

Completion of Irrigation Project initiated in 2020 and Rehab of Ponds, 2021



The purpose was to: (1) get fill dirt to fill-in the ditch created in 2020 on the south side of the ponds (noted in red); (2) to remove the berm around the pond (noted in yellow) and create a more natural appearing habitat (rather than a square pond); (3) the square pond is full of dirt and is filled-in with 3' in mud. The pond needs to be rehabilitated since it was built back in the 1940-50s; (4) create a 5 acre pond.



July 14—Kevin draining the pond.



Andy coordinates equipment and fuel needed for the job.



July 26-August 1. Using an excavator, dozer, backhoe and front loader tractor, dirt from the berm was removed and taken to the ditch created in 2020 to fill-in the ditch.



Excavation Crew: Andy Fitzpatrick, Kevin Dahl, Ken Dunder.



August 2. Ditch filled in.



September 6-12. Final clean-up and planting the pond to wild rice and millet.



Left: Ken doing final clean up with the dozer.

Planting Crew: Kathy Bridges using ATV and Herd broadcaster, followed by tractor and drag harrow. Straw distribution using tractor by Barry Wolleat.



September 22. Kathy planting new berms to Roemer's fescue and Tufted hairgrass; Barry is covering seed with wheat straw before the winter rains arrive.

