

Agenda Item 7. Grant Modifications

- A. 12-127 – BOR-UNL - Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership: Protecting Imperiled Birds and their Habitat (Pages 7-3 thru 7-4). The sponsor is requesting a six-month extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2016. Remaining funding will cover monitoring through the remainder of the field season. An additional six months is requested to continue the project and ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the six-month extension to December 31, 2016.

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- B. 12-128 – Nebraska Forest Service – Creating a Forestry Demonstration/Education Center (Pages 7-5 thru 7-6) The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Work has been delay by weather and the need to reschedule. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available to complete the project work.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- C. 13-136 –Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance - Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Sandbars in the Lower Platte River (Pages 7-7 thru 7-8). Data collection and analysis have been completed. The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017 to ensure funds are available for final billings when the USGS report is completed.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- D. 13-146 – BOR-UNL - Continuous Evapotranspiration and Consumptive Water Use Measurements of Various Cropping Systems and Natural Ecosystems (Pages 7-9 thru 7-10)
The sponsor is requesting an 18 month extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2017. Data collection is progressing and the research project is moving forward. The extension will allow funds to remain available as the research project moves forward.

Staff recommends approving the 3: -month extension to December 31, 2019

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- E. 13-164 – Loup Basin RC&D– Pollination = Preservation (Pages 7-11 thru 7-13)
The sponsor is requesting a six-month extension of the expiration date December 31, 2016. The project was put on hold due to health issues and death of one of the project managers. An additional time is requested to ensure funds are available for eligible project work.

Staff recommends approving the six-month extension to December 31, 2016.

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- F. 13-166 – BOR-UNL – Excellence in Ag Sciences: Water Resource Education (Pages 7-14 thru 7-15)
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. The on-line web site has been completed and is being reviewed and corrected. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available through the remaining work.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- G. 13-196 – Metropolitan Utilities District – Driving Omaha Natural (Pages 7-16 thru 7-17)
The sponsor is requesting a six month extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2016. Vehicles have been ordered but not yet delivered. This extension will ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the six-month extension to December 31, 2016.

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

- H. 16-212 – Fontenelle Forest Association – Raptor Woodland Refuge (Pages 7-18 thru 7-20)
The sponsor is requesting modification of the budget for this project. Funds were requested for site preparation, construction and interpretive signage. Site Preparation and construction was started earlier than anticipated and completed with partner funds. Fontenelle is requesting to shift \$100,000 from Site Preparation and Construction and put all funding toward interpretive signage.

Staff recommends approving the budget modification request.

Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.

Board Authority:

Title 137, chapter 9, Section 010. If a grantee wished to modify a project other than one covered by section 006 above, the grantee must submit a proposed amendment to the grant agreement including a revised line-item budget. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the Executive Director at least 30 days prior to the requested changes with an explanation of need. The Executive Director will then either approve or deny the proposal and inform the grantee in writing of his or her decision.

Nebraska Statute 81-15-175 (4). The board may commit funds to multiyear projects, subject to available funds and appropriations. No commitment shall exceed three years without formal action by the board to renew the grant contract. Multiyear commitments may be exempt from the rating process except for the initial application and requests to renew the commitment.



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June 17, 2016

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Mary Bomberger-Brown
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Alexander West
INTERAGENCY MAIL

Reference: 12-127 Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership: Protecting Imperiled Birds and their Habitat

Dear Mary,

We are in receipt of your May 9, 2016 letter requesting a six month extension of this project to December 31, 2016. We understand grant objectives continue to be met. Grant projects have been managed very frugally and this extension will provide funding through the tern and plover nesting season this summer. We will take your request to the NET Board at the August 10th meeting and notify you following the meeting of their decision.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
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pc Mark Brohman

9 May 2016

Nebraska Environmental Trust
700 South 16th Street, P.O. Box 94913
Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

I am writing to request a 6-month no-cost extension to NET grant #12-127-3 Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership (UNL) from 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016. The details of the request are described on the budget forms that accompany this letter.

