mr. Bowen. **Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item #4 - Financial Report:** Mr. Brohman reviewed the financial report with the Grants Committee. The numbers reflect the December 16, 2020, meeting discussion including Statements of Intent. No vote required.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Review Grants:** Discussion began with Mr. Brohman reviewing the rank order of the current applications. As of the evening of Wednesday, January 6, 2021, Mr. Brohman pointed out no committee member had changed their scores but still could do so at this time. Mr. Wellman started discussion on grant application 21-103, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District to fund year 2 of the grant application. A letter from SAC supporting the project was noted. Discussion.

**Motion By:** Mr. Wellman seconded by Mr. Orr to approve grant application 21-103 for the year 2 funding.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Riley; Mr. Wellman; Mr. Kanger and Mr. Orr.

**Abstaining:** Mr. Davidson and Mr. Bowen. **Motion Passed.**

Mr. Wellman began discussion on grant applications. The discussion continued on funding other grants and re-evaluating some of the previous ranked grants. Grants applications discussed included; 21-111, Bluestem Energy Solutions LLC.; 21-139, Southwest Weed Management, to fund this project; 21-218, The Nature Conservancy; 21-162, Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln; 21-176, Keep Keith County Beautiful Inc. and 21-178, Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

Discussion on the GEO points and effect on the ranking system. The Grants Committee feels discussion on GEO points needs to occur with the full NET board and possibly change the GEO point system. Possibly not having so many points available or make a judgement on how many points would be available for a grant application cycle. The GEO points work and allow for districts to catch up with the other districts in funding. This year the committee saw the largest impact on the funding list as a result of 20 GEO points being awarded in District 6. Wording could be phrased “up to” to allow for some flexibility or awarding 10 instead of 20 points in the future. The August NET board meeting is the best time to discuss GEO point with the full board.

**Motion By:** Mr. Wellman seconded by Mr. Orr to recommend approval of grant applications 21-184; 21-200; 21-133; 21-177; 21-118; 21-107; 21-148; 21-106; 21-215; and 21-130 with the funding designated.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Riley; Mr. Wellman; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr; Mr. Davidson and Mr. Bowen. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Wellman seconded by Mr. Orr to recommend approval of grant application 21-158 with the funding designated.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Wellman; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr; Mr. Davidson and Mr. Bowen.

**Abstaining:** Mr. Riley. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Wellman seconded by Mr. Orr to recommend approval of grant applications 21-108; 21-152; 21-197; 21-122; 21-201; 21-124; 21-104; 21-123; 21-216; 21-111; 21-145; and 21-205 with the funding designated.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Riley; Mr. Wellman and Mr. Bowen. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Wellman seconded by Mr. Orr to recommend approval of grant application 21-103 for the year 2 funding as designated.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Orr; Mr. Riley; Mr. Wellman and Mr. Kanger.

**Voting Nay:** Mr. Bowen.

**Abstaining:** Mr. Davidson. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Wellman seconded by Mr. Orr to recommend approval of grant applications 21-144; 21-147; 21-209; 21-213; 21-115; 21-211; 21-193; 21-138; 21-169; 21-218; 21-162; 21-139; 21-176 and 21-178 for funding.

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Davidson; Mr. Riley; Mr. Wellman; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr and Mr. Bowen. **Motion Passed.**

