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Mark Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Renville County has received and reviewed the LSOHC's 2022 Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals, which includes the following proposed projects within Renville County.

Protect in Fee with PILT DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Ph. 14

Enhance Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase VIII

Protect in Easement Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII Protect in Fee w/o PILT Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase XIII

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, specifically best management practices that may include water retention projects.

Sincerely,

Bob Fox Board Chair

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Cc: Senator Andrew Lang

Representative Tim Miller

Senator Gary Dahms

Representative Paul Torkelson