

OPERATING BY-LAWS
FOR
THE NEBRASKA PLATTE-REPUBLICAN CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
(CREP)
STEERING COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 2009

PURPOSE

The Nebraska Platte-Republican Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Steering Committee (Committee) is formed to meet the requirements of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of Nebraska and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to implement the Nebraska Platte-Republican Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The Steering Committee is to advise the Nebraska Governor's office on the implementation of this CREP.

STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

The MOA currently states that the Steering Committee "will include representatives from the State technical Committee, FSA, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, NRCS, agriculture and conservation groups and local governments." The following organizations shall be recognized as voting members of the Committee:

FSA:	4 Members
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources:	4 Members
Natural Resources Conservation Service:	2 Members
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission:	2 Members
Nebraska Department of Agriculture:	1 Member
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality	1 Member
Agriculture Groups (Includes Irrigation And Power Groups):	5 Members
Conservation Groups:	1 Member
Local Governments:	9 Members
 TOTAL	 29 Members

In addition, staff of Nebraska's congressional and senatorial representatives, the Chairman of the State Technical Committee, and the Governor's Policy Research Office shall be invited to each meeting, but shall be a non-voting member.

A staff member of the Department of Natural Resources and a staff member of the U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency shall co-chair the committee. If both are unable to attend a scheduled meeting, they shall appoint an acting chair. A staff member of the Department of Natural Resources shall act as the Secretary.

Alternates may be appointed from any representative group. To be able to participate in a vote, the alternate shall present to a Co-Chair a letter from his/her organization saying they are to represent their organization at a specific meeting or the organization can file a letter with the Committee stating who their alternate(s) will be at future meetings.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES OF INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each member of the Steering Committee is expected to:

- (a) Regularly attend and prepare for work sessions;
- (b) Keep the other members of his or her group informed of what is being discussed by the Committee and solicit their input on these issues
- (c) Clearly articulate and represent the interests of his/her group;
- (d) Listen to other points of view and try to understand the interests of others;
- (e) Openly discuss issues and participate in cooperative problem solving procedure to resolve differences;
- (f) Be responsible for meeting expenses (travel, per diem) per your entities reimbursement policies and procedures.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

The Committee as a whole will make recommendations to the Governor regarding:

- (a) Changes needed to the MOA, and
- (b) Changes needed to the Farm Bill.

The Committee as a whole will review and/or make recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources regarding:

- (a) Changes to the Water Use Contract,
- (b) Opportunities for enhancing the program,
- (c) Public Information

MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year, with one meeting possibly being a videoconferencing meeting. The Co-Chairs may schedule additional meetings at any time that there are issues that need to be discussed. Committee members or the public may request of the Co-Chairs that additional meetings be held. Through electronic mail, the Secretary shall make a good

faith effort to arrange a mutually agreeable date, time and place for all meetings.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Official notice of meetings shall be provided electronically to all Committee members through electronic mail at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Notice shall be provided to the public by notice on the Department of Natural Resources' website at least two weeks prior to the meeting. A copy of the proposed agenda shall be included with the Notice, but as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, the agenda can change up until 24 hours before the meeting. Copies of documents that are proposed to be reviewed for action shall also be available on the website and distributed to Committee members through electronic mail at the time of notice. This does not mean that additional documents used for informational purposes cannot be distributed at the meeting. Amended documents being reviewed for action can also be distributed as long as they were available on the website 24 hours before the meeting.

DECISION MAKING

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Governor, and thus the Department of Natural Resources, the agency that works directly for the Governor to implement the program. There may at times be differing opinions because of the wide range of interests represented on the Committee.

The Committee must operate under the Open Meetings Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 84, Article 14). In order for the Committee to convene, there must be a quorum present. For purposes of this Committee, a quorum shall mean that there are more than 50 percent of the members present (15 members must be present.) Members who are monitoring through telephonic means shall not be counted as present and shall not be allowed to vote.

