

## AGENDA

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Grants Committee  
Thursday, December 8, 2022  
1:30 PM  
Via Zoom

<https://outdoornebraska.zoom.us/j/94616770217>

Fallbrook State Office Building  
LL Room 031, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, NE

1. Call to Order
  - a. Roll call
  - b. Verify Quorum
  - c. Notice of Meeting; Published Monday, November 28, 2022
  - d. Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of October 13, 2022, Grants Committee meeting minutes
4. Grants Committee recommendation for funding for 2023 Grant Applications that were previously deemed eligible by the NET Board at the November 3, 2022, meeting.
  - a. Projects scored and Sorted by Score by process defined at September 22, 2022, meeting.
5. Next Meeting; TBD
6. Adjourn

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## MINUTES

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Grants Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 13, 2022  
1:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

The virtual and on-site Grants Committee Meeting held at 700 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, was called to order by Chairman Davidson at 1:30 PM.

Advanced notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 12, 2022. The meeting agenda and documents were provided. The Open Meetings Act was posted at the meeting room entrance and on the Board website.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present.

#### **Members present (5):**

**District I:** Mr. Jeff Kanger, Lincoln. **District II:** Mr. Felix Davidson, Valley; Mr. Mark Quandahl, Omaha. **State Agency Representatives:** Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy; Mr. Tim McCoy, Director, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

#### **Members absent (1):**

**District III:** Josh Andersen, Edgar

#### **Staff present:**

Mr. Karl Elmshaeuser, Executive Director; Ms. Holly Adams, Grants Administrator; Ms. Sandra Weaver, Administrative Specialist

### 2. Public Comment

Ms. Sandy Scofield, Friends of the Nebraska Environmental Trust, expressed concerns about the grant eligibility list and process.

Mr. Bob Wickersham, Friends of the Nebraska Environmental Trust, expressed concerns about the grant eligibility process.

### 3. Approval of September 22, 2022, Grants Committee meeting minutes

**Motion by** Mr. Quandahl, seconded by Mr. McCoy, "I move to approve the September 22, 2022, Grants Committee meeting minutes."

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting Aye:** Kanger, Macy, McCoy, Quandahl, Davidson

**Absent:** Andersen

**5 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

### 4. Determination of eligibility of applications for grant funding

Executive Director Elmshaeuser reported an upgrade to the Grants Portal required each grant applicant to respond to twelve eligibility criteria questions. The evaluators could review the applicant's responses and links to the applicable statutes and rules and regulations. Applicants are required to meet all twelve eligibility criteria. A minimum of four reviewers must deem the project eligible before it is reviewed by the Environmental Trust Board as was approved by the Grants Committee at their September 22, 2022, meeting prior to the review of applications.

**Motion by Mr. Quandahl, seconded by Mr. Macy,** "I move that the following selected applications from the list on the provided spreadsheet to be eligible for ranking this year: 23-115, 23-131, 23-136, 23-113, 23-114, 23-122, 23-123, 23-127, 23-138, 23-140, 23-149, 23-152, 23-162, 23-164, 23-166, 23-169, 23-183, 23-186, 23-107, 23-108, 23-111, 23-121, 23-125, 23-132, 23-134, 23-135, 23-141, 23-142, 23-146, 23-148, 23-150, 23-151, 23-154, 23-155, 23-156, 23-158, 23-159, 23-167, 23-170, 23-171, 23-172, and 23-180.

**Prior to Discussion:** Mr. McCoy requested amending the motion to remove applications 23-138, 23-170, and 23-172, since they were sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Chairman Davidson receiving no further objection or discussion, called for a vote on the amended motion.

**Amended motion by Mr. Quandahl, seconded by Mr. Macy,** "I move that the following selected applications from the list on the provided spreadsheet to be eligible for ranking this year: 23-115, 23-131, 23-136, 23-113, 23-114, 23-122, 23-123, 23-127, 23-140, 23-149, 23-152, 23-162, 23-164, 23-166, 23-169, 23-183, 23-186, 23-107, 23-108, 23-111, 23-121, 23-125, 23-132, 23-134, 23-135, 23-141, 23-142, 23-146, 23-148, 23-150, 23-151, 23-154, 23-155, 23-156, 23-158, 23-159, 23-167, 23-171, and 23-180.

**Voting Aye:** Kanger, Macy, McCoy, Quandahl, Davidson

**Absent:** Andersen

**5 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Mr. Quandahl, seconded by Mr. Kanger,** "I move that the following selected applications from the list on the provided spreadsheet be eligible for ranking this year: 23-138, 23-170, and 23-172.

