Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network

Groundwater Education Legislative Breakfast
Tuesday January 10th, 2017 8:00-9:30 am
State Capital Building, Lincoln, Nebraska

Present:


Meeting Summary:

Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network Groundwater Education Legislative Breakfast took place at the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 10th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The meeting was an opportunity for senators and their staff to learn about and discuss the Wellhead Protection Network and groundwater
issues in Nebraska. Refreshments and pastries were provided by Nebraska Association of Resource Districts. At 8:30 Dean Edson, Executive Director of Nebraska Association of Resource Districts, gave a brief talk. The primary focus of his talk was the issues Nebraskans face as a result of high nitrate levels from past farming practices. Edson also commented on the progress in farming communities that has been made due to the effective governance and collaborative approaches taken by agencies and organizations across the state. He concluded by acknowledging the efforts in the Bazile Groundwater Management Area and the EPA’s recognition of Nebraska being the first state to have groundwater management plans. In addition, space was reserved from Tuesday, January 3 – Tuesday, January 10 in the first floor Rotunda for Network members to set up displays. These displays featured informational maps and graphics to educate those visiting or working in the Capitol and can be seen in the attachments below.