

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

PIPELINE

NEWSLETTER

TREE ORDERS NOW THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024

Each year, Nebraska’s Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) provide a low-cost, wide variety of bulk trees and shrubs to encourage tree planting. Here at the South Platte NRD, we collect orders from October through the end of March and distribute the trees in time for spring planting. Our diverse tree inventory is conducive to our dry climate and the Nebraska High Plains. In addition to tree sales, SPNRD donates various trees to youth programs, Arbor Day events and tree-drawings at county fairs in our district. Conservation trees benefit both people and animals; therefore, we thank you for helping us plant trees!

This year, Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Conservationist, has added Siberian Elm and Gambel Oak to our inventory. Additionally, Chris was able to secure a good supply of Limber Pine, the seed source is from the Limber Pine Forest on the Nebraska/Wyoming border near Pine Bluffs. To ensure receiving the trees you want, place your order early as some species sell out quickly.

To make tree planting more accessible, we offer cost share programs; applications for windbreaks are available now. Although the district does not plant trees, we have a tree planter rental and a list of several certified tree planting services. Stop by our office for a free “Conservation Trees for Nebraska” booklet which provides a description of common trees and shrubs sold by NRDs and indicates the vegetative zones, average height, and the suggested row spacing. For information about our tree programs, tree care and cost share opportunities contact Kaiser at 308-254-2377, visit spnrd.org/forestry or stop by 551 Parkland Drive in Sidney, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 5 p.m.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE - JOHNSON & RUTT



From left, Dr. Orval Gigstad (NARD President), Jim Johnson, and Rob Lawson (NRCS Nebraska State Conservationist).



From left, Dr. Orval Gigstad (NARD President), Larry Rutt, and Rob Lawson (NRCS Nebraska State Conservationist).

During the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Annual Conference, Sept. 25-26, 2023, held at the Younes Conference Center, Jim Johnson and Larry Rutt were among the NRD directors and staff recognized for their 20+ years of service.

Johnson and Rutt are valued members of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors. Johnson has served since January 2003 representing Subdistrict 2, and Rutt has served since September 2003 representing Subdistrict 7.

Thank you for your dedication to the management of natural resources in the southern Panhandle and commitment to the District and its residents!

BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Director Meetings are hosted the second Tuesday of every month at the South Platte NRD office located at 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE.

BOARD MEETING DATES

- December 12, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024

SPNRD TREE ORDER FORM 2024

CUSTOMER INFORMATION *Please check spnrd.org/forestry for the updated form*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Contractor - Name of Contractor: _____

OFFICE USE	
Prepayment (≥ 200 trees)	
Date	_____
Amount	_____
Check No.	_____
Full Payment	
Inventoried	_____
Amount	_____
Check No.	_____
Invoice No.	_____

A. BARE ROOT

Bare Root = \$ 1.20 each
Minimum Order of 10 per species.

CONIFERS

- _____ Eastern Redcedar
- _____ Rocky Mountain Juniper

TOTAL CONIFERS _____

DECIDUOUS

- _____ American Elm
- _____ Black Walnut
- _____ Bur Oak
- _____ Native Cottonwood
- _____ Hackberry
- _____ Manchurian Apricot
- _____ Honeylocust
- _____ Russian Olive
- _____ Siberian Elm

TOTAL DECIDUOUS _____

SHRUBS

- _____ American Plum
- _____ Buffaloberry
- _____ Caragana
- _____ Chokecherry
- _____ Cotoneaster
- _____ Gambel Oak
- _____ Golden Currant
- _____ Lilac
- _____ Sand Cherry
- _____ Wild Rose
- _____ Sumac

TOTAL SHRUBS _____

TOTAL BARE ROOT _____

B. HEFTY ROOT

Hefty Root = \$ 1.80 each
Minimum Order of 10 per species.

- _____ Eastern Redcedar
- _____ Rocky Mountain Juniper
- _____ Austrian Pine
- _____ Ponderosa Pine

TOTAL HEFTY ROOT _____

C. HEFTY ROOT PLUS

Hefty Root Plus = \$ 3.00 each
Minimum Order of 10 per species.

- _____ Austrian Pine
- _____ Limber Pine
- _____ Rocky Mountain Juniper
- _____ Ponderosa Pine
- _____ Colorado Blue Spruce
- _____ Black Hills Spruce
- _____ Pinyon Pine

TOTAL HEFTY ROOT PLUS _____

A. TOTAL BARE ROOT \$1.20 each \$ _____

B. TOTAL HEFTY ROOT \$1.80 each \$ _____

C. TOTAL HEFTY ROOT PLUS \$3.00 each \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Sales Tax: 7.5% Sidney \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Please return this form and your check to South Platte NRD:
Mail - PO Box 294, Sidney, NE 69162
Deliver - 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney

The South Platte NRD Office will call customers when trees are sorted and ready for pick up. Questions, please contact us at (308) 254-2377 or ckaiser@spnrd.org.

LIMITED QUANTITIES ***CONTACT SPNRD***

American Sycamore in 5" containers = \$13.00 each and Limber Pine in 2-7/8" containers = \$5.00 each

BARE ROOT TREES

- Have about 60% of their root system
- Roots are visible when planting
- Require more regular watering the first year

HEFTY ROOT TREES

- Have 100% of their root system. Grown/raised in a pot or container
- Roots may need to be loosened before planting to avoid girdling later
- Root system is quicker to establish in the first year

HEFTY ROOT PLUS TREES

- Larger root system and thicker caliper than Hefty Root



BARE ROOT JUNIPER

HEFTY ROOT JUNIPER

HEFTY ROOT PLUS JUNIPER

50% non-refundable down payment must accompany orders of 200 trees or more. SPNRD reserves the right to collect 100% prepayment for goods and services. A storage fee of five cents (.05¢) per tree will be added to orders not picked up by SPNRD's assigned date. Contact your power company for proper planting distance from power lines and your county road superintendent for setback distance from roads.