**The following list suggested by the Grants Committee to Present to the NET Board:**

App ID	Project Sponsor	Status	Comments
21-184	The Nature Conservancy	Modified	Fund year 1 only. Allow 3 years to complete.
21-200	Lower Loup Natural Resource District	No Changes	
21-133	Middle Niobrara Natural Resource District	Modified	Fund year 1 only. Allow 2 years to complete.
21-177	Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance	Modified	Move year 3 into year 1 and 2. Allow 3 years to complete.
21-118	Snake River Preservation Group	No Changes	
21-107	Middle Niobrara Natural Resource District	No Changes	
21-148	Northern Prairies Land Trust	Modified	Move year 3 funds into year 1 and 2. Allow 3 years to complete
21-106	Village of Stapleton	No Changes	
21-215	Sandhills Task Force	Modified	Move year 3 funds into year 2. Allow 3 years to complete.
21-130	Upper Loup Natural Resource District	No Changes	
21-158	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	No Changes	**NOTE Mr. Riley did not score on this grant because he is the Director.
21-108	Middle Niobrara Natural Resource District	Modified	Reduced requested funds from \$366,351 to \$290,000.
21-152	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska - Lincoln	Modified	Fund year 1. Allow to reapply if year 1 is successful.
21-197	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	No Changes	
21-122	Pheasants Forever, Inc	No Changes	
21-201	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	No Changes	
21-124	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	No Changes	
21-104	Transit Authority of the City of Omaha, dba Metro	Modified	Fund half of the amount requested. Reduced \$1,012,000 to \$506,000. Require at least two 36" NET logos on funded bus. Do not fund the liquid cooled generator.
21-123	Quail Forever	No Changes	
21-216	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	No Changes	
21-111	Bluestem Energy Solutions, LLC	Modified	Reduced requested funds from \$999,533 to \$500,000.
21-145	Nebraska Community Energy Alliance	No Changes	
21-205	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory dba Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	No Changes	
21-103	Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District	No Changes	
21-144	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	No Changes	
21-147	Nebraska Community Foundation fbo Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Modified	Fund year 1 and 2 and not year 3. Allow 3 years to complete and can reapply.
21-209	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln	Modified	Fund only year 1. Allow 3 years to complete and can reapply.
21-213	Conservation Nebraska	No Changes	
21-115	Keep Alliance Beautiful	No Changes	
21-211	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln	No Changes	
21-193	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	No Changes	
21-138	Village of Bennet	Modified	Move funds from year 3 into year 2. Allow 3 years to complete.
21-169	Chadron State College	No Changes	Require NET signage and recognition on project.
21-218	The Nature Conservancy	Modified	Fund year 1 and 2 and not year 3. Allow 3 years to complete
21-162	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska - Lincoln	No Changes	
21-139	Southwest Weed Management	No Changes	
21-176	Keep Keith County Beautiful	No Changes	
21-178	Twin Platte Natural Resources District	No Changes	

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Rating	Sponsor Name	App ID	Project Name	2021 Award	Intent Yr 2	Intent Yr 3
205.2	NE Department of Natural Resources	21-158	Integrated Water Management Action Initiative	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000
159.83	The Nature Conservancy	21-184	Sumac Control for Grassland Health Demonstration Project	\$120,000	\$0	\$0
159.5	Lower Loup NRD	21-200	Ulrich Wildlife and Recreation Area	\$650,000	\$0	\$0
159.33	Middle Niobrara NRD	21-133	LPCW Restoration Phase 4	\$810,000	\$0	\$0
159.17	Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance	21-177	Loess Canyon Grassland Stewardship	\$250,000	\$230,000	\$0
158.17	Snake River Preservation Group	21-118	Foot Bridge Reach Riparian Project -Snake River	\$36,706	\$0	\$0
156.5	Middle Niobrara NRD	21-107	No-Till Drill	\$47,500	\$0	\$0
156.33	Northern Prairies Land Trust	21-148	Enhancing Nebraska's Oak Woodlands	\$225,000	\$165,000	\$0
156.17	Village of Stapleton	21-106	Recycling Building 100 X 60	\$293,500	\$0	\$0
155.67	Sandhills Task Force	21-215	Sandhills Working Ranch Conservation Partnership	\$348,000	\$50,000	\$0
155.5	Upper Loup NRD	21-130	No-till drill	\$49,200	\$0	\$0
154.17	Middle Niobrara NRD	21-108	Forest and Grassland Utilization: Green Diamond	\$290,000	\$0	\$0
153.83	BOR-UNL	21-152	Effects of redcedar on the diversity and ecosystem services of Nebraska's forests	\$28,163	\$0	\$0
153.33	NE Game and Parks Commission	21-197	Connecting Students to their Water Resources in Nebraska	\$17,650	\$17,650	\$0
151.67	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	21-122	Pathway For Wildlife, Ranchers, Farmers, and Communities	\$236,700	\$236,700	\$0
151.67	NE Game and Parks Commission	21-201	Wagon Train Reservoir Wetland and Water Quality Enhancement Project	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$0
151.33	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	21-124	Habitat Share	\$96,000	\$0	\$0
151.33	Transit Authority of the City of Omaha	21-104	Metro Zero Emission Sustainability Project	\$506,000	\$0	\$0
150.83	Quail Forever	21-123	Mobile Prescribed Burn Unit and Education Outreach	\$103,400	\$0	\$0
150.67	BOR-UNL	21-216	Niobrara River Ecology and Education	\$27,427	\$210	\$0
150.5	Bluestem Energy Solutions, LLC	21-111	Burt County Solar Energy Generation and Battery Storage Project	\$500,000	\$0	\$0

