

## AGENDA

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Grants Committee

Thursday, October 13, 2022

1:30 PM

Via Zoom

<https://outdoornebraska.zoom.us/j/99800275148>

The Ferguson House  
700 S 16<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, NE 68508

1. Call to Order
  - a. Roll call
  - b. Verify Quorum
  - c. Notice of Meeting; Published Thursday, October 6, 2022
  - d. Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of September 22, 2022, Grants Committee meeting minutes
4. Determination of eligibility of applications for grant funding
5. Next Meeting; December 8, 2022, Ferguson House, 1:30 PM
6. Adjourn

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# MINUTES

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Grants Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 22, 2022  
2:30 P.M.

## 1. Call to Order

Chairman Davidson called the grant Committee Meeting to order at 2:37 P.M. at 700 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Open Meetings Act posted near the meeting room entrance. The meeting agenda and documents were provided at the meeting—notification of the public meeting, published in Lincoln Journal Star on September 12, 2022.

Chairman Davidson took roll call, and a quorum was present.

### Members present (5):

**District I:** Mr. Jeff Kangar, Lincoln. **District II:** Mr. Felix Davidson, Valley; Mr. Mark Quandahl, Omaha.

**District III:** Josh Andersen, Edgar. **State Agency Representatives:** Mr. Tim McCoy, Director, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

### Members absent (1):

Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

### Staff present:

Mr. Karl Elmshaeuser, Executive Director; Ms. Holly Adams, Grants Administrator; Ms. Shelly Rea, Grants Assistant

## 2. Public Comment

No public members were present.

## 3. Approval of January 26, 2022, Grants Committee meeting minutes

**Motion by** Mr. Kangar, seconded by Mr. Andersen, “I move to approve January 26, 2022, Grants Committee meeting minutes.”

**Voting Aye:** McCoy, Andersen, Quandahl, Kanger

**Abstain:** Davidson

**Absent:** Macy

**5 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

**Discussion:** None.

## 4. A brief review of the history of the grant application process

Mr. Elmshaeuser provided a brief history of eligibility criteria dictated by the Nebraska State Statute and Title 137 Rules and Regulations and a DAS Audit recommendation.

## 5. Provide completed and submitted grant applications steps and timelines

**Discussion:** The following Timeline reviewed, and Ms. Adams will email the timeline to all members.

### Grants Committee Timeline

- **October 1, 2022** - Eligibility reviews begin
- **October 11, 2022** - Eligibility reviews due
- **October 13, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.** Grants Committee recommendations for eligibility meeting:
- **November 3, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.**, Board Meeting/Public Hearing – the board will approve/modify submissions for eligibility
- **November 4, 2022** – Scoring begins
- **November 18, 2022** – Scoring due
- **December 8, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.** – Grants Committee recommendations for awards meeting
- **January 5, 2023, at 1:30 P.M.**, Board Meeting/Public Hearing – the board will approve/modify recommendations for funding

## 6. Review Eligibility criteria, definitions, and grant portal demonstrations

Eligibility Criteria Questions with Title 137 Information provided

Ms. Adams, the Grants Administrator, provided a Grant Portal Demonstration to the Committee.

**Motion by** Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Kanger, “I move that an application must meet all eligibility criteria to be deemed eligible. For an application to be eligible for recommendation by the Grants Committee, the majority of the committee must deem the project eligible.”

**Voting Aye:** McCoy, Andersen, Quandahl, Kanger, Davidson.

**Absent:** Macy

**5 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

**Discussion:** None.

## 7. Review Scoring questions and definitions

The Scoring Criteria included references to the Title 137 Rules and Regulations.

## 8. Discuss potential grading determinations and options

**Motion by** Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Quandahl, “I move to utilize an Olympic scoring that provides an average of the aggregated scores to create a minimum funding line.”

**Voting Aye:** Kanger; McCoy, Davidson, Quandahl, Andersen

**Absent:** Macy

**5 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

**Discussion:** None.

## 9. Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 1:30 P.M., 700 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

## 16. Adjourn

Chairman Davidson adjourned the meeting at 3:52 P.M.