The reasons for the dollars remaining unspent in the grant are 1) fewer dollars being expended in the original Habitat Restoration category, 2) fewer dollars being expended in the original Field Tech Salary and Benefits category, and 3) efficient spending across all years of funding. We addressed the grant objectives, but with the support of partners and frugal use of dollars, we were able to stretch the funding further than expected. By providing partial salary support for the program coordinator, this extension will allow our program to continue through the end of this tern and plover nesting season so our efforts will not end during a critical time of year. We want to work with our property owners (aggregate mines and residential developments) and the terns and plovers to ensure the success of both.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to hearing from your. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Mary Bomberger Brown



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July 5, 2016

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Reference: NET 12-128 – Creating a Forestry Demonstration Education Center

Dear Dr. Josiah,

We are in receipt of your June 30, 2016 email and attachments requesting a one-year extension of this project to June 30, 2017. We understand weather and scheduling have delayed the project leaving the following items to be completed:

- Install signs along interpretive trail
- Complete thinning
- Post thinning cleanup
- Set up Rx Burn demonstration (site 18)
- final treatment in brome field
- Planting in arboretum and Rx Burn area

We will take your request to the NET Board at the August 2016 meeting and notify you following the meeting of their decision.

Unexpended funds will be available after June 30, 2016 only if the Board approves this extension.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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The NET grant extension on is NFS NET grant #12-128 Creating a Forestry Demonstration/Education Center.

Progress has continued in all areas at a steady pace creating and developing the demonstration forest on the Horning Farm, the new Property Manager, NRD shared Forester and assistants have worked to complete the activities planned for the site. The 17 demonstration sites are complete except for the Prescribed Burning demonstration and the timber harvest. Weather conditions have not been favorable for prescribed burning this past season which would have allowed for burning while within prescription. As a result, our foresters utilized alternative site prep methods to mitigate the loss of opportunity to burn and prepare the site for planting this spring. As burning is an important tool, a similar site will utilize Rx burning as a demonstration tool at Horning Farm with additional tree planting planned resulting in an 18th demonstration (the extension is not for this practice). The timber harvest was advertised in 2015 for sale with no bidders to purchase the forest products which directly affects the Restoration, Biomass Production Successional forest and Oak Regeneration. All activities except for removing the timber is complete in these areas. NFS forester re-visited the site thinning units to mark additional trees to increase the volume in March of 2016. The sale was re-advertised in June 2016, with the final harvest scheduled for late summer 2016, post-harvest activities will be needed in the fall winter of 2016-17.

As the site prep and planting was finished in most areas, the photographs were taken and interpretive signs were developed. Planting was completed in May of 2016. The printing contractor completed the printing and delivered the signs the end of June 2016. These signs have not been installed to date and final trail development (10% of the trail not complete) cannot be completed until the final location is identified and the signs are installed. Activities should be completed in a few months with the exception of burning which is heavily dependent on weather and smoke management and the final treatment of the brome field conversion which must wait for leaf off in the fall for over-spraying the trees.

While most of the arboretum is planted, several species were not available for purchase for this springs planting (less than 10% of total tree planned for the site). The trees have been order and will be planted in the spring on 2017 to complete this demonstration.

Attached in the project dashboard for your consideration.

Activities to complete:

- Install signs along interpretive trail
- Complete thinning
- Post thinning cleanup
- Set up Rx Burn demonstration (site 18)
- final treatment in brome field
- Planting in arboretum and Rx Burn area



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RE: 13-136 - Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance - Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Sandbars in the Lower Platte River

Dear Meghan,

We are in receipt of your May 12, 2016 letter requesting an extension of this Environmental Trust grant to June 30, 2017. We understand the data collection and analysis has been completed and a draft of the USGS report is underway. This extension will ensure the grant funds are available while internal USGS review is completed and the report finalized.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their August 9th & 10th, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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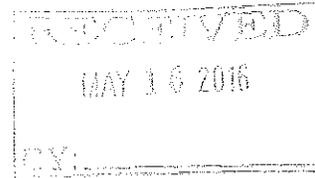
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May 12, 2016

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RE: Request for an extension of the grant "Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Sandbars in the Lower Platte River", No. 13-136-3.

