**Agriculture Conservation Easement Program Partner Workshop**

**Heartland Event Center**

**700 E Stolley Park Rd**

**Grand Island, NE 68801**

**December 10 - 12, 2024**

**Agenda Day I - December 10, 2024: Classroom Session**

7:00 AM Registration/Check-in

8:00 AM Welcome – Melissa Baier - Assistant State Conservationist-Water Resources and Easements

8:10 AM Icebreaker – Ritch Nelson - NRCS State Biologist

8:30 AM Introduction to ACEP – Roger Yerdon - Easement Program Manager

9:15 AM Nebraska’s New ACEP Approach - Roger Yerdon

9:45 AM Off-site Assessment - Ritch Nelson, Ted LaGrange - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Wetland Program Manager

10:05 AM Break

10:15 AM Off-site Engineering Assessment – Parker Belgum, Will Walker, Jace Walther - Area Engineers

10:40 AM Biological Resources – Wetland Resource Conservation Guide (WRCG) Roger Yerdon, Ted Lagrange, Ritch Nelson; Ecological Site Description - Patrick Cowsert – Soil Scientist MLRA Office

11:10 AM On-site Engineering Assessment – Parker Belgum, Will Walker, Jace Walther

11:30 AM On-site Soils Assessment – Patrick Cowsert, Chuck Markley - Area Resource Soil Scientist

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Ecological Assessment – Kaycee Zuschlag – Area ACEP Team Leader, Laurel Badura – USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Ritch Nelson, and Ted LaGrange

2:00 PM Concept Plan Review and Assessment – Parker Belgum, Will Walker, Jace Walther, Kaycee Zuschlag, Ritch Nelson

2:20 PM Final Plan – Parker Belgum, Will Walker, Jace Walther

3:00 PM Construction Management – Parker Belgum, Will Walker, Jace Walther

3:20 PM Monitoring - Kaycee Zuschlag

3:40 PM Management – Kaycee Zuschlag, Scott Aden Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Management Section

4:20 PM Download – Group discussion - Review parking lot for discussion points on tour

4:45 PM Adjourn

