

Operations & Education Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
Wahoo, NE 68066

### 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is nothing to consider.

### 2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

All CREP contracts have expired. Nothing new to report on WILD NE.

### 3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

O & M staff have been winterizing equipment, buildings and repairs and maintenance to equipment. Looking into a outdoor light north of the office for parking lot.

#### 3.A. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level

The Lake Level Panel met at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29. The agenda and previous minutes are attached.

NRD Staff met with NE Game & Parks administration, Tim McCoy and Mark Porath regarding the FYRA Proactive Reservoir Management Plan on November 15. Game & Parks does not want the lake lowered anymore than what US Fish & Wildlife mandated at 1 foot from ice out to July 1, it would also be contrary to the purpose of the 2011 cooperative project agreement with LPNNRD for fishery enhancement. As has been conveyed in the past, additional lake lowering, especially during the prime spawning months would be detrimental to the health of the Wanahoo fishery. Deputy Director McCoy stressed that allowing such action may also jeopardize NGPC's current and future funding assistance received through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which is currently \$16.9 million/year and funded through the US Fish & Wildlife Service. LPNNRD's 20 year agreement with NGPC extends through 2030. NE Game & Parks letter attached.

Attached is the final invoice of \$2,719.34 from FYRA Engineering for the Proactive Reservoir Management Plan which will pay this contract in full.

#### 3.B. Lake Wanahoo SRA

The Wanahoo SRA roads were graded as was the trail on the face of the dam. Gravel was added to the roads where needed, river rock in two areas where dumpsters are located and rock chip on the trail on the dam.

The dump station contractor fixed the dripping water tower.

#### 3.C. Wanahoo Wildlife Areas

John Vybiral has a request, he would like to have 10 - 15 acres of hay to bale annually. He doesn't want to bid on the entire area which is typically more than he needs. We could allocate a certain area such as 1) below the dam, 2) around a couple of the homesteads, 3) around our

building site, at the same price as the high bidder or 4) have him negotiate with the high bidder for an area, which doesn't guarantee him anything. The committee believes we could receive many request like this, if so, how do you accommodate many request. The committee suggest leaving the hay bidding procedure as is and that Mr. Vybiral should approach the high bidder and negotiate an area or certain amount of acres to hay at the high bidders price. Staff will get hay bidding information out after the first of the year with a bid opening in March so the high bidder can fertilize the areas in which he will bale.

### 3.D. Czechland Lake

Dan Ourada has paid for the 100 tons of hay he cut and baled at Czechland, \$4,556.16. A new RV camping sign was made and erected, the old sign was very faded and becoming unreadable. Camping revenue for the year is \$7,792.00. We continue to work on the three new RV pads.

### 3.E. Fremont Study

The Nebraska Silver Jackets will be doing a Hydrology Analysis on the Lower Platte River. The current scope of this analysis will provide updated flow frequency from the Missouri to the Loup confluence, with some minor follow-up/closeout in FY19. It is anticipated to take 16 months to complete. Listed partners for this analysis are COE, NDNR, LPRCA. Lower Platte North sent a letter of support for this Analysis back in July. There is a kick off meeting on December 13th in Lincoln at the Dept. of Natural Resources at 1:00.

The Inter-Agency Project Proposal is attached.

FYRA Engineering would be happy to review the Silver Jackets information with the non-Federal partners. Their study has no hydraulic component, and therefore does nothing for flood mapping in the next decade. A meeting with FYRA is being organized by the City of Fremont in mid-December to discuss whether to have FYRA do a Platte River Flood Plain Study/Mapping or to wait for FEMA some years down the road.

## 4. ROCK AND JETTY

There are no request for payments.

## 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 promote the opportunity to purchase trees through the NRD. The ads will run through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The ads are attached.

#### 6.A.2. Long Range Plan

A copy of the Long Range Plan has been distributed to all directors. An electronic copy was emailed and a printed copy was placed in office boxes. This document discusses accomplishments during FY2017 and future objectives of the district.

6.B. Education

6.C. Computer

## 7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

The Rural Water dept. is in the process of transitioning to desktop version of our Asyst billing software. We are currently utilizing a web based version that is more costly and experiences numerous glitches. The transition will take place in December.

7.A. Colon System

Coufal connection completed 11/15  
Meters read and samples taken 11/20 - 11/21  
Bills were mailed out 11/28

7.B. Bruno System

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Bills were mailed out 11/28

7.C. Other

8. Adjournment