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Attached is a draft drought assistance request letter with attached proposals. There are two people I may need to let know about this before we send it out – **Mike Delka** and **Dan Smith**. People I have consulted include: Lyndon Vogt, Ron Cacek, Sean Sutherland (SPNRD), Jack Daniel, Mark Svoboda (Drought Center-UNL), and Jack Wergin. The village water supply proposals were provided by Jack Wergin and the storage amounts and dollars on the Republican Basin storage proposal were provided by Bill Peck and Jack Wergin at Reclamation.

I have at least some qualms about ranking all of the municipal well proposals at the top. The Stockville proposal is \$316,000 for 36 people and we might want to discuss that with Dan. I think it would be good if we can talk before we send this out. I am giving this to you in hard copy instead of electronically because Jack Daniel's proposals were only provided in hard copy. I have e-mailed him to ask for electronic versions.

Steve

July 17, 2006

Alice Johns, Area Manager
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Nebraska-Kansas Area Office
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Dear Ms. Johns:

I am writing to you concerning Nebraska drought assistance proposals for consideration from the State of Nebraska. On June 23, 2006 Governor Heineman wrote Acting Commissioner William Rinne requesting temporary drought assistance under the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991.

Our proposals for projects are listed in priority order and include the following:

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| 1. | \$ 213,000 | Mason City Village Well |
| 2. | \$ 193,000 | Stratton Village Well |
| 3. | \$ 316,000 | Stockville Village Well |
| 4. | \$ 195,325 | Assistance for Republican Basin Irrigation Districts for
Increased Reservoirs Irrigation Storage |
| 5. | \$ 200,000 | Upper Niobrara-White NRD Meter Cost Share |
| 6. | \$ 150,000 | North Platte NRD Meter Cost Share |
| 7. | \$ 50,000 | South Platte NRD Meter Cost Share |

Total \$1,317,325

I have attached descriptions of each proposal to this letter. If you have any questions about the proposals, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Bleed
Acting Director

Attachments