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Good morning!

During the commission meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, a budget update was provided to the commission. Through the House of Representatives budget process another \$6.5 million was added into the House's version of the budget for cost-share in FY 24. With the Governor's budget proposal and the House amendment, the House approved the FY24 cost-share appropriation at \$50 million. The budget is now in the Senate for their consideration.

The commission discussed the current cost-share status and planning for future projects. Obviously, there is a significant number of FY23 contracts to be paid and need ongoing management. If districts have available time between managing the current contracts, the commission is encouraging districts to consider working on conservation planning for FY24 contracts. If the planning and designing can be completed now, districts will be prepared to approve multiple contracts quickly when the FY24 funding is available. If future planning is done, the district should focus on landowners who will implement the practices so the planning efforts is completed on practices that will implemented.

For FY23, the maximum amount of cost-share that can be paid for contracts is \$40 million. The total paid is already over \$21 million. As practices are completed, districts are encouraged to submit payments as soon as possible. The program is anticipating the total payments for the year will exceed the \$40 million appropriation authority. Any practices that are completed before the end of the fiscal year in excess of the \$40 million will have to be moved into FY24. The payments will be made after the yearend roll-over process is completed. Further guidance will be provided on how to address the completed practices.

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator.

Thank you.

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