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Dodge County Board of Supervisors % Fred Mytty 435 N Park Fremont, NE 68025 October 15, 2021

Dear Mr. Mytty:

As you are likely aware, on June 24, 2021, Governor Pete Ricketts signed Executive Order No. 21-08, "Stop 30 x 30 – Protect Our Land & Water." In this Executive Order, the Governor directed the Nebraska Department of Revenue to host workshops to educate and advise county officials of their rights in reviewing conservation easements pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 76-2,112.

Under the Nebraska Conservation and Preservation Easements Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. 76-2,112, et seq.), local governing bodies have the right to review conservation easements to determine whether they conflict with land-use planning. In anticipation for this review, this letter serves as my official notice of intent to file an Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEPWRE) in the county at the following location:

Parts of section 2 - Township 20N - Range 6E, Dodge County, NE (see attached map).

Land eligible for wetland reserve easements includes farmed or converted wetland that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored. Wetland Reserve Easements provide habitat for fish and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species, improve water quality by filtering sediments and chemicals, reduce flooding, recharge groundwater, protect biological diversity and provide opportunities for educational, scientific and limited recreational activities.

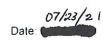
Please be advised that you have sixty (60) days to render this easement approved or disapproved. Neb. Rev. Stat. 76-2,112(3). If you do not render a decision within this timeframe, the easement is automatically approved. Local governing authorities may only deny approval upon a finding that the easement is not in public interest when the easement is inconsistent with "(a) a comprehensive plan for the area which had been officially adopted and was in force at the time of the conveyance, (b) any national, state, regional, or local program furthering conservation or preservation, or (c) any known proposal by a governmental body for use of the land." Neb. Rev. Stat. 76-2,112(3)(c).

Please confirm receipt of this notice. Additionally, I request that you let me know if you have any questions regarding the easement or require any additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,

Wetlands America Trust, Inc. 1 Waterfowl Way Memphis, TN 38120-2350 (605) 283-2265

ACEP/WRE Application #546526190QX2 Land Eligibility Map (Wetland Delineation)



Customer(s): WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST, INC. c/o DU Rep. Tim Horst 402-364-3135

email: thorst@ducks.org

District: LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Approximate Acres: 113. 93

Legal Description: Pt. Sections 2-20-6E (Dodge County)

Field Office: FREMONT SERVICE CENTER

Agency: NRCS

Assisted By: DAVID BICHLMEIER



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Legend * Access Points 113.53 WRE Application #546526190QXZ DESCRIP, LABEL, ACRES Farmed Wetland Pasture FWP.70.4 Non Wetland, NW, 38, 53 Wetland, W. 5 Section Lines



