

IN THE LOUP

LLNRD Board Approves New Irrigated Acres

Applications for a total of 1,462 new irrigated acres in the North Loup River and Beaver Creek Sub-Basins were approved by the Lower Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors.

There were 28 applications for new irrigation, 16 in the North Loup River Basin and 12 in the Beaver Creek Basin. The total irrigated acres requested in the combined basins was 1,640.96 acres.

LLNRD Assistant General Manager Russell Callan said that due to fewer applications, not all the 1,250 acres available in the North Loup basin were awarded. He said all the Beaver Creek acres were awarded.

At their meeting September 28th, the Lower Loup NRD Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion to okay all applications that ranked 225 points or above. This meant approval of 15 new irrigated

acres applications in the North Loup River Basin and 10 applications in the Beaver Creek Basin. There were 677 new acres approved in the North Loup and 785 in Beaver Creek.

Callan said applications for new irrigation were ranked using criteria approved by the NRD Board when irrigated acres had been previously granted.

Former NRD Director Named to Hall of Fame

Former Lower Loup NRD Board member Dean Rasmussen has been named to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Hall of Fame.

The announcement came at Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island on Wednesday, September 13th, and the official induction took place at the NARD Annual Conference in Kearney September 25th.

Rasmussen, now of Hastings, was a member of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors for 45 years and served as representative to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

(NARD) for 24 years. Rasmussen, a former North Loup resident, retired as representative for the NRD's

Subdistrict 4, which covers southern Valley, western Greeley, northeast Sherman and northwest Howard Counties.



Dean Rasmussen, Cookie Rasmussen, and NRD GM Leon Koehlmoos

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New Staff Members Join Lower Loup NRD



Alyssa Dubas

Two new employees have joined the Lower Loup Natural Resources District staff, one in Fullerton and another in Ord.

Alyssa Dubas is the new District Secretary at the NRCS office in Fullerton. Alyssa fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Jeanne Horacek.

Alyssa and her husband, Kevin, have two children. Son Konnor is 6 years old and daughter Kaylee is 2.

Kim Lyons is the new Financial Secretary at the NRD's headquarters in Ord. The vacancy was created when Rita Goldfish retired as Administrative Assistant and former Financial Secretary Irene Kreifels took that position.

Kim and her husband, Greg, have two sons. Ashton is 10 years old and Jax is 6.

Dubas began her NRD duties in May and Lyons started her position in October.



Kim Lyons

Palmer's Mottl Named Educator of the Year

Dennis Mottl, ag teacher and FFA advisor at Palmer High School, has been named the "Natural Resources Educator of the Year" by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts.

The award recognizes outstanding natural resources education efforts

in Nebraska. Mottl has been in agriculture education for 35 years, at Palmer, and previously, at Fullerton.

The Lower Loup Natural Resources District nominated Mottl for the award.



2017 Natural Resources Educator of the Year Dennis Mottl.

Updates Completed at Davis Creek Rec Area

A second boat ramp is among the new additions completed this fall at the Davis Creek Recreation Area south of North Loup in Valley County. Funds for the ramp were provided by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Sport Fish Restoration Fund.

The new ramp, a fish cleaning station, an RV sanitary dump and a new entrance sign will all be completed this fall.



Rutjens Construction slides a section of the new boat ramp into the water.

The new additions follow the creation of 42 new full service camp sites, a coin-operated shower house, and new vault toilets.

Over half the cost of the expansion projects was offset by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation funding totaling \$428,000.

In 2018, the Lower Loup NRD plans to add two sets of playground equipment (one in each campground), a vault latrine for the inlet, and a maintenance shed at the facility.



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2018 Conservation Tree Sales Are Underway

The Lower Loup Natural Resources District is now accepting orders for conservation tree and shrub seedlings for planting in Spring, 2018. The trees are sold across the District to landowners seeking to implement windbreaks, wildlife habitat, buffer strips, or other conservation practices. Each tree or shrub is a two-year-old bare root seedling and approximately 12 to 18 inches tall.

The price on all trees and shrubs remains at 95 cents per seedling plus sales tax. Each species must be ordered in lots of 25. Property owners can hand plant the trees and

shrubs or request the NRD machine plant them.

The Lower Loup's machine planting charge is 75 cents per tree and the minimum charge is \$200. The District also provides a weed spraying service. The charge is \$35 plus \$2.00 per hundred feet of row. Cost-share assistance may be available. More information is available from your nearest Natural Resources Conservation Service or from the Lower Loup Natural Resources District.

North Central District Forester Richard Woollen of the Nebraska Forest Service said seedlings are sold on

a first come, first served basis and supplies are limited. The forester suggested landowners contact the NRCS to get the planning process underway. He said that getting an early start will ensure a good species selection.

For more information on getting conservation trees for your farm, ranch or acreage, drop by your local NRCS office or visit the Lower Loup NRD Headquarters office, 2620 Airport Drive, on the north edge of Ord. You can telephone (308) 728-3221 or order on-line at the NRD web site, www.lnrd.org.

