

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 30, 2016 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. SWCP

1.A. SWCP Application Approvals

None

1.B. SWCP Payments

15-S-2	Don Anderson	Terraces/Tile	<u>\$ 8,258.28</u>
		TOTAL:	\$ 8,258.28

1.C. SWCP Cancellations

None

1.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

Edward Sladky	Septic System Inspection & Replacement	\$ 3,300.00
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1.E. Nebraska Buffer Strip Program

Tom Sprunk	Platte Co.	2.1 acres	10 year contract	\$ 225.00/acre	\$ 472.50
annual payment					

TOTAL CONTRACT: \$ 4,725.00

2. WATERSHEDS

2.A. Shell Creek Watershed

Mountford reported that the designs on four Shell Creek grade stabilization structures have been completed and are ready for construction upon receiving any needed permits and final grant approval from NDEQ.

2.A.1. Dennis Waak Dam Repair

Director Bailey reported that Mr. Waak has decided to complete his dam repair project on his own and not request cost share assistance from LPNNRD.

2.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

Saunders County Supervisor Larry Mach was present to offer his support toward on working with LPNNRD for constructing flood water damage reduction structures in the Wahoo Creek Watershed. He particularly supported pursuing the construction of Wahoo Creek Dam Site 26 which would replace a damaged county bridge. Mountford reviewed LPNNRD past, current and future flood water damage reduction efforts in the Wahoo Creek watershed and plans to meet with county representatives to prioritize potential county, NRD and landowner projects.

A long discussion took place for budgeting additional funding for placement in our established Wahoo Creek and Shell Creek sinking funds for future flood water damage reduction projects. Further discussion took place that we should pay off our existing Sand Creek Enviromental Project debt (Approximately \$1.2 million) before building up our sinking funds for future projects.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

3.A. LPRCA Monthly Report

Meghan Sittler was present to review current Alliance activities.

3.B. LPRCA FY 2017 Budget

Just prior to the June 13th Board Meeting, former Nebraska Congressional Representative Doug Bereuter was present to discuss his views on the value of the the LPRCA on how this structure helped secure project funding. He also mentioned that by having a local body overseeing activities on the Lower Platte River this helps avoid having a federal designation and related requirements established. At the meeting, the Board took no action as it was mentioned that we should wait until absent Board Members were present before any motion was considered.

At the April 28th Projects Committee Meeting the following recommendation was brought to the full Board with no action being taken: ***" To approve the LPRCA 2017 selected budget project and program items (as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes) totaling \$51,200 (as shown in black) and to budget an additional \$34,167 for projects and programs (50% of the total shown in red) that will require Board approval before moving forward"***.

At the May Board Meeting, a motion that LPNNRD ***"not approve the LPRCA FY 2017 budget and not be a member in the LPRCA"*** was tabled. At that meeting, the Board requested dollar figures on what has been spent and received through the LPRCA which are attached. These attachments include an e-mail Mountford send out outlining estimated federal and state funds that directly and indirectly can be linked to receiving project approvals through the Lower Platte River & Tributaries Authority that was established under the umbrella of LPRCA. Also attached is a spread sheet showing what amounts LPNNRD, LPSNRD, and PMRNRD have contributed to the Alliance since FY 2006. Also attached is a listing of other grant funding directly secured by the Alliance since 2005.

As outlined in Mountford's attached e-mail, it is estimated that **LPNNRD has received \$21.7 million in direct federal project money** (Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project and Western Sarpy Clear Creek Project) that came through the Lower Platte River & Tributaries Authority established under the umbrella of LPRCA. While the LPRCA was not directly involved, **we have indirectly received about another \$20 million of federal and state**

money that came about because of the approval of the above two large Army COE projects. As far as other outside funding received, since FY 2005, **another \$3.1 million has been directly secured by the LPRCA for a variety of projects and programs for all Alliance partners.**

Attached in a spreadsheet that shows that LPNNRD has contributed \$683,667 to the LPRCA since FY 2006. During the same period, LPSNRD has contributed \$1,305,931 and the PMRNRD \$1,220,625. LPNNRD's contribution over this period is 52% of what LPSNRD has contributed and 56% of what PMRNRD has paid. Also attached is the Alliance proposed FY 16-17 Budget and LPSNRD and PMRNRD support letters.

The committee had a lengthy discussion about whether or not LPNNRD should remain a member in the LPRCA.

4. OTHER

4.A. Army COE 205 Projects

4.A.1. Fremont 205

4.A.2. Schuyler 205

4.A.2.a. Additional Assistance Payment to Schuyler

At the June 13th Board meeting we approved our annual assistance payment to Schuyler for the completed Shell Creek Levee Project. Upon reviewing past payment records last fall, it appeared that Schuyler owned half of a \$50,000 payment we made to the Army COE for completing Schuyler's 205 Study in 2011. With this belief, we deducted \$25,000 from this year's budgeted \$125,000 annual assistance and approved a \$100,000 payment.

As 2011 information was gathered to accompany with our \$100,000 check, we discovered that while Schuyler did not write us a \$25,000 check to reimburse us half of the subject 2011 expense, they did send a check for \$5,513.07. Looking deeper, the Army COE reimbursed LPNNRD \$38,973.85 at that time for pre-paid local study funds not used. Since half of this money was Schuyler's, we simply deducted \$19,486.93 from the \$25,000 the City owed, and they paid us the remainder.

With this new information the committee is asked to recommend paying the remaining \$25,000 that is in our current FY 2017 budget for this project assistance.

After this payment, we will have contributed a total of \$375,000 toward the construction of the Shell Creek Levee. The Board has previously approved that our intent is to provide up to \$600,000 toward Shell Creek Project construction efforts.

4.B. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

Director Bailey reported that a "no-rise" certificate has been obtained for the proposed project.

4.C. Review of Draft FY 2018 Projects Budget

A draft projects budget was passed out for additional committee input by our next meeting.

4.D. Bathometric Survey for Lake Wanahoo

As discussed last month, we have been thinking about completing a bathymetric survey and sediment analysis of Lake Wanahoo and its wetlands. The information and data collected from these surveys can serve multiple purposes including: • Estimating watershed erosion rates • Water quality modeling • Estimating future reservoir sediment maintenance requirements (increasing lost capacity) • Projecting reservoir longevity • Informing the public on general reservoir conditions • Fishery management. Mountford has contacted NDEQ and will provide \$7,500 grant assistance to complete this work. During discussion, the committee asked that the wetland area directly above road "O" be included with the proposal. Lake Tech has indicated that this could be added for an additional \$500 which raises the total proposed cost to \$11,252. This means \$3,752 will be required from LPNNRD. Paul Brakhage and Jon Mohr with Lake Tech will be present to discuss their proposal. Committee review and possible recommendation is requested.

4.E. Husker Harvest Day Volunteers Needed

A signup sheet is attached for Director's who wish to volunteer some time at the NARD Booth at Husker Harvest Days. We need to let them know this week if anyone can assist.

5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

All project construction components have been completed and we are now waiting for the Army COE's operation and maintenance manual. Murren reported that he and our summer interns removed scattered project rock on the Thomas Lake property that the contractor failed to clean up.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Projects Committee adjourned at 10:18 a.m.