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting Aye:** Macy, Quandahl, Kanger, Davidson

**Abstain:** McCoy

**Absent:** Andersen

**4 Voted Aye. 1 Abstained. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Mr. Quandahl, seconded by Mr. McCoy,** "I move that the following selected applications from the list on the provided spreadsheet be eligible for ranking this year: 23-102, 23-117, 23-124, 23-153, and 23-179.

**Discussion:** It was noted that three reviewers approved all 12 eligibility criteria and one abstained, giving the projects in the motion a majority approval status.

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

**Abstain:** Macy

**Absent:** Andersen

**4 Voted Aye. 1 Abstained. Motion carried.**

Chairman Davidson reported the Grants Committee would present its eligibility recommendations on November 3, 2022, to the NET Board.

## **5. Next Meeting**

Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 1:30 PM, Ferguson House, 700 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street

**6. Adjourn**

Chairman Davidson adjourned the meeting at 1:54 PM.

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Karl L. Elmshaeuser, Executive Director

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**2023 Final Rank Order**

Rating	% Score	App ID	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Review Group	Term of Request	Requested Year 1	Requested Year 2	Requested Year 3	Total Amount Requested
42.33	85%	23-113	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Pathway For Wildlife, Ranchers, Farmers, and Communities	Rural Habitat	3	\$ 278,000.00	\$ 278,000.00	\$ 278,000.00	\$ 834,000.00
39.8	80%	23-170	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	WILD Nebraska	Rural Habitat	2	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
39	78%	23-131	Twin Valley Weed Management Area	Eastern Republican and Little Blue Watershed Improvement Project	Water	1	\$ 205,040.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,040.00
38.8	78%	23-138	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Rainwater Basin Wetland Management	Rural Habitat	3	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
38.8	78%	23-172	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Standing Bear Reservoir Habitat and Water Quality Enhancement Project	Lake Rehabilitation	1	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
38.5	77%	23-115	Kearney County and Lower Platte NE Pheasants Forever Chapters	No-Till Drills Kearney Co and Lower Platte Pheasants Forever Chapters	Equipment	1	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00
37	74%	23-136	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	2022 HFHO Deconstruction Project	Waste Management	2	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
36.83	74%	23-164	People's City Mission	Help Center baler upgrade	Equipment	1	\$ 109,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,950.00
36.33	73%	23-122	Southwest Weed Management	Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project	Rural Habitat	1	\$ 147,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,140.00
36.17	72%	23-114	Quail Forever	Mobile Prescribed Burn Unit, Education Outreach, and Rural Fire Departments	Rural Habitat	2	\$ 121,000.00	\$ 126,800.00	\$ -	\$ 247,800.00
35.83	72%	23-156	Nebraska Public Power District	ME Energy Ethanol Powered Electric Vehicle Fast Charger	Air Quality	1	\$ 88,948.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,948.00
35	70%	23-132	Omaha Public Power District	OPPD/Douglas County: SOLUS (Solar On Landfills Utility Scale)	Air Quality	3	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,705,000.00	\$ 1,705,000.00	\$ 3,460,000.00
34.83	70%	23-171	North Platte Natural Resources District	High Plains Nutrient Management	Water	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
34.4	69%	23-117	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	LPCW Restoration Phase 5 - WFPO Project Implementation	Water	3	\$ 547,100.00	\$ 547,100.00	\$ 547,100.00	\$ 1,641,300.00
34.33	69%	23-149	North Platte Natural Resources District	Grassland and Greenspace Reclamation Seeder	Equipment	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
34	68%	23-142	Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	Shell Creek Enhancement Plan: Phase III	Water	3	\$ 115,002.00	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 92,498.00	\$ 300,000.00
34	68%	23-148	City of Crawford	Purchase 125 side-loader green dumpsters	Equipment	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
33.83	68%	23-140	Ducks Unlimited Inc.	North Platte River Valley Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Partnership III	Rural Habitat	2	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00
33.83	68%	23-162	Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc.	Crane Trust Habitat Maintenance	Equipment	1	\$ 69,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,000.00
33.83	68%	23-166	Sandhills Task Force	Sandhills Stewardship and Conservation Project	Rural Habitat	3	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 127,000.00	\$ 395,000.00
33.67	67%	23-127	Village of Lindsay, Nebraska	Lindsay Community Pond Restoration Project	Lake Rehabilitation	1	\$ 281,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 281,500.00
33.33	67%	23-150	The Nature Conservancy	Blue River Water Quality Project	Water	3	\$ 93,175.00	\$ 93,175.00	\$ 84,175.00	\$ 270,525.00
33.2	66%	23-153	The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	Maximizing HazToGo - Lincoln's Hazardous Waste Center Through Material Reuse	Waste Management	3	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 1,110,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,345,000.00