Dear Marilyn:

I am requesting a 12 month extension for the grant, **"Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Sandbars in the Lower Platte River", No. 13-136-3.**

USGS is currently in process of completing a draft of the final USGS report for the project. The draft will be in initial internal USGS review by the end of the original grant period. USGS' review process is very extensive and is in place to ensure scientific accuracy and that the project is completed to high standards and can therefore take a number of months to complete depending on revisions and comments. The bulk of the expenditures will have taken place by June 30, 2016 with the remaining expenditures to be requested early in the next fiscal year if approved. The LPRCA continues to appreciate the work of the Nebraska Environmental Trust and your support of this project.

If you have questions regarding the extension request please contact me at 402-476-2729.

Sincerely,

Meghan Sittler
Coordinator



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RE: 13-146 - Continuous Evapotranspiration and Consumptive Water Use
Measurements of Various Cropping Systems and Natural Ecosystems

Dear Suat,

We are in receipt of your April 28, 2016 letter requesting an extension of this Environmental Trust grant. We understand the project is underway and is being very successful. The extension will allow the grant funds to remain available as the project work continues. The Board typically considers up to a one-year extension.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their August 9th & 10th, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
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April 28, 2015

Mark Brohman, JD
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Dear Mark:

With this e-mail letter, I would like to request a 12 or 18 months (18 months would be great if possible)-month no-cost extension for our project titled "*Continuous Evapotranspiration and Consumptive Water Use Measurements of Various Cropping Systems and Natural Ecosystems.*" The project/grant number is 13-146-2. All project components and data collection have been progressing extremely well.

I have mentored over 50+ graduate students and post-docs in my career so far and I do my best to train them towards their academic and other goals. As a result, many of them have become faculty members, which is excellent and that makes us proud. However, this also imposes some level of challenge on my programs. In the last several months I have lost two of my post-doctoral research associates to faculty positions and I am in the process of replacing them. While we are continuing the data collection, data analyses and all other project components of this rather very large project, I'll need additional time to continue additional data collection, interpretation and finalizing several other project components related to field practices. Our project is not being interrupted. As you have seen from the high quality journal articles that we have published (I have shared them with you), our project has been resulting in very high quality information and data that are being shared and appreciated by scientific community as well as decision makers and practitioners.

I will be very appreciative of your approval of this request. We are grateful and thankful to Nebraska Environmental Trust for providing financial and other support for this important project that will contribute to enhancing Nebraska's water and other natural resources assessment and management.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Marilyn Tabor, Grants Administrator



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R Dale Melia
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Reference: 13-164 – Pollination - Preservation

Dear Mr. Melia,

We are in receipt of your June 28, 2016 letter requesting a six month extension of this Environmental Trust grant to December 31, 2016. We understand the project leaders had health issues and Lareda has passed away. This extension will allow the project work to be completed.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their August 9th & 10th, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Loup Basin Resource, Conservation and Development Council

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June 28, 2016

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RE: 13-164-2 Pollination = Preservation

Dear Marilyn,

The Loup Basin RC&D Council is requesting a six month extension for our Nebraska Environmental Trust grant project # 13-164-2 to December 31, 2016.

Due to health reasons this past year, project leaders, Kenneth and Lareda Hoback had to turn their focus on taking care of one another. Lareda passed away on January 13, 2016.

At the Loup Basin RC&D Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, it was approved to request a six month extension of the #13-164-2 Pollination = Preservation to December 31, 2016. This extension will allow sufficient time to follow up with community members that Lareda and Kenneth had been communicating with about establishing a Pollination = Preservation pollinator garden. These community members will then be able to attend a pollinator educational workshop and to certify their Pollination = Preservation butterfly garden through the North American Butterfly Association.

The Loup Basin RC&D Council and the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway have additional items to complete under project #13-164-2 and are requesting to fulfill those budget category items with requesting a six month extension for our Nebraska Environmental Trust grant project from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Sincerely,

R Dale Melia,
President, Loup Basin RC&D Council

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Lareda Cronk Penas Hoback, 81 of Burwell, Ne., died January 13, 2016.

Memorial Services will be held February 13, 2016 at 1:30p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Burwell, Ne.

