

NORTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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Mr. Todd Doherty
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1580 Logan Street, Suite 200
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Re: Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Application for Jackson County Water Conservancy District's
Structures for Water Control: Headgates and Diversion – Additional Funds Request - \$55,055.00 Basin
Account WSRA Funds

Dear Mr. Doherty:

This letter is to advise you that the grant application for \$55,055.00 in additional Basin Account funds for Jackson County Water Conservancy District's Structures for Water Control: Headgates and Diversion –Additional Funds Request was reviewed by the North Platte Basin Roundtable (NPBRT) and evaluated utilizing the NPBRT Water Supply Reserve Account Grant Evaluation Criteria. During the March 2012 North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting, nine voting members of the NPBRT voted to approve the project and the requested WSRA funding and one voting member, Jimmer Baller, abstained from voting because he is an involved landowner and a direct beneficiary of the project. A minority report is not required because there were no dissenting votes.

The NPBRT has identified the development of the full allocation of irrigated acres in the North Platte Basin allowed under the equitable apportionment Supreme Court Decree and the Three States Agreement as a very high priority consumptive need. This project will provide additional funds to pay for increases in the costs for material and labor for the construction costs of the water control structures that were originally estimated in April 2011. The replacement of four old, deteriorating headgate structures and the installation of one new, permanent diversion structure within Jackson County will allow the involved water users to safely, effectively and efficiently control and regulate the amount of water needed to irrigate associated lands and the new diversion structure will eliminate annual damage to the stream banks and reduce sediment discharge. Installing these improved structures will not only help to maintain our current agricultural economic base, but they will help to meet the identified consumptive need of increasing irrigated acres within the county. This project will help meet both consumptive and non-consumptive needs identified by the NPBRT. The higher degree of control and efficiency provided by these structures will benefit all consumptive and non-consumptive uses of water diverted for irrigation. Improved water efficiency is a benefit to all consumptive and associated non-consumptive uses of irrigation water.

Please feel free to call me with any questions that you may have regarding the North Platte Basin Roundtable meeting or our level of support for this project.

Sincerely,



Wm. Kent Crowder, Chair
North Platte Basin Roundtable

cc: Jackson County Water Conservancy District