Roll call votes shall be taken and recorded on all matters. The minutes shall reflect how each member voted or whether they abstained. Prior to any vote, sufficient discussion shall be held to allow all members to understand the issues. Approval or disapproval of any motion shall be by simple majority.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All meetings shall be open to the public. There shall be a place on the agenda for public comment. Other public participation throughout the meeting will be at the discretion of the Committee.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Draft minutes of the meeting shall be available on the Department of Natural Resources' website and sent through electronic mail to all Committee members within 10 days of the meeting or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier. Following final approval of the minutes, the CREP Coordinator(s) shall maintain the minutes in the CREP files, have it posted

on the Department of Natural Resources' website, and send a copy by electronic mail to the Committee members.

POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall have the authority to:

- (a) Form subcommittees
- (b) Enact rules that will further describe the procedures to be used by the Committee and subcommittees as long as such rules are not in conflict with existing local, state, or federal rules and regulations and the Operating By-Laws.

AMENDMENTS TO OPERATING BY-LAWS

Amendments to these Operating By-Laws can only be made upon the agreement and signature of two thirds of those present at a meeting.

Signed by all current members:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

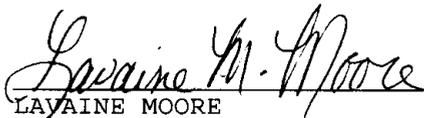
DAN STEINKRUGER



GREG REISDORFF

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

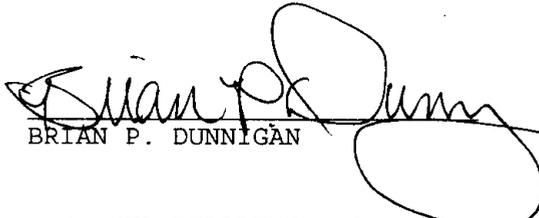


LAVAINÉ MOORE

(POSITION OPEN)

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES



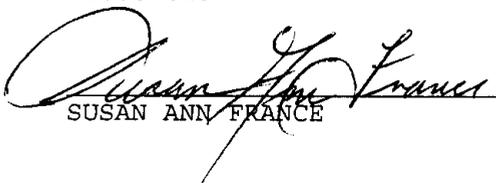
BRIAN P. DUNNIGAN



BOB BETTGER

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES



SUSAN ANN FRANCE

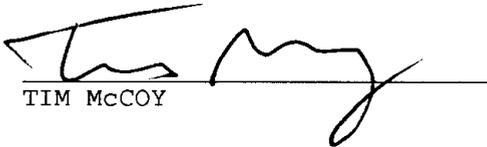


MICHAEL THOMPSON

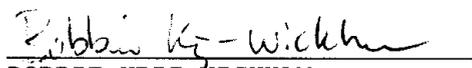
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE


MICHAEL KUCERA

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION


TIM McCOY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE


BOBBIE KRIZ-NICKHAM

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MARCIA TROMPKE

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

RANDY ZACH

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU

JORDAN DUX

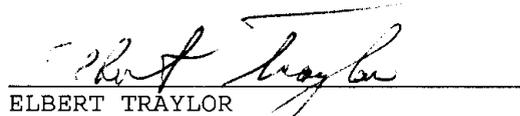
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE


RITCH NELSON

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION

KEITH KROUPAL

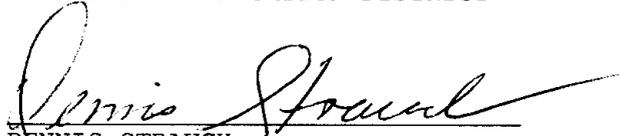
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY


ELBERT TRAYLOR

BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT


MIKE DELKA

PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT


DENNIS STRAUCH

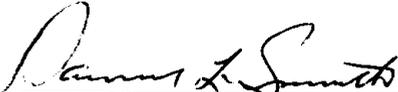
PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC

