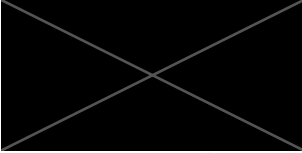




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October 20, 2021



RE: Executive Order by Governor Ricketts pertaining to conservation easements in Nebraska and your conservation agreement [REDACTED] in Holt County.

Dear Landowner:

On June 24, 2021, Governor Pete Ricketts signed Executive Order No. 21-08, "Stop 30 x 30 – Protect Our Land & Water." In this Executive Order, the Governor directed the Nebraska Department of Revenue to host workshops to educate and advise county officials of their rights in reviewing conservation easements pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 76-2,112; these workshops have now been completed.

Under the Nebraska Conservation and Preservation Easements Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. 76-2,112, et seq.), local governing bodies have the right to review conservation easements to determine whether they conflict with land-use planning. They have 60 days to respond and if they do not respond within 60 days the easement is considered approved.

NRCS has enclosed a request for review letter that was developed for this purpose and has been filled out with your conservation easement information. NRCS is asking the landowners to deliver the requests to their local county clerk's office so the County Boards can begin their review and start the 60-day countdown for their review to be completed.

Please get documentation from the clerk when you have delivered it to their office and send a copy to our office, at the address listed below; you should keep a copy for your records. Our office will record the delivery date as the start of the 60-day period to complete their review.

**USDA-NRCS Lincoln State Office
Attn: Bryan Euse
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NRCS will not be able to move forward with your ACEP Easement without this approval from the County Board, so it is important that this gets delivered to them as soon as possible. We feel that these conservation easements meet all the requirements necessary to get approval from the county boards, however if your request is not approved please let us know immediately so we can proceed to implement the next steps of our process.

If you have any further questions, please contact Bryan Euse (Easement Program Manager) by phone at (402) 437-4048 or by e-mail at bryan.euse@usda.gov. You may also contact Shawn McVey (Wetland Restoration Specialist) by phone at (402) 437-4148 or by e-mail at shawn.mcvvey@usda.gov or contact your local easement staff that assisted you through the application process.

Sincerely,

BRYAN EUSE

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Easement Programs Manager

Enclosures:

- A. Review Request for the County Board of Commissioners
- B. Map of Easement Area in Holt County

cc:

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Timothy Grosch, Area Easement Specialist, NRCS, Grand Island Area Office