

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing on the table.

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

Nothing to report on either program.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

Staff worked two 5' culvert gates on the Clear Creek Levee that drains Ditch 1. We managed a prescribe burn on the Wanahoo Recreation area on the east side. Continue to cut volunteer trees in many different areas and burn tree piles.

3.A. Wanahoo SRA

The Intake structure (gates) on the Wanahoo dam were opened on March 21, as of March 26 it was .5' down.

The Northern Pike sampling by Game & Parks was successful, in 8 days they pulled 232 trap nets handled 683 Pike and tagged 195 of those fish. Volunteers put in 136 hours of work.

Northern Pike are stocked in odd numbered years at a rate of 7 fish/acre (4,445 fish), that's up from 5 fish/acre (3,175 fish). Common Carp were found this year, they degrade water quality by uprooting vegetation & bottom sediments which is bad for sport fish. To manage the Carp we need a high density of Large Mouth Bass and Pike. Sampling of Bluegill and Large Mouth Bass will take place in May. Walleye stocking will be this Fall at 5 fish/acre.

On March 22 the District managed a prescribed burn on the East Recreation area from the breakwater to the dam with the assistance of Game & Parks and Pheasants Forever. (Picture attached) We would also like to burn areas of the west campgrounds and plan on burning some tracts on the Wildlife areas.

The campground roads are scheduled to be graded and will need rock and/or gravel.

The winter ice on the lake did some severe heaving of the east shoreline. A drainage area and a kayak launch will need to be re-opened and restructured. We also have some shoreline erosion that is threatening the trail, we may have to backfill and add rip-rap to protect this area or move the trail.

Game & Parks has informed the District that last year Superintendent, Cole Burmeister will be returning April 1.

3.B. Fremont Study

The District has not heard from the Corps of Engineers.

3.C. Wanahoo Hay Bids

Three bids for approximately 67 acres of hay around Lake Wanahoo were received, they are:

Mark Sullivan, Brainard, \$14.25/ton

Meduna Family Farms, Colon, \$40/ton

John Vybiral, Wahoo, \$20/ton

3.D. Tree Orders & Planting

To date, the District has ordered 11,375 trees, remaining inventory is 1,000. We have approximately 6,500 machine plants.

Bessey Nursery started lifting Monday, March 26 and distribution of the trees may be the week of April 9.

3.E. Summer Interns

The District has one intern returning from last year. Gottschalk, Oaklund and Heimann are currently interviewing to fill two positions.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Inspections still have to be made on a couple of sites.

5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

5.A. Information

5.A.1. Radio & eAds

In April, the KTIC Radio Ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd will promote the availability of park permits at the LPNNRD office.

5.A.2. 2018 County Fairs

We have received the exhibitor application/contract for the 2018 Platte County Fair (July 11th-15th). The booth cost is \$220.

In 2017, we had booths at Platte, Butler, Saunders, and Dodge County Fairs.

2018 Fair Dates:

- Boone County: July 8th-12th
- Madison County: July 10th-15th
- Platte County: July 11th-15th
- Butler County: July 17th-22nd
- Colfax County: July 18th- 22nd
- Saunders County: July 22nd-29th
- Dodge County: August 2nd-5th

5.A.3. Website & Promotional Video

We are continuing to work with Red Thread to develop the new LPNNRD website. Planning and designing has begun for the LPNNRD promotional video. Past directors, current directors, and relatives of staff will be featured during this video.

5.B. Education

5.B.1. Spring Conservation Sensation

Spring Conservation Sensation will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd from 9 am to 2 pm at Lake Wanahoo (east entrance- day use area). There are 298 students registered from St. Wenceslaus (Wahoo), Logan View, East Butler, North Bend, St. John's (Weston), Bellwood, St. Mary's (David City), and Wahoo.

LPNNRD staff and guest speakers will present sessions covering a variety of topics including wildlife, soil, water, trees, and drones. Wildlife Encounters will provide a presentation to all students at the end of the day with a variety of animals. This special presentation is sponsored by JEO.

5.B.2. Test Your Well Night

Two Test Your Well Nights have been scheduled for April in partnership with the Mead and North Bend FFA Chapters.

- Mead: April 18th: Time/Location- TBD
- North Bend: April 30th: 6-8 pm, Tiger Arena- North Bend High School (This will take place during Mayfest.)

5.B.3. Education Presentations

TePoel has several educational activities scheduled for March-May. Attached are two photos from the North Bend presentation.

- March 13th: North Bend Elementary (4th grade)- 44 students (2 sessions)
- March 20th-21st: Earth Wellness Festival (Lower Platte South NRD)- 281 students (12 sessions- approximately 3,500 students attend this festival)
- April 13th: Aquinas Middle School Mini-Courses- TBD (3-4 sessions)
- May 10th: Schuyler Elementary (4th grade)- 150 students (7 sessions)

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

RWD put in a request for contact information with this month's bills. The contact info will be utilized by RWD to mass notify customers with any pertinent updates regarding water service.

A significant number of meters need to be replaced due to variety of factors; dead batteries, radio transmitter failures, e.g. RWD has contacted multiple suppliers for bids.

RWD has been relying on Phoenix Web Group for (customer) meter readings and requested earlier reports (i.e. before last day of the month) and they have not been reliable with providing us timely readings. RWD is looking at the potential for acquiring our own meter reading hardware/software.

6.A. Colon System

Bills out this week, monthly testing completed.
Quarterly sewer reimbursement due.

6.B. Bruno System

Bills out this week, monthly testing completed.

6.C. Other

6.C.1. May Committee Meeting

The May OERW committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 1st at 8:30 am.

7. Adjournment