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150	NE Community Energy Alliance	21-145	Connecting Nebraska Communities Driving America's Fuel, Phase VI	\$868,181	\$0	\$0
149.17	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	21-205	Connecting Youth and Families to the Natural World in the Nebraska Panhandle	\$42,526	\$38,925	\$0
148.4	Papio-Missouri River NRD	21-103	Southeastern Sarpy County Habitat/Economic Development Partnership	\$0	\$3,009,195	\$0
148.33	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	21-144	Habitat Omaha ReStore Deconstruction Project	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
148	Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	21-147	Enhancing Groundwater Recharge and Habitat through Rainwater Basin Wetland Conservation	\$172,500	\$172,500	\$0
147.83	BOR-UNL	21-209	Adaptive Management of Sandhills Grasslands	\$134,192	\$0	\$0
147	Conservation Nebraska	21-213	Common Ground Education Program	\$65,000	\$0	\$0
146.17	Keep Alliance Beautiful	21-115	2021-2022 Recycling Center Operations and Education Program	\$84,965	\$0	\$0
145.83	BOR-UNL	21-211	NE Master Naturalist - Engaging Nebraska's Youth as Naturalists	\$71,000	\$71,630	\$0
144.33	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	21-193	Restoring Western Alkali and Riparian Wetlands	\$179,046	\$40,000	\$0
144.17	Village of Bennet	21-138	Bennet Refuse and Recycling Center	\$10,654	\$27,648	\$0
143.83	Chadron State College	21-169	Math Science Building Initiative	\$483,500	\$0	\$0
143.5	The Nature Conservancy	21-218	Connecting Nebraskans to Nature: Trails Development and Enhancements	\$187,653	\$28,349	\$0
143.33	BOR-UNL	21-162	Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Resources in Districts 5, 6 and 7 to Improve Carbon Management Opportunities in Nebraska	\$78,029	\$118,438	\$0
143.33	Southwest Weed Management	21-139	Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project	\$97,000	\$0	\$0
143.17	Keep Keith County Beautiful, Inc	21-176	Western Nebraska Regional Education program	\$68,415	\$0	\$0

