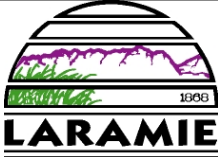


CITY OF LARAMIE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 7, 2023



Agenda Item: Grant

**Title: North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant
Partner Contribution Statement.**

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to authorize Ducks Unlimited to submit a NAWCA grant application, including a Partner Contribution Statement from the City in the amount of \$40,000, for the purpose of rehabilitating irrigation infrastructure, preserving water rights, improving grazing and wildlife conditions and benefitting the recreating public at the Pioneer public access area on the Monolith Ranch, with signatory authorization to the City Manager.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

RESOLUTION 2017-56: Adopting Monolith Ranch Committee Long Term Goals and Objectives “Rehabilitate all unused water rights, Preserve and protect access to the Laramie River and protect riparian/wetland areas and irrigated meadows, continue current ranching activities to realize a revenue return to the City.”

Background:

The Pioneer Pasture Rehabilitation Plan was completed by Ducks Unlimited and presented to the Ranch Committee on 1/12/23. The plan outlines remediating highly saline soils with infrastructure improvements and irrigation water management with the goal of increasing both livestock grazing and wildlife habitat while also protecting Laramie River water quality. The plan will cost a projected \$300,000 to implement, \$260,000 of which is expected to come from grants and project partners. Of the City contribution of \$40,000, \$15,000 has already been invested in funding the plan so only \$25,000 of additional monies will actually be needed. The \$25,000 would not be dispersed until FY 2025 and would thus be planned into the next biennium budget.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Responsible Staff:

Janine Jordan, City Manager
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