

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2016 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. POSTPONED MOTIONS

May 9, 2016, the following LPRCA motion was tabled:

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to not approve the LPRCA FY 2017 budget and not be a member in the LPRCA. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to table the previous motion until further information is brought forward. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

While the above motion was not revisited by the Board, the following are subsequent LPRCA motions:

On July 11, 2016, the following Board Motion failed:

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Olson, 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. Motion failed.

On August 8, 2016, the following Board Motion passed:

Olson made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to remain non-dues paying member of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance in FY 2017 however continue to honor our previous financial commitments totaling \$11,230 to include Leshara water quality monitoring (\$9,696), ESRI Data Storage Agreement (\$834), and the LPRCA Website (\$700) and include these items in our FY 2017 budget. Motion carried.

2. SWCP

2.A. SWCP Application Approvals

Marjie Vrana	Terraces/Tile/Basins	Coordinating w/EQIP	\$ 12,260.00
William Perk	W/S Basins	Sand/Duck Creek	\$ 12,500.00
Darlene Kroeger/Dorothy Vacek	Tile extension	Dodge Co.	<u>\$ 3,496.50</u>
		TOTAL:	\$ 28,256.50

2.B. SWCP Payments

Doris Treptow Rev. Trust	Terraces/Tile	\$ 7,277.95
Glen Treptow	Terraces/Tile	\$ 12,500.00
Randall Dendrich	Terraces/Tile/Basins	\$ 12,500.00
Tom Smaus	Terrace/Tile	\$10,736.92
Randy Brabec	Diversion	<u>\$ 1,205.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 44,219.87

2.C. SWCP Cancellations

None

2.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Payments

Wahoo Creek 319 PAYMENTS:

LANDS FOR CONSERVATION:

Tim Kastl	28 acres	\$ 5,152.00
Frances Kastl	10 acres	\$ 1,840.00
Jerry Urban	25 acres	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$ 11,592.00

3. WATERSHEDS

3.A. Shell Creek

We are still awaiting EPA approval of the Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan. We are anticipating approval this fall.

3.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

3.B.1. Wahoo Creek Water Quality Plan Phase I

We have received a \$2,500 invoice from JEO for work completed on the Wahoo Creek Water Quality Watershed Plan Phase I as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. After this payment, there will be \$94,650 paid (\$25,350 remaining) on our \$120,000 contract.

3.B.2. Wahoo Creek Watershed RCPP Application Submitted to NRCS

As reported earlier, NRCS selected us to submit a full-proposal for federal assistance (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) to construct Wahoo Creek Dam sites 26 & 27. Mountford has been working with the NRCS State Office and FYRA Engineering (to update economics) and submitted the final proposal on September 19, 2016. Attached is some information submitted with the application.

If successful, we are asking for 50% (NRCS's suggested percent) assistance to construct these dams over the next five years. The total estimated costs (see question 9., page 10 in the Final intro and Narrative Questions 2017 Fillable. Pdf) totals \$3,178,600. LPNNRD's proposed share would be \$1,589,300 We will have discussions with the Board about also applying to the State's Water Sustainability Fund to assist with our local share. I have also talked with Saunders County, that if successful, we will be looking for their partnership and financial contribution on Site 26, which has an opportunity to be built as a road dam and replace a bridge that is in bad repair.

No similar RCPP projects have been funded nationally by NRCS, but we are still hopeful. We should know by the end of the year if NRCS approves funds for the project.

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

4.A. LPRCA Monthly Report

Meghan Sittler has submitted her resignation as LPRCA Coordinator. Her letter of resignation is attached.

4.B. LPRCA Invoice Payment Request

We have received the attached LPRCA invoices. One is for itemized Projects for FY budget items approved by the Board and another invoice for FY dues and contingency. We have previously informed the LPRCA of the following motion approved by the Board on August 8, 2016:

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Committee recommendation is requested.

5. OTHER

5.A. Army COE 205 Projects

5.A.1. Fremont 205

The Corps of Engineers has postponed the October 18 GI Study Public Meeting to catch up on some study items. They are proposing a Stakeholders Update meeting either November 3rd or 4th and the Public Meeting on November 8, 9 or 10th. Stay tuned for date, time and location.

5.A.2. Schuyler 205

No new information. The City of Schuyler is responsible for future operation & maintenance (mowing etc.) of the completed Shell Creek Levee.

5.B. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

5.C. Review of Projects Financial Statement

5.D. Craig Derickson, NRCS State Conservationist, Thank-you Letter

Craig Derickson, NRCS State Conservationist, is thanking LPNNRD for our partnership with NRCS (letter attached) to help apply conservation on the land.

In FY 2015, 638 practices were applied on 200,766 acres. Payments on prior year EQIP and CStP contracts in FY15 totaled \$2,909,843 and total FY 15 contract obligations totaled \$2,239,976.

6. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

No new information. We are awaiting the Army COE operation and maintenance manual.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Projects Committee adjourned at 8:45 a.m.