Doniphan Co to partner with USDA to address erosion issues

(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission will partner with the Doniphan County Conservation District and USDA Natural Resources Conservation District to address erosion issues in the county.

A memorandum of understanding will be signed during a ceremony Thursday morning at 9:00 in the Commissioners room at the Doniphan County Courthouse for a Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

According to a news release from NRCS, the public is invited to witness this "historic" signing and hear more information about the unique opportunities that will be provided with the program.

Doniphan County will be the first county to partner with the USDA for field and sediment stabilization projects, with Doniphan County providing in-kind matching contributions. The NRCS is to invest \$250,000.

The release says the Doniphan County geographical area has steep slopes, loess soil and high rainfall amounts that create erosion issues that impact the county's roads.

The release says the purpose of the program is to create the ability for the Conservation District, NRCS and county Road and Bridge Department to work together on projects that will create lasting solutions to drainage and erosion issues in fields and along the county's roadways.

Doniphan County K-State Research and Extension, WaterOne, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kansas Department of Ag--Kansas Water Office and Kansas Division of Conservation and Kansas Association of Conservation Districts have all agreed to participate and assist with the program.

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