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Title 137 - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

Chapter 8 – RANKING ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING

001 After the evaluation of applications for eligibility, all eligible projects shall be ranked according to the Project Ranking System established and adopted by the Board for the competition to which the application was submitted.

002 Preliminary ranking shall be performed by the Grants Committee of the Board appointed by the Chairperson. In deciding the assignment of points for each eligible project, the Committee shall do so in a manner which provides a fair comparison of projects regardless of cost. More expensive projects shall not receive additional points just because they are larger in scale. Points shall be assigned with consideration of the anticipated effects of the project relative to its costs. The Committee may request assistance from the Executive Director to the extent necessary to evaluate each proposal.

003 The Grants Committee may request additional information from any applicant in written form. All additional supplements shall be in writing and signed by the applicant.

004 The Grants Committee shall report the results of the ranking process to the Chairperson by the date established therefore on the calendar approved annually by the Board. The report shall indicate the results of the ranking process with the highest scoring project at the top of the list along with the number of points scored and the amount of funding recommended to be approved. Lower ranked projects shall follow in sequential order showing the same information for each.

005 Upon receipt of the Grants Committee report, the Chairperson shall call a meeting of the Board to adopt or revise and adopt the Committee report and schedule a public hearing on the proposed funding list.

006 After the public hearing is conducted on the proposed funding list, the Board may take action on actual funding. If the Board decides that any proposed project does not have sufficient merit to justify funding from the Trust, the Board may choose not to fund the project notwithstanding its consistency with eligibility criteria or its final ranking. The proposed list may be revised after the public hearing only with the approval of ~~eight members~~ a majority of Board members present.

007 Notwithstanding ratings determined in this Chapter, no allocation of funds shall be made for remediation in a manner inconsistent with ~~§ 81-15,176 (2)(b)~~ Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-15,176(2)(b).