The oldest of 5 children, Lareda was born July 19th 1934 to Walter and Verna (Anderson) Cronk on the family farm northeast of Ord in Valley County. She attended District 13 Plain Valley Country Grade School thru 8th Grade, attending Ord Public Schools and graduating in 1952. While attending high school, she lived in town and worked for Dr. Osentowski for room and board while taking care of his children and household chores; later working as a Dental Assistant for the Doctor.

Married to Robert Penas on May 12, 1954 and to this union 2 children were born, Harold and Carole. During this marriage, Robert built, himself, and owned and operated the Burwell bowling alley, Hi Scores Lanes. They also farmed west of Burwell. After they moved to Grand Island and in her early thirties, Lareda attended Nursing School and became an LPN, working for 25 years at the Veterans Hospital in Grand Island, Nebraska. This is what prompted her to give her body to the Medical Center in Omaha for medical research.

After the death of Robert, she met and married Kenneth Hoback on May 24, 1998. After they built their dream dome home, she enjoyed having The Autumn Leaf Bed and Breakfast with husband Ken in Burwell. In later years, Lareda spent many hours volunteering for the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway and was instrumental in organizing the startup of the Nebraska Junk Jaunt.

Survivors include her husband Kenneth Hoback of Burwell, son Harold (Peggy) Penas of Colorado Springs, CO, daughter Carole (Kirk) Miller of San Jose, CA, and granddaughter Sarah Miller; sister Lenabelle Rowse of Grand Island, Ne., brothers Willis (Darcy) Cronk and Rolland (Marlene) Cronk both of Ord, Ne.; Uncle Millard (Fern) Anderson of Idaho with many nephews, nieces and cousins around the country and in Canada. Lareda was loved by all who crossed her path in life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Susan, and husband Robert Penas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or to the Nebraska Anatomical Board, UNO Medical Center.



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July 6, 2016

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Brandy Van DeWalle
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Reference: NET 13-166 -Excellence in Ag Sciences: Water Resource Education

Dear Brandy,

We are in receipt of your email requesting a one-year extension to June 30, 2017 for the education project grant. We understand the on-line project work was done and that errors are being corrected. The extension will ensure the funds remain available until corrections are completed and verified.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their August 8th & 9th, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
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Tabor, Marilyn

From: Brandy VanDeWalle <brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:39 AM
To: Tabor, Marilyn
Cc: Randall Cash
Subject: Re: Expiring NET grants

Marilyn,

The Interactive Online Magazine I have completed has a few slight errors which is working to be fixed, but an extension of the grant would ensure that the errors are corrected and any last minute enhancements can be added in July/August, therefore I request an extension of the grant. In addition, contracting one of our UNL Ucomm web designers to lay out the water curricula and resources would be beneficial for ease of usability.

Thanks so much for your support of this project!
Brandy

Brandy VanDeWalle

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From: Marilyn Tabor <marilyn.tabor@nebraska.gov>

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 12:55 PM

To: Yiqi Yang <yyang2@unl.edu>, Jon Carlson <jcarlson8@unl.edu>, Belinda Gillam <bgillam1@unl.edu>, Angela Gonzalez <agonzalez5@unl.edu>, Brandy VanDeWalle <brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu>

Subject: Expiring NET grants



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Kyle Bowman
Metropolitan Utilities District
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Reference: 13-196 – Drive Natural Omaha

Dear Mr. Bowman,

We are in receipt of your June 29, 2016 letter requesting a six month extension of this Environmental Trust grant to December 31, 2016. We understand the final orders have been made with delivery expected in October 2016. This extension will ensure funds remain available for ordered equipment.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their August 9th & 10th, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
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June 29, 2016

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Attn: Mark Brohman & Marilyn Tabor
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RE: 13-196 Drive Natural Omaha Extension Request

Mr. Brohman & Ms. Tabor,

Metropolitan Utilities District (M.U.D.) is requesting a time extension for Grant #13-196-3, Drive Natural Omaha. The grant is currently scheduled for funding through June 30, 2016. This letter is our request to extend the end date for the grant by six months to December 31st, 2016.

