

Contract No. 010-115
“Working Grassland Partnership (Phase II)”

Submitted by North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever.

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PARTICIPANTS

| Sponsor | Cost Share |
|--|----------------------|
| North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (Cash) | <u>\$175,000.00</u> |
| Subtotal Cash Cost Share | \$ 175,000.00 |
| North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (In-Kind) | \$ 62,500.00 |
| Landowners (In-Kind) | \$600,000.00 |
| Ducks Unlimited (In-Kind) | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Pheasants Forever (In-Kind) | <u>\$ 2,500.00</u> |
| Subtotal In-kind Cost Share | \$ 695,000.00 |
| North Dakota Industrial Commission | <u>\$903,750.00</u> |
| Subtotal OHF funding | <u>\$ 903,750.00</u> |
| Total Project Cost | \$1,773,750.00 |

Project Schedule – 10 years
Contract Date – 1/5/2018
Start Date – 1/5/2018
Completion Date – 4/1/2028

Project Deliverables:
Status Report: October 1, 2018 ✓
Status Report: April 1, 2019 ✓
Status Report: October 1, 2019 ✓
Status Report: April 1, 2020 ✓
Status Report: October 1, 2020
Status Report: April 1, 2021
Status Report: October 1, 2021
Status Report: April 1, 2022
Status Report: October 1, 2022
Status Report: April 1, 2023
Status Report: April 1, 2024
Status Report: April 1, 2025
Status Report: April 1, 2026
Status Report: April 1, 2027
Final Report: April 1, 2028

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

Provide livestock water and fencing cost-share assistance to landowners to retain CRP acres in grasslands and develop technical rotational grazing plans to utilize livestock as the primary management tool. Phase II will expand the Working Grassland Partnership Program to include Barnes, Ransom, Richland and Sargent Counties. The Livestock and Grassland Bird Friendly Development Practices will follow the June 2016 North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program’s Cost-Share Guidelines for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Best Management Practices (319 Program). This funding will provide landowners a 60% cost-share payment based on the Best Management Practices cost-share payment rates for fencing projects. For water development projects the cost-share will be based on actual costs. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share for the projects. No Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars were authorized for salary compensation to the applicants.

STATUS:

The contract has been approved and executed by all the parties.

December 2018

Total acres impacted – 2,036.59

Total feet of fencing completed – 113,094

Total number of water systems installed – 3

Total feet of pipeline installed – 5,545

Additional details and pictures are available in the full report.

April 2019

To date, 24 agreements have been signed covering 10,717 acres. At this time, \$626,261.07 of OHF funds have been obligated.

| #acres | #feet of fence | #water systems | #feet of pipeline |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1,500 | 35,596 | 4 | 2,935 |

October 2019

To date, 35 agreements have been signed covering 14,016 acres. At this time, \$855,324.61 of OHF funds have been obligated. The Trust has provided habitat lease payments to expiring CRP contracts for 3,649.41 acres in the amount of \$182,470.50. All agreement holders have been informed about public access options.

| #acres | #feet of fence | #water systems | #feet of pipeline |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 3,547 | 85,222 | 5 | 6,989 |

Additional details and photo available in the full report.

April 2020

Eight agreements completed activities during the reporting period. All agreement holders have been informed about public access options.

| Acres | Feet of Fence | Water Systems | Feet of Pipeline |
|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 4,222 | 120,088 | 3 | 6,521 |

Dated 5/20/2020