**2023 Grants Committee Eligibility Determination**

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23-115	Kearney County and Lower Platte NE Pheasants Forever Chapters	No-Till Drills Kearney Co and Lower Platte Pheasants Forever Chapters	12	12	12	12	12	12	6
23-131	Twin Valley Weed Management Area	Eastern Republican and Little Blue Watershed Improvement Project	12	12	12	12	12	12	6
23-136	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	2022 HFHO Deconstruction Project	12	12	12	12	12	12	6
23-113	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Pathway For Wildlife, Ranchers, Farmers, and Communities	12	12	12	12	11	12	5
23-114	Quail Forever	Mobile Prescribed Burn Unit, Education Outreach, and Rural Fire Departments	12	12	12	12	10	12	5
23-122	Southwest Weed Management	Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project	12	12	12	12	12	8	5
23-123	Nebraska Master Natiuralist Foundation	Expanding Conservation Capacity in Urban Communities through Engagement and Increased Accessibilty	12	12	12	9	12	12	5
23-127	Village of Lindsay, Nebraska	Lindsay Community Pond Restoration Project	12	10	12	12	12	12	5
23-138	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Rainwater Basin Wetland Management	12	12	12	12	12	Abstain	5
23-140	Ducks Unlimited Inc.	North Platte River Valley Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Partnership III	12	12	12	12	12	10	5
23-149	North Platte Natural Resources District	Grassland and Greenspace Reclamation Seeder	12	10	12	12	12	12	5
23-152	Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc	Household Hazardous Waste Collections	11	12	12	12	12	12	5
23-162	Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc.	Crane Trust Habitat Maintenance	12	12	12	12	12	9	5
23-164	People's City Mission	Help Center baler upgrade	10	12	12	12	12	12	5
23-166	Sandhills Task Force	Sandhills Stewardship and Conservation Project	12	12	12	12	11	12	5
23-169	Lexington Community Foundation	Johnson Lake Community Playground Water Station	12	12	12	12	12	10	5
23-183	Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary	Increasing Diversity on a Rowe Sanctuary Grassland	12	12	12	12	12	11	5
23-186	Conservation Nebraska	Common Ground Education Program	5	12	12	12	12	12	5
23-107	Lewiston Consolidated Schools	Community/School/FFA Partnership: Environmental Vision for Future Generations	12	12	10	12	12	11	4
23-108	Bazile Groundwater Management Area	Continued Development of Research and Demonstration Sites in the BGMA for Groundwater Nitrate Reduction	9	12	12	12	12	Abstain	4
23-111	Loup Central Landfill Association	Metal Recycling Facility	12	11	12	12	12	11	4

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23-121	Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc.	Inventory Management	10	12	12	12	9	12	4
23-125	Nebraska Community Foundation For Benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Rainwater Basin Watershed Restoration and Enhancement	12	12	12	12	9	8	4
23-132	Omaha Public Power District	OPPD/Douglas County: SOLUS (Solar On Landfills Utility Scale)	12	10	12	12	11	12	4
23-134	City of McCook	Composting Tractor	12	12	9	12	12	10	4
23-135	High Plains Weed Management Association	North Platte River Invasive Species Control Project Phase 6	12	12	6	12	9	12	4
23-141	University of Nebraska Omaha	Monitoring and assessing nitrate impacts to playa wetlands	12	12	12	9	12	10	4
23-142	Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	Shell Creek Enhancement Plan: Phase III	12	10	12	12	12	Abstain	4
23-146	Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation	Walk to the Rock at Chimney Rock National Historic Site	12	12	10	12	12	9	4
23-148	City of Crawford	Purchase 125 side-loader green dumpsters	12	10	12	12	11	12	4
23-150	The Nature Conservancy	Blue River Water Quality Project	12	12	12	12	11	11	4
23-151	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory dba Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Advancing Environmental Connection and Stewardship in the Nebraska Panhandle	12	10	12	12	12	10	4
23-154	Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District	LENRD Groundwater Monitoring for Public Health	12	10	12	12	12	11	4
23-155	Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	North Platte E Cycling Event	11	12	12	12	12	Abstain	4
23-156	Nebraska Public Power District	ME Energy Ethanol Powered Electric Vehicle Fast Charger	12	10	12	12	11	12	4
23-158	The Nature Conservancy	Solar Powered Platte Prairies	12	12	12	12	11	10	4
23-159	Nebraska Public Power District	Freewire Single Phase Electric Vehicle Fast Charger with Battery Storage	12	10	12	12	10	12	4
23-167	Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District	Mitigating Nitrate through On-Farm Demonstrations in Northeast Nebraska	12	10	12	12	11	12	4
23-170	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	WILD Nebraska	12	12	12	12	11	Abstain	4
23-171	North Platte Natural Resources District	High Plains Nutrient Management	12	10	12	12	12	11	4
23-172	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Standing Bear Reservoir Habitat and Water Quality Enhancement Project	12	12	12	12	11	Abstain	4
23-180	Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, Inc.	Waveland Farm Prairie Restoration & Land Addition	12	12	12	11	12	9	4