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142.5	Twin Platte NRD	21-178	TPNRD Educational Video Documentary – Leveraging Innovation	\$68,000	\$0	\$0
142.5	BOR-UNL	21-212	Flaming Alfalfa to Preserve Soil Health and Prevent Surface and Ground Water Degradation	\$0	\$0	\$0
142	BOR-UNL	21-180	Surface Water Nutrient Removal in Eutrophic Ponds Using Floating Treatment Wetlands in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
141.67	City of Tekamah	21-116	Municipal Well Seal Augmentation for Groundwater Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0
141.17	Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska	21-173	Spirit of Nebraska Camp Woodland Restoration	\$0	\$0	\$0
141	Nebraska Recycling Council	21-210	Grain Bag Recycling Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
140.83	Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center	21-172	Working Lands Strategy and Tallgrass Prairie Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0
140.5	Webster County Pheasants Forever	21-125	No-Till Drill Webster County Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0	\$0
140.5	Platte River Basin Environments, Inc	21-204	North Platte River Valley Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Partnership III	\$0	\$0	\$0
140.5	NE Department of Transportation	21-187	Statewide StreamStats Web Tool for Estimating Streamflow Statistics	\$0	\$0	\$0
140.17	NE Statewide Arboretum, Inc.	21-183	Trees for Nebraska: More Biodiverse & Resilient Communities	\$0	\$0	\$0
140	City of Gretna	21-135	Gretna Crossing Park - Nature Area & Pollinator Habitat	\$0	\$0	\$0
139.83	NE Statewide Arboretum, Inc.	21-171	Greener Nebraska Towns	\$0	\$0	\$0
139.67	BOR-UNL	21-151	Habitat selection, movement ecology, and social organization of bighorn sheep in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
139.67	Nebraska Recycling Council	21-208	Glass Recycling in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
139.4	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	21-154	Eastern Saline Wetland Restorations	\$0	\$0	\$0
139.17	Keep Nebraska Beautiful	21-119	School Chemical Cleanup	\$0	\$0	\$0

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				Intent Yr 2	Intent Yr 3	Intent Yr 3
138.83	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	21-196	Improving Wildlife Habitat and Public Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$0
137.5	Southeast NE Pheasants Forever	21-126	No-Till Drill Southeast NE Pheasants Forever	\$0	\$0	\$0
137.33	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	21-157	Working Land Wetlands	\$0	\$0	\$0
137.17	The Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund	21-217	The Seed A Legacy Program	\$0	\$0	\$0
136.67	Southeast Community College	21-110	SCC Beatrice - Bio-retention	\$0	\$0	\$0
136.5	BOR-UNL	21-188	Novel Nutrient Management Approaches for Reducing Nitrate Leaching Below Crop Rootzone in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
136.17	City of Lincoln	21-146	Maximizing Lincoln's Hazardous Waste Center Through Material Reuse Program Planning and Digital Marketing	\$0	\$0	\$0
136	City of Kearney	21-113	The Gardens at Yanney Park	\$0	\$0	\$0
136	Platte River Basin Environments, Inc	21-203	Kiowa Creek Ranch	\$0	\$0	\$0
136	Wood River Vision 2020 Inc.	21-159	Stick Creek Kids Child Development Center Natural Community Playground	\$0	\$0	\$0
135.67	Prairie Plains Resource Institute	21-131	A Partnership to Restore Eastern Nebraska Native Prairie	\$0	\$0	\$0
135.5	Mastercraft, LLC	21-128	The Green Space at Millwork Commons	\$0	\$0	\$0
135.17	Papio-Missouri River NRD	21-143	Know Your Well III - Educating Nebraska Youth about Well Water Science	\$0	\$0	\$0
135	Middle Niobrara NRD	21-206	Living Barns: A Necessity for the Sandhills	\$0	\$0	\$0
135	Metropolitan Utilities District	21-150	Fill It Up: Upgrading Water Refill Stations to Reduce Waste	\$0	\$0	\$0
134.83	Twin Valley Weed Management Area	21-120	Eastern Republican and Little Blue Watershed Improvement Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
134.83	Nebraska Public Power District	21-137	Heat Pump Water Heater Rental Pilot Program	\$0	\$0	\$0
134.33	BOR-UNL	21-170	Promoting environmental education through digital learning and natural history exhibits	\$0	\$0	\$0

