**Agriculture Conservation Easement Program**

**Partner Workshop**

**August 16-17, 2022**

**Event Webpage:** https://www.rwbjv.org/education-outreach/acep\_workshop/

**Agenda August 16, 2022 Workshop**

8:00 AM Welcome – Doug Wagner, NRCS Assistant State Conservatist for Field Operations

8:05 AM Icebreaker – Ritch Nelson, NRCS State Biologist

8:20 AM Introduction to ACEP – Shawn McVey, NRCS Easement Restoration Specialist

8:25 AM ACEP Easement Policy - Shawn McVey

9:10 AM ACEP Restoration Philosophy – Group Facilitated Discussion – Facilitators: Shawn McVey, Ritch Nelson, Ted LaGrange - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Wetland Program Manager, Patrick Cowsert – NRCS Area Resource Soil Scientist, Will Walker – NRCS Area Engineers

10:40 AM Break

11:00 AM Integrated Planning – Soils – Patrick Cowsert

11:20 AM Integrated Planning – Engineering – Will Walker

11:40 AM Integrated Planning – Biological – Ritch Nelson

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Integrated Planning (continued) – Permitting/Environmental Compliance – Ritch Nelson, Will Walker, Nate Garrett, S. McVey

1:20 PM Integrated Planning – Biological Engineering Teams – Doug Wagner, EAST NRCS ACEP Team Leaders

1:40 PM Integrated Planning – Final Restoration Plans – Shawn McVey, Ritch Nelson, Will Walker, Nate Garrett

2:00 PM Restoration Implementation – Will Walker

2:15 PM Construction Management – Will Walker

2:30 PM Management Philosophy - Group Facilitated Discussion – Facilitators: Shawn McVey, Ritch Nelson, Ted LaGrange

4:00 PM Download – Group Discussion - Future Direction and Opportunities

