Contract No. 008-099
“Cass County Cover Crop Project”
Submitted by Cass County Soil Conservation District
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PARTICIPANTS

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Project Schedule – 2 years
Contract Date – 3/4/2017
Start Date – 3/1/2017
Completion Date – November 1, 2019

Project Deliverables:
Status Report: November 1, 2017 ✔
Status Report: May 1, 2018 ✔
Status Report: November 1, 2018 ✔
Final Report: November 1, 2019* ✔

*Denotes change from original contract.

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:
Provide financial assistance and technical assistance for establishing conservation cover crops in Cass County. This is a pilot project on 2500 acres over two years -- funding to be used for only seed costs. This program is designed to help promote conservation cover crops and provide cost share on a 60/40 basis to willing participants.

STATUS:
The Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board recommended approval of this funding with the condition that the Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars may be used only for first time applicants (users). The contract between the Industrial Commission and the Cass County Soil Conservation District has been signed.

5/31/2017 - A request for reimbursement was received. The request noted the following:

A Request for Assistance Form has been developed. Spreadsheet was created to track available grant funding. So far $90 remains in the budget for 2017 using $15/acre as the planning rate. More accurate budget figures will be available as projects are completed. First Project is scheduled for reimbursement 5/31/2017.

9/30/2017 - A request for reimbursement was received. Work was completed on 9 projects impacting 895 acres. Details on the seed that was planted is available in the Commission files.

1/26/2018 - A request for reimbursement was received. Work was completed on 3 projects impacting 575 acres. Details on the seed that was planted is available in the Commission files.

10/2018 – A status report was received. This report combines the May 1 and November 1 status reports. The report states in part:

For this reporting period, a total of 19 producers participated in the project, covering 2,561 acres. The majority of the covers were planted into wheat stubble. The mixes included: radishes, turnips, a small
grain, millet sorghum or sunflower. Cover crops continue to be a gateway to soil health in the area and creates good talking points on reducing erosion and enhancing soils by increasing organic matter and providing diversity for soil microbiology. We continue to work with producers and hope to advance their management by encouraging the use of other programs offered through soil conservation districts and NRCS. At sign up, we explain the source of OHF dollars and why the program is available. We have advertised the OHF funds in our newsletters and at local outreach efforts. The program has been well received, and many wish to participate year after year. However, this program was designated for first time users.

*The applicant has been granted a no-cost extension to allow for another growing season.

**October 2019**

A status report was received. The report states in part:

1719.9 acres of cover crop was seeded in 2019. For this reporting period, 12 producers participated.

The project was a success as the acreage goal was exceeded with less funds than anticipated. In total, 44 producers in the county participated that had never used cover crops before.

Additional details are provided in the full report. This contract is now closed with a returned commitment of $9,950.24.

Dated 11/4/2019