

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

CREP payment of \$77.08 for Larry Bruhn, Colfax County. This is the final payment. The O & M staff re-seeded the Homestead grasslands as part of a Wild NE grant through Game & Parks. The seed bill was \$6,875 and the grant will cover 75% or \$5,156.25.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew finished tree planting and are now going over our watershed dams. The summer interns, Travis Turgeon, Bryce Wright and Ross Kirby have started for the summer. The new truck arrived and we sold the 2002 Chevy for \$5,000.

3.A. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level

The Lake Level Committee met at 7:30 a.m. before the O, E & RW Committee. Previous months minutes are attached.

A recommendation by Morrissey, seconded by McDermott to reconsider the previous May 8th Board vote on approving the FYRA Lake Level Management Plan because the vote was tie (7-7) and the absence of five board members. Motion passed.

NRD Staff are managing the gates in trying to keep the lake level 1 foot lower than conservation pool which is 1210.

3.B. Lake Wanahoo SRA

Game & Parks has a new Regional Superintendent, Bill Oligmueller, he'll oversee 5 recreation areas in the area. The new Wanahoo Superintendent will start June 2nd, we are unsure about any other part-time help. We have not been updated as to whether a camp site host couple has applied or been interviewed for selection. We are attempting to set a meeting date in early June with Game & Parks Administration to review the Wanahoo SRA Inter-local agreement. Find attached the current revenue sheet from G & P. Current revenue thru May 28 is \$25,095.50. Last year during this same time frame revenue was \$28,184.43, a difference of \$3,088.93.

We are making the final payment of \$12,756.95 to Ulemann Enterprises Inc. for the dump station. The area was seeded by NRD staff.

We received \$13,475 through a grant from DEQ for the use of crumb rubber on the playgrounds, this is 50% of the cost for the rubber mulch.

3.C. Wanahoo & Czechland Haying

We are scheduled to hay portions of Wanahoo and half of the Czechland grassland. The areas on Wanahoo are CS 3, CS 7, CS 8, CS 16, CR 1, CR 2, and CR 3. (see attached map). Need a motion to advertise for the haying of both sights.

3.D. Fremont GI

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 18th in Fremont with the COE and Non-Federal Partners. The tentative plan is to finalize the current study and package it up for potential use in the future. Currently, the levee study/plan is not cost effective. In addition, do a non-structural plan at a cost of \$550,000. This price tag could vary in some regard based on how much community interest there would be in non-structural flood proofing. Attached is a map where the Corps would target non-structural work. They would target the yellow areas with the green and blue structures for flood proofing not that they would ignore the red and black dots, those structure would be welcome to do flood proofing also, it's just that they have a very low cost/benefit ratio.

Before we jump into this non-structural study there will be a non-quorum meeting between our non-federal partners to discuss A) public informational meeting B) cost and who's paying what C) cost to home or business owner, federal covers 65%, 35% is home or business owner, what portion of this 35% does the non-federal partners cover?

The Omaha Corps office can communicate to the NW Headquarters that we need funding for this purpose and if community interest is low we can always back peddle.

JEO is also proposing a non-structural study for the City of Fremont through Hazard Mitigation in which FEMA would cover 75%. JEO's estimate for non-federal partners in the study is \$50,000. JEO is trying to organize a meeting with Fremont either June 1 or 6th. Before the City of Fremont chooses either the COE or JEO they need to gauge the interest of the community. Attached is a power point presentation by JEO.

3.E. Rawhide Land Partnership Paul Gifford Box Culvert

In a letter from Paul Gifford's attorney (attached) he has acknowledged that the box culvert placement that he wants is not in the southwest quarter but rather in the northwest quarter. The agreement states a legal description in the southwest quarter. Gifford will plan to meet with the City of Fremont and we will hear later what the decision is if there is one.

3.F. Rawhide Ditch 10 Homeowners

Fremont City Code Enforcement has notified the homeowners on Ditch 10 to obtain the appropriate permits to move their sheds. Neither of the larger sheds were ever permitted. Jovan also sent a letter on behalf of the District requiring the homeowners to have their property removed by June 1. If not removed, we will file an injunction in Dodge County District court.

3.G. Clear Creek Levee Inspection

Miyoshi and Heimann attended a final inspection with the Corps of Engineers on the Clear Creek Levee on May 19th. The Corps is about to turn the project over with a letter and the future O & M Manual. The only deficiencies noticed during the inspection were low spots where two trees were grubbed out and the segment of levee along the MUD well fields is

deficient of rock and has many potholes. We are asking the Corps to back fill the low spots and add a layer of rock to the top of the levee.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

We have not heard if the project on Kay Poppe's property has been completed.

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

The Wahoo Newspaper eAd and KTIC radio ad for June will feature the importance of having valid permits to chemigate.

6.A.2. Recognition Banquet

The Recognition Banquet will be held Sunday, June 4th at Czechland Lake Recreation Area. Social hour will begin at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm, followed by awards at 7 pm. Please RSVP to Desirae by Friday, June 2nd.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Fertig Prairie

The Wachiska Audubon Society sent a letter to the LPNNRD stating that they have been awarded a grant from NET for one half of the acquisition cost. Three partners, including the LPNNRD, have previously pledged \$8,839.50 each towards the project. The Wachiska Audubon Society needs approximately \$26,481.50 to complete the purchase, so they would like to postpone the actual closing for several more weeks. The letter from the Wachiska Audubon Society is attached.

On the day of the committee meeting (5/31), a letter was received from the Wachiska Audubon Society stating that they have succeeded in obtaining the funds needed to purchase the prairie. They are ready to complete the purchase of the Fertig Prairie and are requesting funding payments from pledges. The letter is attached.

A motion is needed at the board meeting to make the payment of \$8,839.50 to the Wachiska Audubon Society for the Lower Platte North NRD's pledged support for the Fertig Prairie Purchase.

6.C. Computer

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Colon System

Nick Chadwell, new Colon rural customer, has moved in and is a new customer on the Colon Line. As per our contract with the city of Wahoo, a new meter payment of \$ 575.00 (1" connection) is now due.

Meters were read and bills have been sent out for Colon line. Required samples have been taken and submitted to the State.

Lead and Copper samples have also been collected and submitted to the State for testing.

7.B. Bruno System

Meters were read and bills have been sent out for Bruno line. Required samples have been taken and submitted to the State.

In February 2010, in order to collect information on serious intent, the board approved collecting \$ 100.00 deposit from all individuals showing interest into connecting to the Bruno Rural Water line. At this time there are no short or long term plans to extend the existing line, so I am preparing to return all deposit money. Names and all information gathered will be kept on file in the event extensions are once again considered.

Stephen Thompson

Martha Sabata

Dorothy Pokorny

James Schneider

Mark Bohaty

William Veach

Martha Sturtevant

Daniel Chapek

Estella Miratsky

James Miratsky

Rich & Mary Kubik

Michael Kadlec

Larry Behne

Adam Birkel

James Anderson

Sue Hrnicek

Dan Engel

7.C. Other

8. Adjournment