

## Annual Meeting Notes – Lower Loup NRD

September 24, 2019

### 1. Goals and Objectives Discussion

*Discussed goals and objectives being met – including Objectives 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 2.3. The District was curious about what the Department is doing with regards to Objective 2.3 (water banking); \*The Department will internally discuss water banking efforts and get back to the District on this. The District has tracked back usage information on some cancelled surface water rights and will be crediting this back to the system through its water banking system. Looking at addressing objective 4.2 in the coming year through a joint education effort (see discussion below in item 4). Also looking at further addressing Objective 1.3 through a WSF application in the coming year to integrate CENEB model with ELM3 model.*

### 2. Lower Platte Database Project

*Discussed interactions with consultant, the District has not interfaced much on this project since providing initial spreadsheets to populate the database. Next steps would be updating with transfers and new acres applications. District will be coordinating a Lower Platte technical committee meeting in late November/early December.*

### 3. Extending First Increment

*Discussed possibility of extending the first increment of the Lower Platte basin-wide plan. District notes this will probably be the first topic of discussion at the next Lower Platte technical committee meeting, and is OK with the idea of extending the first increment, but the timeline would still need to be considered (how far out to extend the increment). District would be agreeable to hiring a consultant for the INSIGHT analysis when the next increment is developed.*

### 4. Education and Outreach

*Discussed education and outreach opportunities in the coming year. The District has general outreach on NRD programs through Red Thread; \*The District will check with staff on needs from the Department on outreach. The District also has a quarterly newsletter reaching about 70,000 people and this is another possible opportunity for Department involvement with District outreach (such as a guest article).*

#### **Action Items:**

*The Department will internally discuss water banking efforts and get back to the District on this.*

*The District will check with staff on needs from the Department on outreach.*