

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
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1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to consider.

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

All CREP contracts have expired.

As part of the grant to renovate the Czechland grassland, we have sprayed the first application of Round-up on the area. The second application will be in the Spring and then it will be seeded.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew finished shredding the Clear Creek Levee and did some final shredding around the Wanahoo area. We continue to cut volunteer trees with the turbo saw on the Wanahoo ground. We sprayed the back wildlife/grassland area of Czechland for grassland renovation. Fixed a hiking trail bridge at Czechland and put in one new camper pad. Re-sprayed the pollinator plots at Lake Wanahoo. Numerous equipment & vehicle maintenance items.

3.A. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level

The Lake Level Committee met at 7:30 a.m. before the O, E & RW Committee. Attached is the agenda, last months minutes and a draft of the Proactive Reservoir Management Plan by FYRA Engineering. Mike Sotek will be present at Committee meeting to explain the draft plan and take questions and comments.

The committee recommends that the board and staff review the Proactive Reservoir Management Plan as presented and too review with our partners, Game & Parks Fisheries Division and Corps of Engineers for their comments.

3.B. Lake Wanahoo SRA

Find attached a current revenue and expense report from Game & Parks, it was received after committee meeting.

The garbage service will be cut back for the winter months, G & P has closed and winterized the shower building and the NRD has winterized the water towers at the dump station. The remaining components at the dump station can stay open and may be closed later this month. We had the roads graded and some gravel added.

Josh Varner's Eagle Scout Project is completed with 12 monofilament containers erected. His expenses are \$1,192.10 in which he needs reimbursement. All receipts have been received. He obtained 12 sponsors at \$100 each and those funds were deposited by the NRD.

3.C. Lake Wanahoo Wildlife Area

The hay sale from the Wanahoo grassland areas is complete. Meduna Family Farms baled 681 tons and paid the District \$6,810.51. The District retains \$3,458.40 the remainder goes to the commission toward the RDF (Resource Development Fund). The District retained \$6,076.32 in 2016 and \$13,161.00 in 2015.

The bird viewing platform is now complete.

Last month it was recommended to get a bid to remove an approximated 4-5 acre patch of volunteer Elm trees and a old tree line on the Wanahoo property as recommended by our biologist partners. Standing C Excavation has given a bid of \$4,000. (See attached bid sheets). Heimann contacted a contractor who did work in the past at Wanahoo and he declined because the job is too small for the distance to travel. Staff would like to utilize some of the past hay revenue to accomplish some of these task.

3.D. Czechland Lake

Dan Ourada has completed the haying at Czechland Lake, all bales have been removed. He will make payment before the Board meeting. Payment is estimated to be around \$4,500. Staff was able to move the informational RV Camping sign and Iron maiden and establish one camper pad. We had more dirt hauled so we can continue with the final two pads.

3.E. Fremont Study

There is nothing new to report since last months meeting.

3.F. Lower Platte Weed Management Area

The aerial attack on Phragmites and Purple Loosestrife continued this summer with 750 acres sprayed by helicopter. The cost was \$90,500 which comes to \$121/acre.

3.G. Dump Trailer Bids

Dump trailer bids were due October 31, at 4:00 pm. Invitations to bid were sent to nine trailer dealers and seven bids were received.

Staff contacted the low bidder, Hull Trailers, to verify their bid with the NRD trailer specs. Their bid was incorrect as they forgot an axle, spare tire & mount & battery charger making their bid \$8,985.00. The next low bid \$8,135.00 from D & K Trailers didn't have the appropriate trailer lift system (single cylinder scissor lift) as the other bidders. Adding a scissor lift makes their bid \$8,785.00. Therefore, the next low bid is \$8,740.00 from M & M Trailers that meets the NRD Specs. See attached sheet for revised bids. Recommendation needed from the Board.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Nothing to report.

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

The KTIC Radio ad and the Wahoo Newspaper eAd will continue to promote the availability for grass drill rentals. The ads will run through November 30th. The ads are attached.

6.A.2. FY2018 Long Range Plan

The first draft of the Long Range Plan has been completed for Fiscal Year 2018. A copy of the first draft is attached. The final draft will be available prior to the November 13th Board of Directors meeting.

6.A.3. Website Development

The Lower Platte North NRD received 8 proposals for the Website Development Project. Of these 8 organizations, 4 were asked to present to a committee of staff. Of the proposals and companies we've visited with we are recommending to move forward with Red Thread (Lincoln, NE). The Lower Platte North NRD feels Red Thread's proposal included the most cost-effective value for website development, while including additional promotions, including video productions. We anticipate these costs not to exceed \$14,000.

6.B. Education

6.C. Computer

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Colon System

Bills will go out this week.
Meters read 10/30-31.
Samples collected 10/25.
Coufal hook-up planned for next week.
Back flo certification update.
Service line leak on Spruce street repaired 10/23.
New leak from shut-off valve on Spruce street.

7.B. Bruno System

Bills out this week.
Meters read 10/30-31
Back-flo certification completed 10/17
Samples collected 10/25

7.C. Other

8. Adjournment