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				Intent Yr 1	Intent Yr 2	Intent Yr 3
134	Wachiska Audubon Society	21-105	WAS Professional Prairie Habitat Management Program	\$0	\$0	\$0
134	BOR-UNL	21-112	Genetic studies of Chronic Wasting Disease in Nebraska Deer: Forewarned is forearmed	\$0	\$0	\$0
133.67	NE Department of Environment and Energy	21-127	Superfund Cost Share and State Operation and Maintenance Costs for Superfund Cleanup Activities	\$0	\$0	\$0
133.67	NE Department of Environment and Energy	21-182	Cleaner School Buses for Healthier Children	\$0	\$0	\$0
133	Lincoln Public Schools	21-102	School Campus as a Teaching Tool - LPS New High Schools	\$0	\$0	\$0
132.5	Five Rivers RC&D	21-223	SE Nebraska Household Hazardous Waste Collections	\$0	\$0	\$0
132	BOR-UNL	21-179	TAPS Northeast: Reducing Nitrate Leaching through Competition	\$0	\$0	\$0
131.5	BOR-UNL	21-164	Exploring the Benefits of Cover Crops to Improve Subsoil Health and Water Quality	\$0	\$0	\$0
131.5	City of North Platte	21-155	Drop Off Recycling Program	\$0	\$0	\$0
131.5	BOR-UNL	21-189	A Summary of Soil Health and Water Quality in Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
131.5	Angels on Wheels	21-221	Recycling Facility Addition	\$0	\$0	\$0
130.83	Five Rivers RC&D	21-191	Native Grassland Protection Against Invasive Species	\$0	\$0	\$0
130.83	BOR-UNO	21-199	Developing the State's First Environmental DNA Core: Protecting Environments and Biodiversity within Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
130.67	Metropolitan Utilities District	21-190	Get the Lead Out	\$0	\$0	\$0
130.6	Papio-Missouri River NRD	21-117	Platte/Missouri River Flood Buyout/Habitat Restoration Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
130.5	Angels on Wheels	21-214	Electronic Recycling	\$0	\$0	\$0



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130.33	BOR-UNK	21-136	Eco-friendly Remediation of Landfilled Fly Ash Using Carbon Quantum Dots	\$0	\$0	\$0
128	Lewiston Consolidated Schools	21-140	Community Environmental Vision for Future Generations	\$0	\$0	\$0
127.83	BOR-UNL	21-167	An artificial Intelligence-based flow meter monitoring network for groundwater wells in North Platte NRD	\$0	\$0	\$0
127.67	City of McCook	21-114	McCook Sludge Press	\$0	\$0	\$0
127.5	BOR-UNL	21-192	Cover Crops for Beneficial Arthropods and Soil Health	\$0	\$0	\$0
127.17	Lower Platte NRD	21-129	Aquifer Vulnerability Phase II: Best Management Practices Implementation	\$0	\$0	\$0
125.67	BOR-UNL	21-181	Development of thermally and chemically modified amendments blends for improving agricultural productivity for irrigated and rainfed cropping systems	\$0	\$0	\$0
125.5	BOR-UNL	21-141	Leveraging collaborations and experiential learning to generate public knowledge of aerial insect resources	\$0	\$0	\$0
124.5	Blue Lincoln Recycling	21-163	C&D Material Processing Facility Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
124.17	BOR-UNL	21-149	Real-time Irrigation Scheduling on Farmers Smartphones with Satellite Imagery	\$0	\$0	\$0
123.5	Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center	21-161	Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Hospital Restoration	\$0	\$0	\$0
123.17	Habitat Lincoln ReStore	21-109	ReStore Store #2	\$0	\$0	\$0
122.83	The Xerces Society	21-121	Building a Bumble Bee Habitat and Conservation Network Across Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
122.5	BOR-UNL	21-186	Treatment of Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Landfill Leachate and Groundwater with Corn Cob Biochar	\$0	\$0	\$0