Rating	% Score	App ID	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Review Group	Term of Request	Requested Year 1	Requested Year 2	Requested Year 3	Total Amount Requested
33.17	66%	23-186	Conservation Nebraska	Common Ground Education Program	Education	1	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00
33	66%	23-125	Nebraska Community Foundation For Benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Rainwater Basin Watershed Restoration and Enhancement	Rural Habitat	3	\$ 75,915.00	\$ 75,915.00	\$ 75,915.00	\$ 227,745.00
32.67	65%	23-111	Loup Central Landfill Association	Metal Recycling Facility	Equipment	1	\$ 3,304,746.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,304,746.00
32.5	65%	23-151	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory dba Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Advancing Environmental Connection and Stewardship in the Nebraska Panhandle	Education	2	\$ 60,131.00	\$ 58,276.00	\$ -	\$ 118,407.00
32.5	65%	23-183	Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary	Increasing Diversity on a Rowe Sanctuary Grassland	Rural Habitat	1	\$ 40,760.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,760.00
32.33	65%	23-169	Lexington Community Foundation	Johnson Lake Community Playground Water Station	Equipment	1	\$ 19,662.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,662.00
31.83	64%	23-159	Nebraska Public Power District	Freewire Single Phase Electric Vehicle Fast Charger with Battery Storage	Air Quality	1	\$ 81,770.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,770.00
31.6	63%	23-108	Bazile Groundwater Management Area	Continued Development of Research and Demonstration Sites in the BGMA for Groundwater Nitrate Reduction	Water	3	\$ 346,518.00	\$ 265,188.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 616,706.00
31.6	63%	23-179	All Business & Commercial Recycling, L.L.C.	Sustaining Single-Stream Services	Equipment	1	\$ 95,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,600.00
31.5	63%	23-121	Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc.	Inventory Management	Equipment	1	\$ 22,382.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,382.00
31.5	63%	23-152	Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc	Household Hazardous Waste Collections	Waste Management	2	\$ 17,350.00	\$ 17,350.00	\$ -	\$ 34,700.00
31.17	62%	23-158	The Nature Conservancy	Solar Powered Platte Prairies	Air Quality	2	\$ 52,146.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,146.00
30.4	61%	23-102	Nemaha Natural Resources District	Nemaha Natural Resources District (NNRD) Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Mapping	Water	3	\$ 20,057.00	\$ 32,725.00	\$ 13,723.00	\$ 66,505.00
30.17	60%	23-154	Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District	LENRD Groundwater Monitoring for Public Health	Water	3	\$ 68,348.00	\$ 68,348.00	\$ 68,348.00	\$ 205,044.00
30.17	60%	23-180	Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, Inc.	Waveland Farm Prairie Restoration & Land Addition	Rural Habitat	3	\$ 1,659,639.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 1,864,639.00
30	60%	23-141	University of Nebraska Omaha	Monitoring and assessing nitrate impacts to playa wetlands	Water	3	\$ 113,948.00	\$ 28,351.00	\$ 10,924.00	\$ 153,223.00
29.83	60%	23-134	City of McCook	Composting Tractor	Equipment	1	\$ 89,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,250.00
29.83	60%	23-167	Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District	Mitigating Nitrate through On-Farm Demonstrations in Northeast Nebraska	Water	3	\$ 49,100.00	\$ 123,033.00	\$ 143,858.00	\$ 315,991.00
29.6	59%	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	Waste Management	2	\$ 68,223.00	\$ 136,734.00	\$ -	\$ 204,957.00
29.2	58%	23-155	Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	North Platte E Cycling Event	Waste Management	1	\$ 45,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,850.00

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28	56%	23-123	Nebraska Master Naturalist Foundation	Expanding Conservation Capacity in Urban Communities through Engagement and Increased Accessibility	Education	2	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
23	46%	23-146	Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation	Walk to the Rock at Chimney Rock National Historic Site	Education	2	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
20.83	42%	23-135	High Plains Weed Management Association	North Platte River Invasive Species Control Project Phase 6	Water	2	\$ 284,000.00	\$ 266,000.00	\$ -	\$ 550,000.00
Withdrew		23-107	Lewiston Consolidated Schools	Community/School/FFA Partnership: Environmental Vision for Future Generations	Education	2	\$ 270,460.00	\$ 53,052.00	\$ -	\$ 323,512.00

Olympic Average Points  
33.2