UPDATES...

2023 AREA 1 RANGE JUDGING CONTEST - SEPTEMBER 19

Students and instructors from 18 high schools met in Kimball County for the Area 1 (Panhandle) Range Judging on September 19. Approximately 150 individuals, including two adults, competed in this year's contest which was held on the south-side of Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area.

Chadron High School won first place in the Senior Division team and first/second place in the Junior Division team. Sidney FFA's Junior Division team (Jenessa Bruner, Sara Allard, Madison Gurr, and Auriella Walters) placed third. Range Judging Contest Results are posted on nesrm.org.

Also from South Platte NRD, Creek Valley and Leyton competed but did not place in the top four; and, we welcomed newcomer Southeast Schools from Yoder, Wyoming, to participate in the competition.

The contest was sponsored by South Platte NRD, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Extension, and the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management.

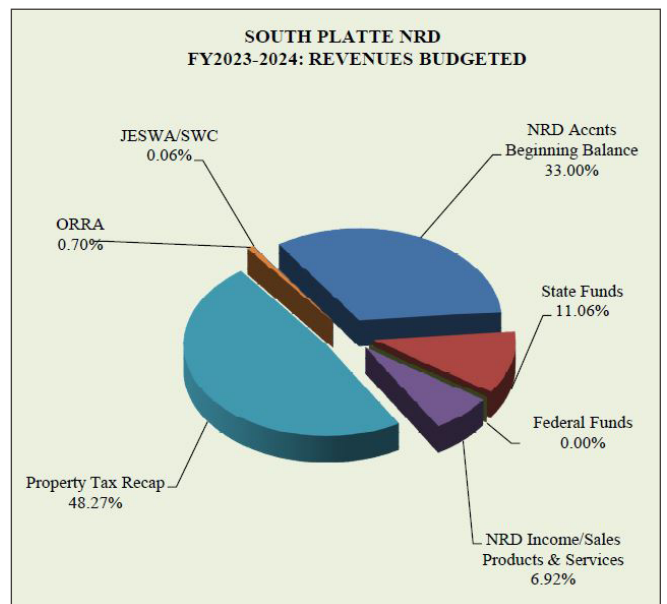
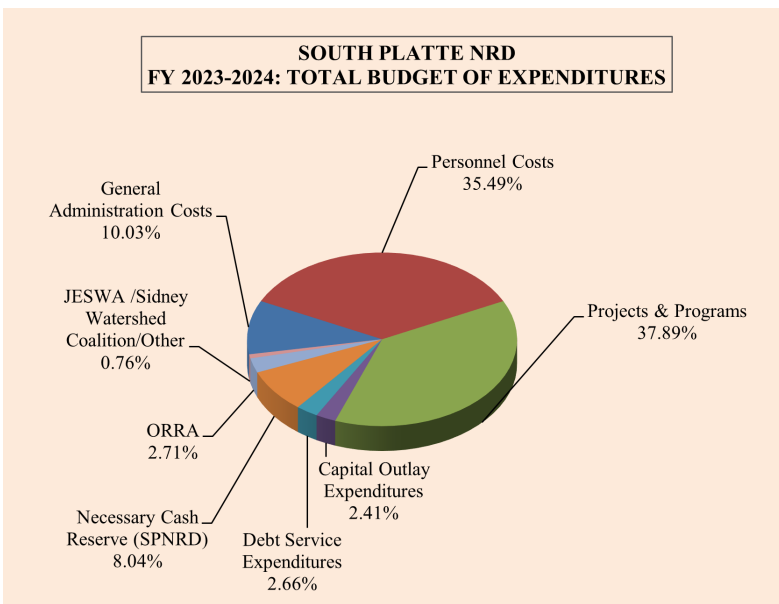
Range Judging contests can be a challenging and effective learning tool for both youth and adults. Nebraska's rangelands occupy nearly 50 percent of the State's land area, therefore it is important to better understand rangeland ecosystems. Contests enable each participant to learn how to recognize range plants, range sites and proper grazing practices. Six area contests and the State contest is held each September.



2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET APPROVED

The South Platte NRD Board of Directors has approved the budget for fiscal year of 2023-2024 and passed a resolution setting the tax request and tax rate (levy). The final property tax request is \$1,315,989 causing the tax rate to be \$.047342 per \$100 of assessed value, 5.2% lower than last year's tax rate of \$.049950 per \$100 of assessed value. A copy of the resolution was certified and forwarded to the County Clerks of Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball Counties prior to October 15, 2023.

The SPNRD budget is combined with Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area (ORRA). The sources and percentages for Revenue and Expenses are shown on the charts below. The proposed budget was published in The Chappell Register, Sidney Sun-Telegraph, and Western Nebraska Observer the week of September 4th. Please contact Galen Wittrock at (308) 254-2377, or any board member with questions.





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FLOW METERS

South Platte NRD staff will be reading flow meters throughout the district beginning October 2nd through December 29th. Questions, contact Tyler Sanders or Travis Glanz at the SPNRD office, (308) 254-2377.

SPNRD STAFF

Galen Wittrock	General Manager
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