

Operations & Education Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
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### 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is nothing to consider.

### 2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

Nothing to report.

### 3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

O & M staff started our shredding circuit at Lake Wanahoo, we are now at Rawhide Ditch. We continue to cut volunteer trees. Spray Sericea Lespedeza on the Wanahoo dam and Right of Way areas. Did numerous maintenance items on our vehicles.

#### 3.A. Wanahoo SRA

The recreation area continues to be very popular. We have added gravel and rock to the roads and will have the roads graded before the Labor Day weekend.

The local Ducks Unlimited Chapter is adding a third duck blind which will be 200 yards north of the break water on the west side of the lake. This is Area 6 in the Path Program which is a Youth Mentor Hunting Program. Our agreement with DU will be amended.

#### 3.B. Wanahoo Dam

Olssons Associates has found that Papio-Missouri NRD has two or three 8 x 10 box culverts upstream of Zorinski Lake in which a local company has sealed the joints. A time will be set in the near future to tour this site and meet with the contractor who sealed the joints. They have mentioned that the compound has lasted up to 10 years.

#### 3.C. Fremont 205 Study

The District has not heard from the Corps of Engineers regarding the Non-structural study.

#### 3.D. Seven Upstream Dam Crediting w/ COE

Heimann has been working with the Corps of Engineers Real Estate Dept. for the past year giving them information regarding Easements, Land Purchases, etc. The Corps has said they have all the information needed for all tracts of land. We have cut the deficit from around \$825,360 to \$220,000.

There is more crediting to be finalize regarding construction expenses.

### 3.E. Clear Creek Levee

The Corps of Engineers held an O & M inspection on the Clear Creek Levee on Tuesday, August 28. Four representatives of Clear Creek Dike & Drainage Board and four from the Corps of Engineers were present along with Heimann.

Heimann is organizing for a 1 mile segment of the Clear Creek Levee to be aerial sprayed by the helicopter that sprays Phragmites. The Corps recommends that woody vegetation be taken care of. This same segment was sprayed aeriaily in 2015. Clear Creek D & D is responsible for the O & M of this levee.

### 3.F. Grass Drill Revenue

We are waiting on Schuyler Co-op to report the grass drill revenue for the first half of the year.

### 3.G. Czechland Camping

To date the revenue from RV camping at Czechland is \$8,087.

## 4. ROCK AND JETTY

Nothing to report to date.

## 5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

### 5.A. Information

#### 5.A.1. Radio & eAds

The current KTIC radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd promotes the deadlines for variance requests to expand irrigated acres. The deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>. The ads beginning September 16 will promote the recreation areas and will continue through October 31.

#### 5.A.2. Viaduct

The 2018 summer edition of the Viaduct has been distributed through area newspapers in the district. These publications include: Fremont Tribune/Shopper, David City Banner Press, Schuyler Sun, Columbus Telegram/Area Choice, Albion News, Newman Grove Reporter, Humphrey Democrat, Wahoo Newspaper, North Bend Eagle, and the Ashland Gazette.

#### 5.A.3. NARD Fall Conference

The Lower Platte North NRD will be participating in 2 sessions during the NARD Fall

Conference. On Monday, September 24th at 9:30 am, there will be a panel discussion on the Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group during the opening general session of the conference. At 3:00 pm during a breakout session, LPNNRD will present with various other NRDs on "connecting with the public in impressive new ways" with the use of promotional videos.

There will also be 2 very exciting awards presented. Don Kavan will receive the "NRD Director of the Year" award during the luncheon at 12:00 pm on Monday. Mark Seier and the Newman Grove High School Students with the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program will receive the "Master Conservationist Youth Award" from the Omaha World Herald during the banquet on Monday evening.

## 5.B. Education

### 5.B.1. September Education Programs

- Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: LPNNRD staff (Heimann, Dokulil, Elliott, Brueggemann, Andersen, Oaklund, Poole, & Benal) will be presenting stations during an outdoor education day with Fremont Middle School. Sessions will include Lake Ecosystems, Tree Planting, and Drones/GPS. Approximately 350 students will be attending, and each station will present 12 sessions throughout the day.
- Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>: TePoel will present Wildlife CSI and Oh Deer to St. John's (Weston) 1st grade class.
- Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>: TePoel and Sam Kolterman (Wahoo CEO Program) will present a tree ring activity to Wahoo Public School's Kindergarten classes.
- Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: TePoel will present Wildlife CSI during the Wonderful World of Water in Pierce, NE. This event is coordinated by the Lower Elkhorn & Upper Elkhorn NRDs.
- Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: TePoel and Sam Kolterman (Wahoo CEO Program) will present a tree ring activity to the remaining Wahoo Public School's Kindergarten classes.
- Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>: TePoel has been asked to present during District EDGE FFA conference.
- Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: TePoel will present a pollinator activity to North Bend Public School's 4th grade & 5th grade classes.

## 6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

### 6.A. Colon System

The RWD was notified of two leaks in Colon; the first was an abandoned (unmetered) service to the village's shed, Elliott, Doukulil and Benal repaired 8/24. The second leak is a fire hydrant on 2nd Pine, it appears that the valve seal is worn. RWD will evaluate the most

feasible and economic repair.

RWD was notified that a portion of the Coufal service hookup (installed October '17) was placed outside the utility easement. RWD will address this situation by splicing in a new service line that falls completely within the easement.

Testing and billing completed as normal.

#### 6.B. Bruno System

During a One Call marking for a natural gas pipeline install Elliott discovered that short portions of the Bruno RW line are only ~3' below ground. The depth of line was determined by using the utility line locator, it was also brought to Elliott's attention by pipeline contractor that the line looks to be rather shallow under the creek (west of landfill); they located line and uncovered it at ~3' below creek bed.

Elliott contacted Butler county road superintendent, Jim Rerucha, and will meet with him ASAP.

Bills and testing completed as normal.

#### 6.C. Other

### 7. Adjournment