

# RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD – APPROVED July 2019

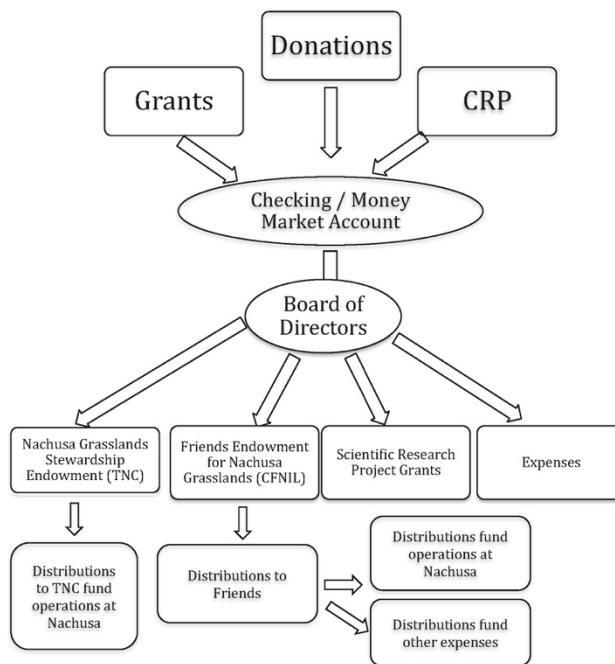
## Cash Flow Designations – Gifts, Grants, CRP, and Endowment:

**Rationale:** Because (1) the CFNIL endowment has generated dramatically higher returns than the TNC endowment and (2) the CFNIL distributions are controlled by Friends, we recommend to the Board of Directors the following policy for handling cash flow for the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

- 1) After expenses are paid and donor designations are honored, all revenue will be directed to the CFNIL endowment. All CRP receipts will also go to the CFNIL endowment.
- 2) The 2019-2020 endowment distribution from CFNIL will be paid to TNC for operations at NG. This distribution in July is projected to exceed \$30,000. Note that TNC makes distributions to itself from the TNC endowment without direction from Friends.

This is the same policy as the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

## Friends of Nachusa Grasslands Cash Flow Model



# **PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION – Annual Meeting**

## **Volunteer Development Breakfast to Replace Prairie Potluck for 2020**

### **Background:**

- Friends has held the Prairie Potluck for 10 years on the third Saturday in June. It has been our only major event and was intended to develop a relationship with our donors and volunteers.
- Attendance the last two years has declined, although the event has been a clear success for those that attend. Interest in prairie tours has dropped dramatically, except for bison viewing.
- Possible reasons for declining attendance may include conflicts with Father's Day weekend, graduations ceremonies, and numerous other competing events.
- By all measures, the Prairie Potluck has been a huge success over the past 10 years, but it may be in need of refreshing.

### **Proposal – Bison Tours and Pancake Breakfast:**

- Change focus to volunteer development, which currently is our greatest need.
- Reach out to a wider audience than the Prairie Potluck; last Saturday in June.
- Highlight volunteer activities: prescribed fire, stewardship, organization activities, social media, data sheet writing, etc.
- We can still welcome and engage with our regular Prairie Potluck attendees.
- We can reconsider the Prairie Potluck for 2021.