Since the inception of the Drive Natural Omaha Grant, approximately 105 light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles have been converted to run on natural gas through the CNG Fleet Fund. The annual consumption of approximately 715,000 gasoline gallon equivalent displaces over 15,950 barrels of oil annually and reduces CO2 emissions by approximately 1,290 tons annually. This commitment from local partners continues to keep the air quality in the Omaha Metro below the Environmental Protection Agency's National Ambient Air Quality Standards for pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment. In addition, the grant monies have spurred over \$7,200,000 investment from these partners on vehicle purchases alone.

Gretna Sanitation has recently placed an order for two CNG Freightliner refuse trucks that will expend the remaining funds of Grant #13-196-3. Unfortunately, the delivery dates of these trucks are not expected until October and thus, final payment will not occur until they are completed. The lag time between the order and delivery date are the reasoning for the extension request.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Kyle Bowman, Natural Gas Vehicle Specialist
Metropolitan Utilities District
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May 4, 2016

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Tad Leeper
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Reference: NET 16-212 – Raptor Woodland Refuge

Dear Tad,

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 27, 2016 requesting budget modifications. We understand construction of the raptor refuge exhibit was started and completed on the facility prior to the grant award with partner funds. We will take your request to shift \$100,000 from Site Preparation and Construction to Signage and Interpretation to the NET Board.

The request for the grant modification will be reviewed by the Board at their August 10, 2016 meeting and you will be notified of their decision.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 2016

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Dear Mark and Marilyn,

I am writing to request an amendment to Fontenelle Forest's original NET grant application 16-212 – Raptor Woodland Refuge (RWR) dated September 8, 2015. When the Forest submitted the RWR grant application to NET last fall, we requested \$100,000 for site preparation and construction, and another \$200,000 for signage and interpretation.

Subsequent to our submittal of our original grant application last fall, Fontenelle Forest completed construction of the Raptor Woodland Refuge exhibit. That said, we now request that the \$100,000 originally identified for RWR site prep and construction be re-allocated for signage and interpretation of the RWR exhibit. In short, Fontenelle Forest requests that the entire \$300,000 grant award be allocated for signage and interpretation. A revised project budget is attached for your review.

Also, please note that prior to receiving your notice of the NET grant award, the Forest designed and ordered permanent 'static' outdoor interpretive signs for installation within the outdoor RWR exhibit. Those raptor species-specific interpretive signs will be installed in front of each of the RWR live raptor mews later this spring.

As a result, we now seek to amend our original grant request as follows:

The RWR-related raptor education/conservation digital signage will be installed inside the FF nature center building, rather than outside within the RWR exhibit as originally proposed. These electronic signs will be located in close proximity to the nature center's special visitor entrance to the RWR exhibit.

Please note: This is a change from the original outdoor signage concept outlined in the Forest's grant request. Our intent now is for the indoor digital signage/interpretive learning display installation to create a virtual raptor education/conservation 'portal.' That is, the digital signs and electronic activities will help prepare visitors for the live, non-releasable raptors they will encounter when they enter the outdoor RWR exhibit located only a few steps away. We are currently working with a Lincoln vendor (Nanonation) on preliminary design concepts for the digital RWR entrance 'portal' experience.

I hope these proposed amendments to the original NET grant for the Raptor Woodland Refuge project and electronic digital signage/interpretive learning tools are acceptable. Feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Cordially,

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APPLICATION BUDGET SUMMARY

H1. Project Sponsor: Fontenelle Forest
 H2. Project Name: Raptor Woodland Refuge

BUDGET YEAR: SUMMARY/1 YEAR ONLY

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
1. Source of Funds ►	Nebraska Environmental Trust	George F. Haddix	Hitchcock Foundation, Hubbard, Lauritzen, Mammel, Sherwood Foundation, and other major donors	Fontenelle Forest	TOTALS ▼
2. Budget Category ▼					
3. Architect Fee and Design Costs		\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000
4. Site Prep and Construction	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$137,000	\$0	\$1,637,000
5. Non-Construction Owner Adds		\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,000
6. Land Acquisition and Parking		\$0	\$115,000	\$0	\$115,000
7. Signage and Interpretation	\$300,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$410,000
8.					
18. TOTALS ►	\$300,000	\$1,500,000	\$535,000	\$10,000	\$2,345,000