

LENRD approves Pierce trail work

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The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District board on Thursday approved a \$20,000 agreement with JEO Consulting Group to design the last phase of the trail around Willow Creek State Recreation Area at Pierce.

An application for a \$150,000 construction grant is pending with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, which has ranked it a top priority. Total cost is \$227,500, the balance of which will be funded by the NRD.

The two-mile stretch along the west end of the lake will connect the two parts of the 9.5-mile trail that have been built.

The board also recognized directors Dallas Hoff of Norfolk, Lee Klein of Battle Creek and Tim Tighe of Madison, who will be leaving the board. Hoff is resigning for health reasons. Klein was elected to the Madison County Board. Tighe was defeated for re-election.

In other action, the board accepted a staff recommendation to establish a voluntary program to promote the use of flow meters on existing wells by providing 90 percent cost-share for purchasing and installing a flow meter on one irrigation well in each of the 135 townships.

It also amended groundwater management area rules to require all new high-capacity wells to install a district-approved flow meter, at 50 percent cost-share, and report groundwater usage to the district.

Also approved was an interlocal agreement with six NRDs for the eastern Nebraska water resources assessment of geological conditions.