

Dodge County Board of Supervisors



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435 North Park, Fremont Nebraska 68025

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Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94676
Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

RE: Letter of Support for a Water Sustainability Fund Application by the Joint Water Management Advisory Board for a Flood Mitigation and Resiliency Plan

Dear Commissioners,

Rare events, due to a combination of snow melt, frozen ground, and a bomb cyclone in March of 2019, resulted in catastrophic flooding in Nebraska. In Dodge County, multiple political subdivisions along the Platte and Elkhorn Rivers experienced catastrophic flood damages in March of 2019. These twelve political subdivisions formed a Joint Water Management Advisory Board (Board) to collectively work on solutions to the devastation caused by the recent flooding.

The Board intends to create a Flood Mitigation and Resiliency Plan to holistically evaluate flood risks and identify mitigation solutions to reduce the impacts of flooding on public and private infrastructure. Possible solutions to address flooding concerns will include a combination of structural (levees, detention, dams, channel improvements, etc.) and non-structural (elevation, acquisition, etc.) projects. The deliverable will include a list of projects at a preliminary design level backed by geotechnical evaluation, benefit/cost analysis, and funding strategies, that will allow the Board to proceed directly to final design and construction.

Dodge County, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, supports the scope of this project and requests your approval of this application to help the collective partners in the Joint Water Management Advisory Board identify solutions in order to reduce the impacts of flooding on public and private



Bob Missel, Chairman
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Sincerely,

Bob Missel
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Dodge County, Nebraska