

From: [Kelli Buscher](#)
To: ["Keppen Charolis"](#)
Subject: RE: Diversion Ditch Project
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 3:31:00 PM

Ms. Keppen –

Thank you for your email. I sent the letters to downstream landowners, but I see that you own land upstream of the proposed diversion. I am sorry you were not included in the mailing sent last month. I appreciate you bringing your concerns forward.

I want to acknowledge that I have received your comments and they will be both included and addressed in the Environmental Assessment (EA). We are in the early stages of developing the EA and this request for comments was an important early step. I will be reviewing your comments along with the others I have received, and I will be discussing it with the County, NRCS, and the Corps of Engineers. I am not prepared to provide a response yet, but you are owed a response and you will receive one.

The most recent public meeting was with the Brookings County Commission and was held last year on August 9, 2024. According to the sign-in sheet I have, you attended that meeting. We have not held any other public meetings since that time.

Please send me your mailing address and I will ensure you are included in any further mailings. Thank you again for contacting me.

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Kelli,

It has come to my attention that some of the adjoining land owners to the location of the Diversion Ditch Project had received letters discussing the project months ago. Since I'm also an adjoining landowner I have several questions:

1. Why did I not receive the same letter being an adjoining land owner? I understand there have been several meetings also. I received no notification of these meetings. Were others informed?

2. At a public meeting that I did attend it was stated that the water level going through my land would add more water to my land, true or false?

3. In the last several years there has been considerable more water passing through my land. I have a cattle business & depend on the grass hay for feed for my cattle. If I cannot hay my land that will affect my cattle business!! This year I was only able to

hay my land once due to high water. Normally we have gotten 3 cuttings. With only one cutting that forced me to purchase hay to help continue my cattle business. More water will certainly affect the future success of my cattle business!!

4. At the public meeting I attended previously there was a sign up sheet for everyone who attended that meeting. People attending because of their concerns at that time. A letter to all who attended that meeting would have been a courtesy don't you think?

Sincerely,

Myrna Keppen