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23-102	Nemaha Natural Resources District	Nemaha Natural Resources District (NNRD) Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Mapping	11	12	12	10	12	Abstain	<b>3 &amp; 1 Abstain</b>
23-117	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	LPCW Restoration Phase 5 - WFPO Project Implementation	11	12	11	12	12	Abstain	<b>3 &amp; 1 Abstain</b>
23-124	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Implementing the Standardized All in the Hall Recycling Program at UNL	11	12	12	9	12	Abstain	<b>3 &amp; 1 Abstain</b>
23-153	The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	Maximizing HazToGo - Lincoln's Hazardous Waste Center Through Material Reuse	12	10	12	11	12	Abstain	<b>3 &amp; 1 Abstain</b>
23-179	All Business & Commercial Recycling, L.L.C.	Sustaining Single-Stream Services	9	12	12	12	11	Abstain	<b>3 &amp; 1 Abstain</b>
23-112	Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District	Bow Creek Watershed Project	10	12	10	12	11	12	<b>3</b>
23-116	Nebraska Community Foundation for Benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Rainwater Basin Wetland Conservation; Supporting Aquifer Recharge, Wildlife, and Producers	11	12	12	10	12	11	<b>3</b>
23-118	Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	District-Wide Hydrogeologic Assessment and Utilization for Nitrate Remediation in Schuyler	11	12	10	12	12	11	<b>3</b>
23-128	Ducks Unlimited	Red Deer Lake Renovation	11	12	12	12	11	10	<b>3</b>
23-133	City of North Platte	Drop Off Recycling Program	12	11	10	12	12	11	<b>3</b>
23-143	City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department	City of Lincoln - Greenways	12	10	12	11	12	11	<b>3</b>
23-144	Nebraska Community Foundation for Benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Loup River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange	12	9	12	12	11	11	<b>3</b>
23-145	Nebraska State Irrigation Association	Nebraska Water Leaders Academy	12	12	12	10	11	10	<b>3</b>
23-160	The Nature Conservancy	Connecting for Nature at the Platte River Prairies	12	7	12	12	11	9	<b>3</b>
23-161	KEEP KEITH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL	Western Nebraska Regional Education program	12	8	12	12	9	10	<b>3</b>
23-184	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Passive Nitrate Removal through a Novel Deep Direct Injection Method using Corncob Biochar	12	10	11	7	12	12	<b>3</b>
23-101	Grand Island Area Clean Community System	Established Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility	9	12	9	8	12	Abstain	<b>2</b>
23-104	Nebraska Community Foundation for Benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Conservation out of Catastrophe	9	10	12	12	10	11	<b>2</b>
23-106	Tom Kroll	Wetlands Expansion Prairie Grass Improvements	12	5	7	10	12	9	<b>2</b>

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23-109	Keep Alliance Beautiful	2023/2024 Recycling Center Operations and Education Program	8	12	8	11	12	Abstain	2
23-110	Green Recycling Enterprises, LLC DBA Second Nature	Recycling on the Go	8	0	10	12	12	10	2
23-119	Village of Allen	The Village of Allen Groundwater Protection & Well Rehabilitation Project	12	12	10	11	11	6	2
23-129	Hillcrest Nursing Home Foundation Inc.	Hillcrest Water Conservation Project	0	9	12	12	8	10	2
23-139	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	No-Emission Electricity-Free Passive Cooling Using Corn Products	12	10	9	11	10	12	2
23-163	Eagle Run West Golf Partnership	Champions Run Channel Stabilization	0	9	11	12	10	12	2
23-181	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Co-Application of biochar and biosolids for the sustainable management of soils in urban-rural transition zones	12	9	11	7	12	11	2
23-185	Nebraska Center for Workforce Development and Education	Nebraska Green Corps	10	10	8	12	11	12	2
23-103	Lower Loup Natural Resources District	Examining the influence of legacy nitrate on groundwater quality in Platte, Colfax, and Dodge Counties, Nebraska	8	11	12	10	10	11	1
23-105	Whitney Irrigation District	Whitney Irrigation District Improvement Grant	8	11	9	10	12	7	1
23-120	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	Sandhills Interactive Natural Resources Education Complex (SINREC) Phase 2	11	10	12	11	9	8	1
23-130	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	Living Barns: A Necessity for the Sandhills	7	9	11	12	10	10	1
23-147	Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Profitable, safe and non-destructive circulations of afterlife textiles	12	9	8	11	11	10	1
23-126	Scott C. Behnken	Study of Remediation Options for AltEn Site Mead, NE	0	7	8	6	9	Abstain	0
23-137	Green Energy Water Parks	Water Parks	0	5	6	3	10	7	0
23-157	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Management of Run-off Water in the State of Nebraska	10	10	9	7	11	9	0
23-165	University of Nebraska Medical Center	Possible Presence of Neonicotinoid Insecticides in Rural Homes and Domestic Water Sources in the Lower Elkhorn NRD	5	11	10	11	9	Abstain	0
23-178	Genesis Enterprises LLC	Copy of Genesis - UNL - Partnership for Agri Voltaics	7	6	9	11	10	11	0

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23-182	Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Collecting and preserving the wild hemp (ditch weed) of the state of Nebraska	8	7	9	5	8	10	<b>0</b>
23-187	Lee Enterprises	Increasing Awareness of the Nebraska Recycling Council's Online Recycling Guide	6	10	11	9	7	11	<b>0</b>