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122.17	BOR-UNL	21-168	Solar-Assisted Resource Recovery from Yellow Waters and Wastes	\$0	\$0	\$0
122	Uribe Refuse Services, Inc.	21-134	Building a CNG Refuse Fleet	\$0	\$0	\$0
121.17	NE Department of Environment and Energy	21-153	Onsite Wastewater Education, Online System Registration, Certification Renewal and Education Tracking	\$0	\$0	\$0
120.33	Audubon Nebraska	21-195	Building an Ecologically Sound Platte River Conservation Connectors: Sharing the science behind practical conservation management practices and its benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
120	NE Academy of Sciences, INC.	21-156	Generating Clean Energy and Recovering Soil from Scrapings of Open Cattle Feedlots	\$0	\$0	\$0
118.83	BOR-UNL	21-194	Towards improved floodplain management in the Elkhorn River basin	\$0	\$0	\$0
113.83	BOR-UNL	21-207	Clean Water Act Section 404 Program Assumption	\$0	\$0	\$0
113.17	NE Department of Environment and Energy	21-132	LINCOLN CONSERVATION CENTER: A Model Pilot Plan for Community Local Food Systems	\$0	\$0	\$0
112.67	Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities	21-142	Mission Solar Project	\$0	\$0	\$0
112.33	St. Augustine Indian Mission	21-202	Generational Transition for Nebraska Farm and Ranch Families for Long Term Participation in Conservation Practices	\$0	\$0	\$0
111.17	Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition	21-160	High Resolution Geospatial Agricultural Weather Data for Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0
111.17	BOR-UNL	21-219	Zero Waste & Renewable Energy Initiatives at a Food Hub	\$0	\$0	\$0
110.83	No More Empty Pots	21-220	Bottle Saver Mobile Application	\$0	\$0	\$0
109	Keep North Platte & Lincoln County Beautiful	21-198	Impact and Causes of the March 2019 Nebraska Flood	\$0	\$0	\$0
108.33	BOR-UNL	21-185	Eco Trash Bin	\$0	\$0	\$0
102.5	Ataak LLC	21-101	Copy of Great Plains National Park	\$0	\$0	\$0
83.33	U.S.A. Education Foundation	21-222		\$0	\$0	\$0

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Rating	Sponsor Name	App ID	Project Name	2021 Award	Intent Yr 2	Intent Yr 3
INELIGIBLE	Nebraskensis	21-165	Whooping Crane Habitat - Jensen Lagoon National Wildlife Management Area	\$0	\$0	\$0
INELIGIBLE	Nebraskensis	21-166	Art Installation - Bone Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$0
INELIGIBLE	Nebraskensis	21-174	Fort Farm Island - Habitat Realignment by Integrated Ag Management	\$0	\$0	\$0
INELIGIBLE	Nebraskensis	21-175	The Paul Harvey Superior Farmer Award	\$0	\$0	\$0

**STATEMENT OF INTENTS 2019 and 2020**

-	AFAN	19-169-3	Leopold Conservation Award Video Project	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
-	Bazile Groundwater Management Area	19-146-3	Development of Research and Demonstration Sites in the BGMA for Groundwater Nitrate Reduction	\$209,500	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	19-101-3	Student Integrated Forest & Prairie Management at Cedar Point Biological Station	\$14,794	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	19-138-3	Developing a decision-support tool for the successful incorporation of cover crops into Nebraska cropping	\$41,180	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	19-162-3	Protecting the terns and plovers of Nebraska and mentoring the next generation	\$21,884	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	19-173-3	Delivery of Watershed Science Education to Decision Makers - A Multi-Agency Collaboration	\$78,601	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	19-186-3	Water Use & Soil-Water Storage Effect of Individual & Mixed Cover Species-Impacts on Soil Quality Variables	\$87,884	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	19-202-3	Milkweed in the Classroom	\$19,259	\$0	\$0
-	Four Corners Health Dept.	19-175-3	Household Hazardous Waste Events	\$29,250	\$0	\$0
-	Friends of Heron Haven, Inc.	19-145-3	Nature Education & Capital Improvements	\$7,800	\$0	\$0
-	Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln	19-200-3	Scrub Day: Spring Cleaning Donation Drive	\$6,450	\$0	\$0
-	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	19-150-3	Deconstruction Project	\$231,000	\$0	\$0

