

1,500,000  
 275,000  
 2,002,000  
 3,777,000

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Fund

Republican Basin Water Meter Program Summary

Period 7/1/01 thru 8/27/03

Little Blue NRD	1	\$405.00
Upper Republican NRD	2	\$623.57
Middle Republican NRD	1,091	\$472,106.03
Lower Republican NRD	719	\$322,031.47
Tri-Basin NRD	73	\$34,372.22
<b>upland Total for State</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>\$829,538.29</b>

originally 1.5 million for  
 alluvial wells of w

allowed to transfer  
~~special approp~~  
 funds within soil & water  
 cons fund  
 for that purposes

Estimates  
 of need  
 after July  
 of this  
 year

Upper Repuris 100 more at \$300 cost share/meter  
 replacement meters

middle Rep 1000 at \$600

Lower 2045 at \$400

Tribasin 1500 at \$500

Sept - October of 02

\$200,000 Bureau

July 1 had \$8000 in meter funds

Getting \$67,000 from two Trust

Tribasin did use all of grant & two Trust gave to us 1

Budget Bill said DNR & H&S can transfer from Legislature  
 law said up to \$1,154,000

September 25, 2003

John Thorburn  
Manager  
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District  
1308 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Holdrege, Nebraska 68949

Dear John:

This letter is being written to indicate our agency's support of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund application for the project entitled "*Republican Basin Water and Habitat Conservation Project*". It is our intent to partner with the Nebraska Republican River Management Districts Association on the project and provide in-kind and limited funding support for the project. Our staff time contributions will be primarily for land use assessment/survey and some time spent on outreach/public information.

This project should result in water conservation and water use reduction in a basin working to meet the water use requirements of the recent settlement of an interstate lawsuit. We believe funding this initiative can both help attain water use goals and conserve, enhance and create habitat. It can also help better utilize existing funding and promote a locally led conservation effort. We strongly encourage Trust funding for this effort.

Sincerely,

Roger K. Patterson  
Director

Ann Bleed, Roger Patterson, 02:45 PM 9/24/03 -0500, Support Letter for Environmental Trust Appli

To: Ann Bleed, Roger Patterson  
From: Steve Gaul <sgaul@dnr.state.ne.us>  
Subject: Support Letter for Environmental Trust Application on NE Republican Basin Water and Habitat Conservation Project  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached: C:\Attachments\ThorburnSupport.doc;

Ann and Roger -

Yesterday afternoon Roger asked that I get a support letter ready to send to John Thorburn on the Environmental Trust application he assembled. A draft letter is attached. Let me know of any changes you would like and I can have it put on letterhead. One point worth noting is that the letter commits us to "in-kind and limited funding support". I am still not sure where we are on the funding part of that. John seemed to hope it would be about \$6,000 of the \$18,000 total commitment. I don't know where that would come from. Since their Trust application indicated that we would provide a combination of in-kind and cash contributions, I have mentioned that in the letter but left us an option of making any cash contribution limited. What is your preference?

Steve