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MIDDLE NIOBRARA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT RECEIVES NACD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Valentine, NE – Today, the Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District (MNNRD) in Cherry County, Valentine, Nebraska announced it was awarded a technical assistance grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

“This NACD funding is timely with the 2019 Cyclonic weather events that we experienced across north central Nebraska. We have land throughout the Long Pine Creek Watershed (LPCW) that was completely rearranged by the flood events which occurred from mid-March through October 2019. This funding will hopefully bridge the gap with the needs of NRCS.” – MNNRD General Manager, Mike Murphy

This is the third year of the NACD technical assistance grant program, which was created with funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help increase staffing at the field level and provide conservation services to farmers, ranchers and local communities across the U.S.

MNNRD will use TA grant funding to provide technical assistance for engineering services in the LPCW, Brown County, Nebraska in assisting the USDA NRCS local field office on final design and permitting for EQIP applications addressing stream erosion, water quality issues, streambed degradation, and excess sedimentation.

“Since 2018, NACD and NRCS have worked together to increase staffing at the field level for conservation districts,” **NACD President Tim Palmer said.** “This increased technical capacity helps to improve conservation services to farmers, ranchers and local communities across the nation.”

To date in 2020, NACD and NRCS have awarded \$15 million in technical assistance grants. Since the program’s inception, NACD has funded technical assistance in all 50 states and three U.S. territories.

“Even in this time of a national emergency, farmers and ranchers have conservation concerns that need to be addressed,” **Palmer said.** “NACD is proud to provide funding to America’s conservation districts and allow for more boots on the ground, providing our growers with support for their individual landscapes and resource concerns.”

Visit [NACD’s website](#) to learn more about the grant program.

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The National Association of Conservation Districts is the non-profit organization that represents the nation’s 3,000 conservation districts, their state associations and the 17,000 men and women who serve on their governing boards. For more than 70 years, local conservation districts have worked with cooperating landowners and managers of private working lands to help them plan and apply effective conservation practices. For more information about NACD, visit: www.nacdnet.org.