Contract No. 005-068
“Grassland Restoration and Retention Program”
Submitted by Ransom County, Wild Rice and Richland County Soil Conservation Districts
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PARTICIPANTS

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Total Project Cost | $938,500

Project Schedule – 5 years
Project Deliverables:
Contract Date – 8/6/2015
Status Report: December 31, 2015 ✔
Start Date – 8/6/2015
Status Report: June 30, 2016 ✔
Completion Date – 6/30/2020
Status Report: December 31, 2016 ✔
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Final Report: June 30, 2020

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:
The purpose of this project is to restore or retain 2,000 grassland acres (and associated wetlands) within Ransom, Sargent and Richland Counties. The funding would be used to provide cost share assistance for conservation practices. Approximately 20 producers would be involved in the project. Producers will be required to implement wildlife friendly haying habitat. Haying must be rotated through the entire acreage. Rotational grazing management plans will be required on land to be grazed. Only expiring CRP acres or cropland seeded to grassland will be eligible.

STATUS:
The application was for $1,938,500 with $1,000,000 to be used for land rental payments. The Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board did not support using OHF dollars for rental payments. It is the intent of this funding to assist in the implementation of conservation practices with no OHF dollars being used for rental payments. Contract has been fully executed.
12/31/2015 - Status Report received. The report states: 87.9 acres of cropland has been restored to grassland in Richland County as of this reporting period. 69.9 acres of cropland is scheduled to be restored to grassland in Ransom County in the spring of 2016. Best practices that were funded include: fencing, pasture/hayland planting, trough and tank, well for livestock use only.

6/30/2016 - Status Report received. The report states: 407.9 acres of cropland have been restored to grasslands. 13,158 ft. of fencing, 2 tanks and 1 well have been installed to facilitate rotational grazing systems on these acres. Additional practices will be installed this summer.

12/31/2016 - Status Report received. The report states: 10,250 linear feet of fence was installed to develop a rotational grazing system on 160 acres. The area fenced was expiring CRP.

6/30/2017 - Status Report received. The report states: 11,220 ft., 1 tank and 1 well are scheduled to be installed during the fall of 2017. 42.5 acres of cropland are scheduled to be seeded back to grass during the fall of 2017.

12/31/2017 - Status Report received. The report states: 41.5 acres were seeded back to native grass and 1,160 feet of fencing was installed since the last report.

6/30/2018 - Status Report received. The report states: 2 new parcels of land were signed up for the project. 108 acres of cropland were seeded back to native grass. 13,265 linear feet of fence, 1 tank, and 1 well were installed on 160 acres of expiring CRP acres to develop a grazing system.

12/31/2018 – Status Report received. The report states: 1 new parcel of land was signed up for the project since the last report. $40,662.60 in BMPs are currently contracted for implementation for the spring/summer of 2019.

6/30/2019 – Status Report received. The report states: 1 new parcel of land was signed up for the project since the last report. $45,122.40 in BMPs are currently contracted for implementation for the summer/fall of 2019.

Updated: 7/10/19