**Project Manager Qualifications**

Dr. Peter Schultz is the Executive Director of the Longspur Prairie Fund. Under his leadership, LPF has successfully enrolled over 800 acres of tallgrass prairie into conservation easements in central and western Minnesota; three more sites are currently under negotiation in Clay and surrounding counties. Dr. Schultz serves on the Local Technical Teams for Mahnomen and Agassiz Beach Ridge Prairie Cores for the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan. He is the architect of multiple annual events that promote conservation education in west-central Minnesota, including LPF’s Annual Bee Hunt and LPF’s Annual Tent Fest. He also oversees the LPF’s Fellowships in the Natural Sciences, a program which supports individual researchers of exemplary talent whose work focusses on the prairies and wetlands of central Minnesota.

**Organization Description and Mission**

The Longspur Prairie Fund facilitates three types of projects in the High Plains. First, we actively conduct prairie and wetland restoration -- the planting of marginal farmland with native grasses, forbs, and aquascapes -- in west-central Minnesota. Second, we support research, education, and youth programming directly connected to our area's wildlife, agriculture, and ecology. Third, and finally, we develop voluntary habitat adoption strategies in partnership with local farms, businesses, churches, and industries that are passionate about sustaining the natural legacy of our region.

Mission: The Longspur Prairie Fund is dedicated to fostering the experiences, insights, and pleasures found in the native landscapes of the Red River Valley by way of advocacy, education, and conservation. We respect farmers, hunters, business owners, their properties, and their communities. We protect native plants, animals, habitats, and their ecologies. We teach the wisdom of the prairie through the arts and sciences. ​We restore native landscapes and preserve them for all time.