

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

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1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

There are no CREP payments and other activities.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

2.A. O & M Crew

Staff spent time cutting a large patch of volunteer trees on the Wanahoo SRA behind the shower building. Also, cut out pines from the nursery and placed them in bundles on the Wanahoo ice. Worked with an area contractor to grade the SRA roads and add rock.

2.B. Lake Wanahoo Fishery

The Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Fisheries Division will be sampling Northern Pike March 3rd - 10th (this includes the weekend), if you would like to volunteer to help please notify NRD staff.

2.C. Lake Wanahoo SRA

2.C.1. Playground Proposals

The Committee listened to playground proposals from Crouch Recreation, Creative Sites, Sterling West and Outdoor Recreation for equipment on the Wanahoo SRA immediately following the committee meeting. The following staff and Directors (Heimann, Mountford, Murren, TePoel, Sabatka, McDermott, Veskerna, Clausen, Hagerbaumer) looked at nine different playground sites from all four companies. A motion to approve purchase from one of the vendors is anticipated at the 3-10-16 board meeting.

2.C.2. RV Dump Station

JEO has revised their RV Dump Station proposal/estimate for design, specifications and to develop a bid proposal package. This Scope of Services is now \$25,920. We have eliminated the fish cleaning station at this time as Game & Parks is currently re-designing their fish cleaning stations. (See attached)

2.C.3. Game and Parks Budget

The annual finance/budget meeting was held February 19th between the NRD and NE Game & Parks. Topics included Expenses to both agencies, proposed budget, 2016 Park Superintendent and staff, adjustment to the work season, new equipment, park improvements and whether to allow ATV's on the ice.

After reviewing the Operating Budget of 2015 it looks as though the NRD will reimburse the Game & Parks \$2,113.27. NRD staff is waiting on some explanations to some expenses or differences between two expense sheets. (G & P operating budget attached)

2.D. Eagle Scout Proposal at Lake Wanahoo

Max Hohn has presented an Eagle Scout Project for Lake Wanahoo (attached). The project is to purchase 6 vinyl park benches, assemble, place them on the Lake Wanahoo area anchored to concrete. The cost to the District for materials is \$1,103.61.

The committee and staff questioned if the proposed benches are sturdy enough to meet our needs. Staff will work with Hohn to see if a more robust bench can be used (may want to use the same bench as is used in our playground RFP).

2.E. District Park Regulations

Staff has reviewed our District Park Regulations and made changes where necessary. Last month waterfowl hunting was approved for Czechland and Homestead Lakes. The proposed changes will be emailed to all Directors and for approval in April.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Nothing to report.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

5.A. Information

5.A.1. Radio & eAds

The KTIC radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper online eAd will focus on tree orders. Both ads will run through March.

5.A.2. 2016 County Fairs

We have received the exhibitor application/contract for the 2016 Platte County Fair. The booth cost is \$220. Platte Co. Fair is July 6-10th.

Other County Fairs that LPNNRD has had a booth present at in the past:

- Boone County: July 9th-13th
- Butler County: July 19th-24th
- Colfax County: July 21st-24th
- Saunders County: July 24th-31st

Other counties to consider for 2016:

- Madison County: July 12th-17th
- Dodge County: August 4th-7th

We are looking to attend the same five fairs again, but Colfax and Butler County Fairs do overlap. We will look into Madison & Dodge Counties.

5.A.3. Long Range Plan-Fiscal Year 2016

The Long Range Plan has been completed with staff contributions for fiscal year 2016. The full plan can be viewed in the attachments.

5.B. Education

5.B.1. Fertig Prairie acquisition project

The Wachiska Audubon Society would like to ask LPNNRD to consider making a grant towards their organization that would allow for the purchase of the Fertig Prairie near Richland, NE. This high quality native prairie will be managed for education opportunities and be open for school use and visits by the general public. Please refer to the attachments for more information on the project.

Tim Knott from the Wachiska Audubon Conservation Committee is present to further discuss the project.

5.B.2. Project WILD & Aquatic WILD

Desirae TePoel attended a Game & Parks workshop and is now trained and certified to lead Project WILD and Aquatic WILD activities.

5.B.3. Lower Platte South-Test Your Well Night

Bret Schomer and Desirae TePoel attended Lower Platte South's Test Your Well Night at Ashland-Greenwood High School. This was their largest Test Your Well event with approximately 80 attendees and over 100 water samples. Lower Platte South worked with the Ashland FFA chapter and the students actually did the water testing for the public. Many of the attendees who brought samples were from our district. We are looking into the possibility of developing a similar event for education in our district.

5.C. Computer

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

Karen and I have been busy with our new billing software. We are inputting customer data and rates and are in the process of running a mirror report with our current software looking for issues...have found several and will be working in the next few days to correct.

New trencher attachment is to be in later this week or early next week.

Air relief valves on both systems will be inspected in March and April.

6.A. Colon System

Samples were taken and meters were read for the month.

We will be replacing two radio readers on the system in March

We will be repairing a sunken valve this month on the line to Colon

6.B. Bruno System

Samples were taken and meters read for the month.
New 6-8" meter rate (\$500.00/month) will be taking affect in April.

6.C. Other

7. Adjournment

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