

DNR Update

- The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources has activated a continuity-of-business plan to keep team members and the public safe during this pandemic. While the office remains open, team members who can work remotely are doing so at this time. Field operations have continued largely un-impacted.

- The Director position is currently being advertised. The governor is using a similar selection process to that used for hiring Jeff.

- Water supplies in reservoirs are in good shape across the state as well as storage in Wyoming. However, conditions over the last couple of months have trended toward drier in many areas. Future 3-month projections indicate above average changes for precipitation.

- The legislature still maintains 17 days of session which can be completed any time prior to the end of the calendar year. No date has been set for them to reconvene, but it will likely be necessary since budget amendments and other bills still need to be enacted.

- Specific impacts of Covid-19 on state budgets have not been released as additional clarity is needed to understand the full impacts of efforts on state budgets and additional time is needed to determine how federal stimulus dollars will ultimately effect state and local budgets.

Budget

- Until the legislature reconvenes, there is no additional information.

Program Funding Report

- NSWCP - \$79,930.10 was reallocated to the NRDs in February.
- NRWQF - \$640,000 was distributed to the NRDs in February.
- NWWDF was business as usual.

Water Sustainability Fund

- Attached is a Status Report as of May 1st, 2020. Everything seems to be moving forward as expected with business as close to normal as you could expect given the circumstances.
- *2020 Annual Reports* & a few *2020 Final Reports* are posted on the NRC's website, WSF page under REPORTS click ANNUAL & FINAL REPORTS.
- At this time we plan to accept 2020 applications in July as normal. We are fortunate this fund was set up to operate electronically from the start, so there will be minimal changes due to staff and Commissioners working from home.
- Unless unexpected changes happen when the legislature reconvenes, we are expecting the \$11 million appropriation as planned. Given that, our funding availability estimates are as follows:

CSO	\$1,086,503.30
Small Projects	\$1,086,503.30
Deadman's Run	\$2,564,141.04
Large Projects	\$6,127,885.36

Governor's Appointments to the NRC

- No news yet. Those who's appointments have expired continue to serve until an appointment is made, unless they formally resign.

August 12th Commission Meeting

- No decisions have been made, however, the last word I had was that the Gering Civic Center was closed. We will keep you posted as we get into July and see what is going on with the COVID-19 situation.