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-	Lincoln - Parks & Recreation	19-139-3	Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch - Phase III	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
-	Lower Loup NRD	19-115-3	Integrated Management Data Acquisition Program	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
-	Lower Niobrara NRD	19-151-3	Lower Niobrara Observation Well Network	\$50,500	\$0	\$0
-	NCORPE	19-189-3	NCORPE Re-seeding Project	\$9,783	\$0	\$0
-	NE Community Found-RWBJV	19-136-3	Happy Cows; Happy Wetlands	\$25,620	\$0	\$0
-	NE Game & Parks Commission	19-191-3	Nebraska's Natural Legacy Project: New Approaches to Biodiversity Conservation	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
-	NE Grazing Lands Coalition	19-107-3	Conservation of Nebraska Grazing Resource Through Control-Eastern Red Cedar & Other Invasive Species	\$109,000	\$0	\$0
-	NE Pharmacists Association	19-104-3	Preventing Poisoning, Pollution and Prescription Drug Overdose for a Healthier Nebraska!	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
-	Northeast NE RC&D	19-110-3	Household Hazardous Waste Collections	\$14,142	\$0	\$0
-	Platte Valley WMA	19-142-3	Platte River Management and Enhancement	\$174,500	\$0	\$0
-	The Nature Conservancy	19-123-3	Fire Training Exchange in Nebraska	\$41,000	\$0	\$0
-	The Xerces Society	19-132-3	Nebraska Bumble Bee Atlas	\$34,581	\$0	\$0
-	Upper Loup NRD	19-147-3	Assessing the drought resilience-South Loup River	\$42,000	\$0	\$0
-	Beyond School Bells	20-174-2	Nebraska Youth Conservation Initiative	\$33,330	\$33,330	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-139-2	Improving statewide performance of conservation investments on Eastern redcedar invasions	\$79,310	\$81,690	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-165-2	Transforming Manure and Cedar Mulch from "Waste" to "Worth" – Part II	\$81,949	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-168-2	Direct removal of groundwater nitrate coupling water treatment and algae growth	\$216,775	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-183-2	StreamNet: Building capacity to improve water quality	\$172,794	\$11,202	\$0

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-	BOR-UNL	20-157-2	Detecting Atrazine Dissipation and Evaluating Herbicide Programs without Atrazine for Weed Control in Corn and their Environmental Impact Quotient: Research and Extension	\$49,041	\$47,154	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-121-2	Improving Water Quality and Surveying Fish populations using eDNA in Nebraska	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-189-2	NE Farmers and Farmland Owners Attitudes of Targeted Conservation	\$109,999	\$42,448	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-182-2	Eastern Redcedar Design-Build Microdwelling	\$6,500	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-188-2	Developing Statewide Community Tree Canopy Map	\$44,218	\$0	\$0
-	BOR-UNL	20-123-2	Improving Soil Health Using Heat-Treated Manure	\$90,314	\$0	\$0
-	Conservation Blueprint	20-176-2	Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat Education	\$9,800	\$0	\$0
-	Gr. Island Area Clean Community	20-129-2	Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility	\$172,035	\$0	\$0
-	Green Plains Inc. & NDEE	20-137-2	Nebraska Renewable Fuels & Air Quality Program	\$1,514,386	\$20,206	\$0
-	Green Recycling Enterprises	20-122-2	Recycling on the Go!	\$140,000	\$0	\$0
-	High Plains WMA	20-142-2	North Platte River Invasive Species Control Project	\$189,000	\$0	\$0
-	Iain Nicolson Audubon- Rowe	20-194-2	Embarking on another 50 years of conservation	\$82,975	\$0	\$0
-	Lewis and Clark NRD	20-175-2	Bow Creek Watershed Project	\$85,195	\$44,345	\$0
-	Lied Lodge & Conference Center	20-167-2	Prairie, Restoration & Conservation Trail	\$35,000	\$0	\$0
-	Lower Big Blue NRD	20-162-2	Turkey Creek Watershed & Source Water Protection	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
-	Lower Big Blue NRD	20-186-2	Improving Nitrogen & Irrigation Best Management Practices in Beatrice & Dewitt Wellhead Protection	\$93,900	\$0	\$0

