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July 14, 2020

Mark Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Renville County has received and reviewed the LSOHC's 2021 Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals, which includes the following proposed projects within Renville County.

Renville	Enhancement	DNR Grassland Phase XIII
	Enhancement	DNR Grassland Phase XIII - with Roving Crew
	Protect in Fee w/o PILT	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XII
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	Protect in Fee w/o PILT	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase XIII
	Restoration	DNR Grassland Phase XIII
	Restoration	DNR Grassland Phase XIII - with Roving Crew
	Enhance	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VII

We are not in favor of projects that do not have PILT payments available for the county. As you are aware, this would place an additional financial burden on our constituents.

We do feel Renville County has lands that would make great project areas and would like to work with the LSOHC if a funding mechanism can be established.

Sincerely,

Bob Fox
Board Chair

Cc: *Senator Andrew Lang*
Representative Tim Miller
Senator Gary Dahms
Representative Paul Torkelson



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July 17, 2020

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Regarding: LSOHC project proposals

Dear Chair Fox:

Thank you for your letter of July 14, 2020 regarding 2021 Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) proposals with proposed projects within Renville County. The Council greatly appreciates all input regarding OHF proposals and programs.

To ensure your letter is reviewed by all members, it has been forwarded to the individual council members and will also be referenced at their upcoming meeting on August 5th. I am sure it will lend well to their conversations and considerations regarding acquisition projects that do not include Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

Additionally, regarding acquisition proposals w/o PILT, and all other proposals projecting work in Renville County, I would encourage you or county personnel to reach out to the individual proposal program managers to find out more about their individual project plans. Program managers are always encouraged by the Council to communicate with local government units and discuss their projects whenever possible. If you have difficulty reaching a program manager, please let me know and I will gladly provide assistance.

Finally, in your letter you state, "We do feel Renville County has lands that make great project areas and would like to work with the LSOHC if a funding mechanism can be established." I appreciate that comment and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and/or county representatives to discuss the possibilities when your schedules allow.

Respectfully,

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

cc: Sen. Andrew Lang, Representative Tim Miller, Senator Gary Dahms, Representative Paul Torkelson,
Members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Attachment: Letter from Mr. Fox of July 14, 2020