

WATERSHED/FIELD ACTIVITIES:

Upper Big Nemaha 25-C Federal Rehab Project (Doctor's Lake – Adams)

Fortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic hasn't affected this project much. To date, approximately 50% of the concrete work is complete which puts the project slightly ahead of schedule. We recently received reimbursement from NRCS in the amount of \$425,000 to ease concerns about cash flow. It appears that we can expect about a 3-week turnaround time for reimbursement after a request is submitted.

Kirkman's Cove Sediment Basin Project

Hopefully, by our June board meeting, we will have met with NGPC fishery staff to share their interest of whether they would be interested in working with the NRD on a lake restoration project at Kirkman's Cove.

Steamboat Trace Trail

Next week, Borrenpohl Excavating will begin removing earth slides and back filling the large scour hole on the trail that is located near the pump station just south of Peru. The project is anticipated to take a week to complete.

Kirkman's Cove Golf Course Project

The golf association has completed their drainage improvement project and we have reimbursed them for our \$15,000 share of project costs. The total bill, which included equipment, labor and materials ended up costing \$42,000 or \$12,000 more than their original estimate. They wanted our board to know that they are very thankful for our help.

Camp Catron Girl Scout Project

A kick-off meeting with the Girl Scouts, JEO and the NRD took place on May 7th. Last year, the NRD board earmarked \$12,000 from our 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for this project. Our \$12,000 will be used to help purchase 500 tons of rip rap to help protect their pedestrian bridge.

Iron Horse Playground Equipment

Staff are close to completing installation of the new playground equipment at Iron Horse Trail Lake. This was a big project for our staff to tackle but they did a great job. This will be an excellent addition to our park and will be used and enjoyed by park users for many years to come.

Tree Planting & Grass Drilling

Both tree planting and grass drilling are wrapping up for this season. Numbers were again down this year totaling 7,000 planted trees and 22-acres of drilled native grasses.

Small Dams Program

We have received many applications, which on paper, they all appear to be good sites for small dams. I plan to begin on-site assessments and score each site later this month. Information will be shared with the board during the August board meeting.