PETE BERTHELSEN

CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

MILT MORAVEK

MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

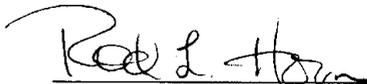


DANIEL L. SMITH

TRI-BASIN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

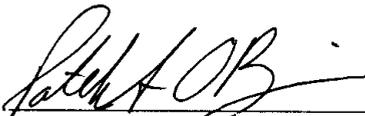
JOHN THORBURN

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



ROD L. HORN

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCES DISTRICTS



PAT O'BRIEN

LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



MIKE CLEMENTS

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



RON CACEK

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

GLEN BOWERS

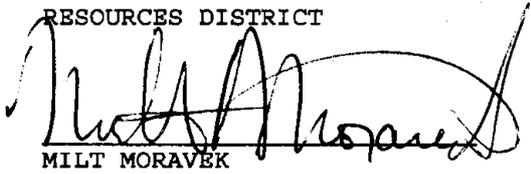
UPPER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



JASPER FANNING

1069235
#2874

CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


MILT MORAVEK

LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


MIKE CLEMENTS

MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


DANIEL L. SMITH

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


RON CACEK

TRI-BASIN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JOHN THORBURN

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

GLEN BOWERS

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


ROD L. HORN

UPPER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JASPER FANNING

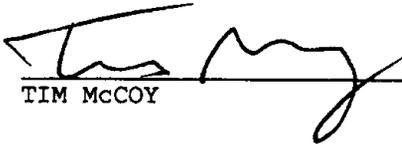
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCES DISTRICTS


PAT O'BRIEN

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

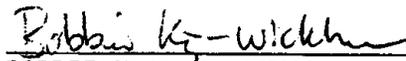
MICHAEL KUCERA

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION



TIM MCCOY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE



BOBBIE KRIZ-WICKHAM

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MARCIA TROMPKE

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

RANDY ZACH

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU

JORDAN DUX

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE



RITCH NELSON

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION



KEITH KOUPAL

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



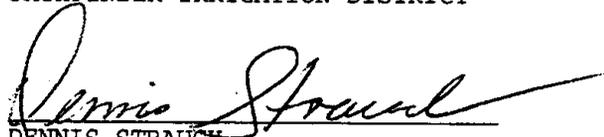
ELBERT TRAYLOR

BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MIKE DELKA

PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT



DENNIS STRAUCH

PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC

PETE BERTHELSEN

5
1069779
#2892

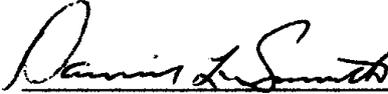
RECEIVED

AUG 13 2010

CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

MILT MORAVEK

MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

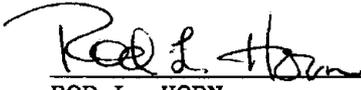


DANIEL L. SMITH

TRI-BASIN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JOHN THORBURN

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



ROD L. HORN

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCES DISTRICTS



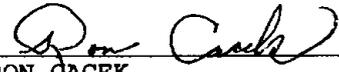
PAT O'BRIEN

LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



MIKE CLEMENTS

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



RON CACEK

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT



GLEN BOWERS

UPPER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JASPER FANNING

1070408
#2905

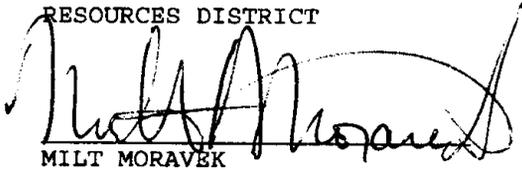
RECEIVED

AUG 16 2010

DEPT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

1069235
#2874

CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


MILT MORAVEK

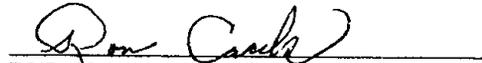
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


MIKE CLEMENTS

MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


DANIEL L. SMITH

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


RON CACEK

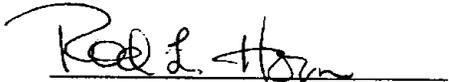
TRI-BASIN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JOHN THORBURN

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

GLEN BOWERS

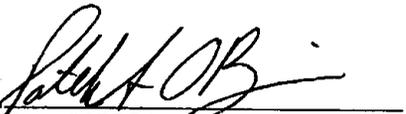
SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT


ROD L. HORN

UPPER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JASPER FANNING

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCES DISTRICTS


PAT O'BRIEN



1074827
#3005

on the Department of Natural Resources' website, and send a copy by electronic mail to the Committee members.

POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall have the authority to:

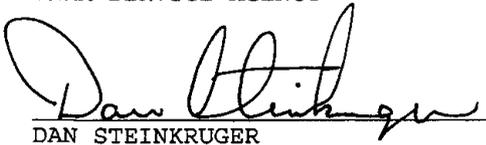
- (a) Form subcommittees
- (b) Enact rules that will further describe the procedures to be used by the Committee and subcommittees as long as such rules are not in conflict with existing local, state, or federal rules and regulations and the Operating By-Laws.

AMENDMENTS TO OPERATING BY-LAWS

Amendments to these Operating By-Laws can only be made upon the agreement and signature of two thirds of those present at a meeting.

Signed by all current members:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY


DAN STEINKRUGER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY


GREG REISKORFF

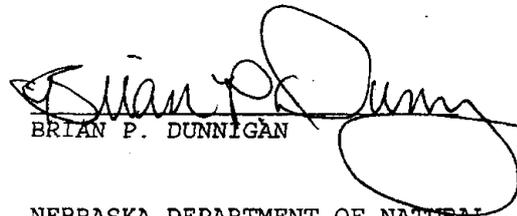
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY


LAVAIN MOORE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

(POSITION OPEN)

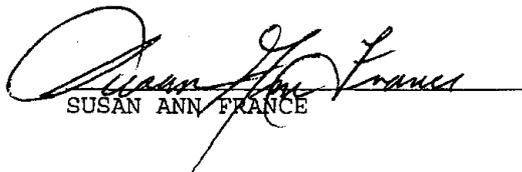
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES


