

Projects Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:00 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
Wahoo, NE 68066

## 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to address.

## 2. SWCP

Sean Elliot reviewed the present status of the District's SWCP conservation assistance funds as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

### 2.A. SWCP Application Approvals

None

### 2.B. SWCP Payments

17-P-10 - TODD GRONETHAL Windbreak renovation \$1000.000

### 2.C. SWCP Cancellations

None

### 2.D. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

## 3. WATERSHEDS

### 3.A. Shell Creek

#### 3.A.1. Kramer/Colfax County Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project Update

It was reported that the Kramer/Colfax County Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project was nearly complete by Kohl Construction which is exciting news. Colfax County is installing tubes as their part of the project. Attached are drone pictures taken by Mark, Ralph Pieke and Ray Flood.

Our plan now is to start efforts with Mark Mainelli for completing permitting and bidding the remaining three designed grade stabilization projects.

The Committee recognized the Shell Creek Improvement Group Advisory Committee and Director Matt Bailey's leadership for helping get this major project accomplished.

**NOTE: After the Projects committee meeting, we received the final pay application to Kohl Construction in the amount of \$81,429.47 as attached. Since this payment falls under an approved contract, no Board motion for payment is required. After this payment, there will only be the 5% retainage (\$10,816.56) withheld until it is known that all outstanding contractor bills are paid. The total contact amount is \$216,788.**

#### 3.A.2. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation

**Project & Program Payments:**

Ed Wemhoff-Septic System payment (50% of \$2,817.11):\$1,408.56

Andrew Klug - 2017 No-till incentive payment: \$619.20

3.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

3.B.1. Wahoo Creek Watershed Progress Report and Presentation - Mike Sotak & Janel Kaufman, FYRA @ 8:00 a.m.

Mike Sotak and Janel Kaufman, FYRA, gave an update and presentation, as attached, on proceeding with future Wahoo Creek flood reduction efforts.

FYRA has been involved with completing the watershed plan for Wahoo Creek Sites 26 & 27, and were instrumental in assisting the District with securing federal RCPP funding from NRCS (\$1.5 million) and state funding assistance through the Water Sustainability Fund (\$2.3 million) for these dams. Gottschalk and Mountford attended the November 28th NDNR Commission meeting at Kearney where the Commission awarded the \$2.3 million for the two Wahoo Creek dams. A Public scoping meeting on this project will be held 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday December 7, 2017, at Union Bank, Wahoo, following an agency meeting to discuss the project. Attached is FYRA's public presentation.

**NOTE: Following the Projects Committee Meeting, we received the attached \$5,120 invoice from FYRA for work completed under contract. Per Board motion, since the work is under an approved contract, no Board motion for payment is required. After this \$5,120 payment, \$78,748.43 will have been paid on our \$135,790 contract.**

As mentioned last month, NRCS has also approved additional funding through the federal P.L. 566 program for completing funding for completing a watershed plan update (\$575,000) and design (\$1.3 million) for the remaining eight Wahoo Creek Dams originally planned in 1998. FYRA was also involved with submitting the P.L. 566 application. The next step will be to proceed with hiring an engineering firm to complete future planning and design tasks.

Following the presentation, the Committee discussed the advantages of continuing with FYRA to complete a total watershed plan to include their work on Sites 26 & 27 plus the planning for the remainder of the watershed. The planning effort needs to begin soon because it will take about a year to complete, but we could wait to begin the process for hiring a firm to complete permitting and design tasks for the dams sometime next year. It is presently understood that the costs for completing the planning process will be provided by NRCS through their P.L. 566 program.

Kevin Gustafson will be at the December 11 Board meeting answer questions regarding NRCS's P.L. 566 program. Mike Sotak, FYRA, will be present to present a potential contract to proceed with Wahoo Creek Watershed planning for the remaining structure sites.

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

5. OTHER

5.A. Review of Projects Financial Statement

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Projects Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m.