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*Mike Johanns, Governor*

*Mary Harding, Executive Director*

January 29, 2004

Mr. Steve Gaul  
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 94676  
301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Fl, NSOB  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

Dear Mr. Gaul,

Congratulations on being recommended for a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant! As part of your grant contract, you must provide adequate credit to the Nebraska Environmental Trust as a funder of your project (refer to Section G of the enclosed draft contract for details.) We have identified your project as one with the potential to reach a large number of Nebraskans, and would like to work with you to develop strategies that fulfill the publicity requirements.

As a project that reaches many Nebraskans, the Nebraska Environmental Trust will require that you distribute a brochure about the Trust to all project participants. Materials will be provided to you after your grant award is finalized. These requirements are not optional; they are condition of your grant award.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust staff can work with you to provide customized signage and materials to promote your efforts. We can also provide assistance with planning events and attracting media coverage to your project. By promoting the Trust as a funding partner, you are helping to ensure that the public continues to support our grant making program, a significant factor in our ability to make grants in the future.

To begin developing your grant publicity program, please respond to this letter by February 23 by contacting me at 402-471-1714 or via e-mail at [nwatson@ngpc.state.ne.us](mailto:nwatson@ngpc.state.ne.us).

Again, congratulations on your grant recommendation, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Neil Watson  
Public Information Officer

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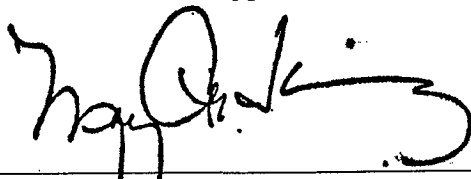
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## 2004 Rating Results

Application #      04-168  
 Sponsor Name:    Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
 Project Name:     Republican Basin Water Meter Proposal

Ratings Statement	Points Available	Average Rating
Advances Trust Priorities	25	18.33
Sound Planning and Design	25	14.17
Direct Measurable Environmental Benefits	20	14.67
Cost-Effective	20	13.33
Duration of Benefits	15	11.00
Matching (non-state) resources (monetary & in-kind)	15	10.50
Prevents Contamination/Degradation of Resources	15	8.50
Many people or communities served	15	8.50
General public benefit	10	5.33
Public/Private Partnerships	10	5.33
Economic Impact	10	7.67
Evaluation Plan	10	5.67
Unique Need	5	3.33
Public Health	5	1.50
Innovation	5	2.67
Replication Potential	5	2.83
Individual or Local Initiative	5	2.67
<b>Sub-Total (rounded)</b>		<b>136</b>
Feature Program Bonus Points (35 available)		
Water Conservation Bonus Points (10 or 20 available)		20
Geographic Distribution (20 available in District 5 – if no water conservation points awarded)		
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>156</b>

**Recommendation:** We recommend funding this application in the amount of \$400,000 this year. Trust funds may be used for cost-share on meters that are not yet required (mandated) per the NRD deadlines outlined in the application.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mary A. Harding for Paul Dunn, Grants Committee Chair

**NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY**

**AWARD YEAR: 2004**

**Project Number:** 04-168  
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**Project Name:** Republican Basin Water Meter Proposal

**Criteria:**

<b>1. Environmental Acceptability:</b>	The project results in net gain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Environmental Benefits:</b>	The project will provide clear and direct environmental benefits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Trust Board Priorities:</b>	The project makes a real contribution to achieving defined priorities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Public Benefits:</b>	The project will benefit the general public.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Technical Feasibility:</b>	The project appears technically feasible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6. Financial Feasibility:</b>	The project appears financially feasible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7. Provide Regulatory Assistance:</b>	The project does not provide direct assistance to a regulatory program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. Implement Regulatory Assistance:</b>	The project does not implement actions mandated by regulation, except to remediate soils or groundwater.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9. Private Benefits:</b>	The project does not provide primarily private benefits nor relieve any entity of private liability.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>10. Financial Hardship:</b>	The beneficiaries of this project could not afford the costs of the benefits without financial hardship.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>11. Eminent Domain:</b>	The project does not assist in the acquisition of property through eminent domain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Project was found eligible ?    Yes**

**SIGNED:**

**DATE: 1/29/04**

  
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**Mary A. Harding for Paul Dunn, Grants Committee Chair**

# Soil and Water Conservation Fund Report Republican Basin Water Meter Program

NRD Name	Total Available FY 2003-04	Expended To Date	Remaining Balance 16-Jan-04
Little Blue NRD		\$405.00	
Upper Republican NRD		\$623.57	
Middle Republican NRD		\$523,991.28	
Lower Republican NRD		\$415,835.44	
Tri-Basin NRD		\$66,472.83	
	<b>\$1,697,483.90</b>	<b>\$1,007,328.12</b>	<b>\$690,155.78</b>

	Date Meters Required	# Wells Installed Pending Payment	#Wells Left to Meter
Middle Republican NRD	December 31, 2003	29	230
	December 31, 2004	27	215
Lower Republican NRD	January 1, 2004	31	398
	April 1, 2004	11	570
	April 1, 2005	6	504
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	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2920</b>
		<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>3282</b>

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