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-	Lower Big Blue NRD	20-187-2	Improving Irrigation Best Management Practices in the Odell and Diller Wellhead Protection Areas	\$88,900	\$0	\$0
-	Lower Elkhorn NRD	20-134-2	Establish Baseline Vadose Zone Sampling - Pierce Co.	\$8,750	\$0	\$0
-	Lower Loup NRD	20-111-2	Cover Crop Utilization and Nutrient Management	\$45,000	\$35,000	\$0
-	Middle Niobrara NRD	20-150-2	Sandhills Interactive Natural Resources Education Complex (SINREC)	\$154,000	\$158,000	\$0
-	National Wild Turkey Fed.	20-219-2	Forest Stand Restoration on Pine Ridge WMA	\$75,643	\$75,643	\$0
-	NE Academy of Sciences, Inc.	20-103-2	Nebraska Environmental Public Information and Education Minigrant Program	\$60,580	\$60,580	\$0
-	NE Community Found-RWBIV	20-128-2	Partnering for Wetlands - Helping address flooding, water quality, water quantity, and habitat in the Rainwater Basin Landscape	\$333,332	\$0	\$0
-	NE Game & Parks Commission	20-171-2	Rainwater Basin Wetland Management	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
-	NE Game & Parks Commission	20-191-2	Treehouse Classroom and Interactive Stream: Engaging Nebraskans in Conservation Education	\$1,325,000	\$0	\$0
-	NE Recycling Council	20-145-2	Recycling Equipment Grants and Consultation	\$290,016	\$0	\$0
-	NE State Irrigation Association	20-101-2	Water Leaders Academy in Nebraska	\$94,459	\$56,854	\$0
-	Northeast NE RC&D	20-115-2	Early Detection & Integrated Management of Invasives	\$38,740	\$39,040	\$0
-	Northern Prairies Land Trust	20-153-2	Extending the Tallgrass Prairie Partnership	\$170,000	\$50,000	\$0
-	Omaha	20-192-2	Thomas Creek Improvements - Phase I	\$280,000	\$0	\$0
-	Omaha Public Power District	20-130-2	OPPD BRIGHT (Battery Research Innovation Guided by High-Potential Technologies)	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
-	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	20-132-2	Grassland Improvement Program	\$130,000	\$0	\$0

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-	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	20-131-2	Corners For Wildlife	\$293,800	\$0	\$0
-	Platte River Whooping Crane	20-148-2	Big Bend of the Platte River Partnership for Habitat Preservation	\$1,675	\$1,675	\$0
-	Sandhills Task Force	20-204-2	Sandhills Conservation Partnerships-Grassland & Wetland	\$66,000	\$24,000	\$0
-	Spring Creek Prairie Audubon	20-179-2	Launching Spring Creek Prairie as a Demonstration Site for Tallgrass Prairie Conservation - Denton Hills	\$117,421	\$112,171	\$0
-	The Groundwater Foundation	20-114-2	GREAT: Groundwater Education and Training	\$43,500	\$0	\$0
-	The Nature Conservancy	20-127-2	Increase Fire Capacity & Rangeland Impact - Sandhills	\$60,388	\$60,388	\$0
-	The Nature Conservancy	20-135-2	Upper Big Blue Soil Health Project	\$137,064	\$0	\$0
-	Trailblazer RC&D	20-116-2	Electronics Recycling Events	\$40,750	\$43,150	\$0
-	Trailblazer RC&D	20-143-2	Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Recycling	\$38,050	\$40,350	\$0
-	UNMC	20-193-2	Healing Local Landscapes: Turf Conversion Utilizing Native Prairie Plantings	\$7,000	\$0	\$0
-	Projects carried forward - previously rated		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,991,224</b>	<b>\$8,993,471</b>	<b>\$3,300,000</b>

**Agenda Item #6 – Next Meeting:** The Grants Committee will present their recommendations to the full Environmental Trust Board on Tuesday, February 2, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68521.

Chairman Bowen asked for any Public Comments: No Comments.

**Agenda Item #7 – Adjourn:** Mr. Bowen adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark A. Brohman".

Mark A. Brohman  
Executive Director