BRIAN P. DUNNIGAN

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES


BOB BETTGER

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES


SUSAN ANN FRANCE

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES


MICHAEL THOMPSON

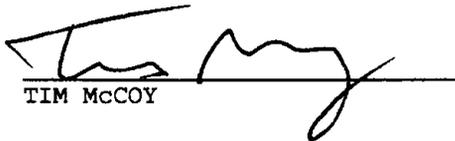
RECEIVED

SEP 01 2010

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

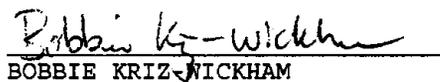
MICHAEL KUCERA

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION



TIM McCOY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE



BOBBIE KRIZ-WICKHAM

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MARCIA TROMPKE

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT



RANDY ZACH ~~BRIAN L. BARELS~~

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU

JORDAN DUX

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

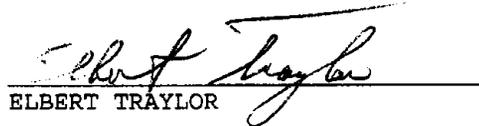


RITCH NELSON

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION

KEITH KOUPAL

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



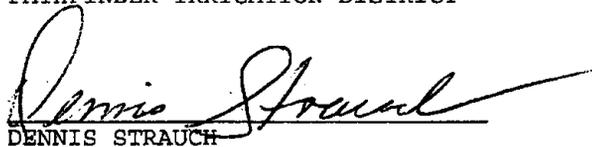
ELBERT TRAYLOR

BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MIKE DELKA

PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT



DENNIS STRAUCH

PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC

PETE BERTHELSEN

RECEIVED

AUG 16 2010

DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

MILT MORAVEK

LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

Mike Clements

MIKE CLEMENTS

1073594
#2992

MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

Daniel L. Smith

DANIEL L. SMITH

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

Ron Cacek

RON CACEK

TRI-BASIN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

John Thorburn

JOHN THORBURN

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

GLEN BOWERS

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

Rod L. Horn

ROD L. HORN

UPPER REPUBLICAN NATURAL
RESOURCES DISTRICT

JASPER FANNING

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCES DISTRICTS

Pat O'Brien

PAT O'BRIEN

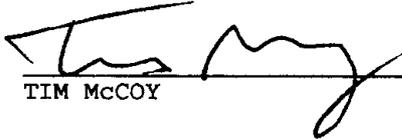
RECEIVED

AUG 30 2010

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

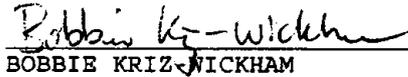
MICHAEL KUCERA

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION



TIM McCOY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE



BOBBIE KRIZ-WICKHAM

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MARCIA TROMPKE

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

RANDY ZACH

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU

JORDAN DUX

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

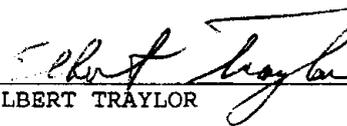


RITCH NELSON

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION

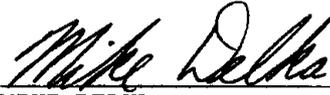
KEITH KOUHAL

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



ELBERT TRAYLOR

BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT



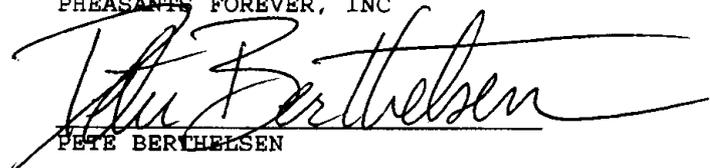
MIKE DELKA

PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT



DENNIS STRAUCH

PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC



PETE BERTHELSEN

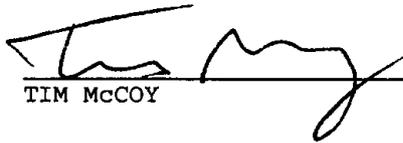
SCANNED
R
AND CODED
1075782
#3026

RECEIVED
SEP 07 2010
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

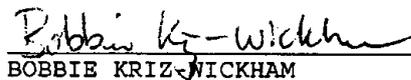
MICHAEL KUCERA

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION



TIM McCOY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE



BOBBIE KRIZ-WICKHAM

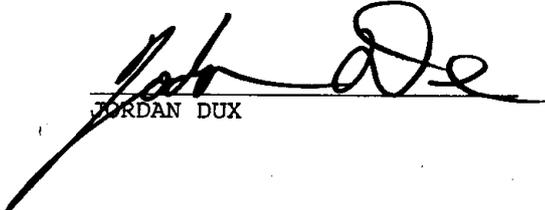
CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MARCIA TROMPKE

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

RANDY ZACH

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU



JORDAN DUX

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE



RITCH NELSON

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION

KEITH KOU PAL

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



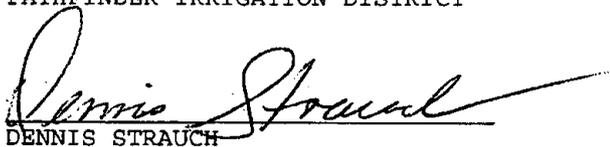
ELBERT TRAYLOR

BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MIKE DELKA

PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT



DENNIS STRAUCH

PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC

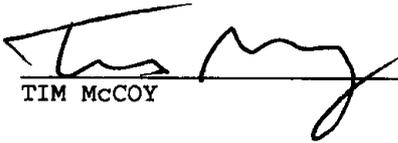
PETE BERTHELSEN

5
1085395
#3235

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE

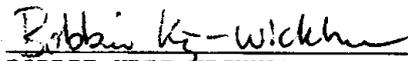
MICHAEL KUCERA

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION



TIM McCOY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE



BOBBIE KRIZ-WICKHAM

CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MARCIA TROMPKE

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

RANDY ZACH

NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU

JORDAN DUX

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE



RITCH NELSON

NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS
COMMISSION

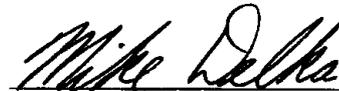
KEITH KOUPAL

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



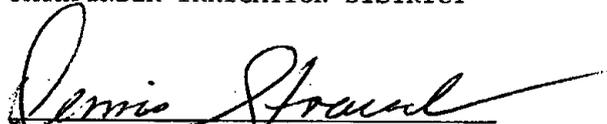
ELBERT TRAYLOR

BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT



MIKE DELKA

PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT



DENNIS STRAUCH

PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC

PETE BERTHELSEN