

Operations Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:00 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
Wahoo, NE 68066

## 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is nothing to consider.

## 2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

The Corners for Wildlife Program is sponsored by Pheasants Forever and funded through Environmental Trust. It promotes the development of habitat on small parcels of property. Contract payments go through the NRD's and Pheasants Forever reimburses the NRD. NRD's provide planting trees/shrubs free of charge. Pheasants Forever pays the NRD for the trees/shrubs.

We have a new contract for Stuart Gerhold, 38.2 acres in Butler County. The annual payment is \$3,820.00 on a five year contract. We will be planting 684 shrubs on his property this Spring.

## 3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M staff have been moving snow, took the sprayer and electronics off of the 4430, occasionally check the recreation area restrooms and clean vehicles.

### 3.A. District Park Regulations

Staff realized that the non-use of ATV's/UTV's was not listed in our revised Park Regulations after an ice fisherman asked if he could pull his equipment on to the ice with his ATV. Staff had it written in their notes but it was omitted when typed.

The regulation for non-use of ATV's/UTV's by the public was added on Page 9 under 001.18 Traffic, regulation 001.18F (see attached).

### 3.B. Conservation Tree Program

To date the District has ordered 12,100 trees. Currently the District is scheduled to plant 7,135 trees/shrubs on 7 different sites.

### 3.C. NRD Grass Drills

Heimann has been in contact with Schuyler Co-op and Rosendahl Seed & Feed for their bi-annual 2018 report on the grass drills.

Since Committee meeting, Schuyler Co-op submitted \$1,265.18 for the second half of 2018, twelve cooperators used the drill.

### 3.D. Lower Platte Weed Management Invoice c/o Papio-Missouri NRD

Papio-Missouri NRD has sent an invoice of \$1,264.81 for nearly a mile of aerial spraying of rip-rap along the Clear Creek Levee which is full of woody vegetation.

### 3.E. NRD owned Lots at Thomas Lakes

The Thomas Lakes Homeowners Association has inquired as to what the NRD will do with the 5 Lots we own at Thomas Lakes. Thomas Lakes is a gated community, the District owns Lots 41, 42, 44, 49 and 50, they were obtained as part of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Renovations. Find attached a list of which shows what the District paid for said property. Also find attached an aerial photo showing the location. The District can continue to own the Lots or put them up for sale with easement restrictions. The District would first have to establish a permanent easement on all five lots, then discuss whether to sell them and how to sell them. Information will also be obtained from the Corps of Engineers pertaining to the District selling the lots.

## 4. LAKE WANAHOO

### 4.A. Lake Wanahoo Park Permit Report

As of 2/27/2019 the District has sold a total of 1394 Annual Lake Wanahoo Entry Permits totaling \$23,973.50. The District has also received 163 Daily Park Entry Passes totaling \$811.66. Total permit = \$24,785.16

### 4.B. Lake Wanahoo Campsite Reservation Revenue Report

The District has received a total 258 online reservations totaling a net revenue of \$4006.14

### 4.C. Lake Wanahoo Education/Recreation Building

Hedges construction continues to make progress on the erection of the building. Entry doors, approved at the February Board Meeting, have been ordered.

Staff met with Hancock Construction 2/26/2019 to discuss interior layout so drawings can be prepared for the City of Wahoo's permitting process.

### 4.D. Pork Chop Island

Cornhusker State Industries delivered the tables for Pork Chop Island on 2/18. Employees Moore, Benal, and Schomer moved tables and fire rings to the island on 2/22.

Lumber for compost toilets has been ordered and construction will begin the week of March 4th.

## 5. ROCK AND JETTY

## 6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

## 6.A. Information

### 6.A.1. Radio & eAds

The March KTIC Radio Ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd will continue to promote the opportunity to purchase trees from the LPNNRD Office.

### 6.A.2. 2019 Winter Viaduct

The 2019 winter issue of The Viaduct has been submitted to Suburban Newspapers for printing and distribution. The newsletter is expected to circulate in district newspapers mid-March.

### 6.A.3. Morning Blend

Gottschalk & TePoel will be guests on KMTV's Morning Blend show. The segment will air on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> between 9-10 am during the Ben & Pickler Show.

### 6.A.4. February-March Education Programs

<b>Date</b>	<b>School/Group</b>	<b>Grade/Age</b>	<b># of students</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Monday, February 11/Tuesday, February 12	St. Wenceslaus (Wahoo)	Pre-K	29	water	TePoel
Tuesday, February 12	David City Public	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11	wildlife	Elliott
Thursday, February 21	East Butler Public	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	24	natural resources careers	TePoel
Tuesday, February 26	St. Wenceslaus (Wahoo)	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	40	natural resources careers	TePoel
Wednesday, February 27	Survival Club (Wahoo Public)	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	20	survival kits	Gottschalk/TePoel
Thursday, February 28	Circle of Friends (Yutan Public)	High school		trees	TePoel
Friday, March 1	Pearl Academy (Fremont)	Pre-K		wildlife/camouflage	TePoel

Monday, March 11/Tuesday, March 12	St. Wenceslaus (Wahoo)	Pre-K	29	natural resources	TePoel
Tuesday, March 12	Saunders County 4-H	Clover Kids	15	trees/seasons	TePoel
Wednesday March 20/Thursday, March 21	Earth Wellness Festival (Lower Platte South Festival)	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade		wildlife	TePoel
Thursday, March 21	East Butler Public	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	24	water	Andersen/Water Dept. Staff
Thursday, March 28	East Butler Public	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	24	natural resources	TePoel

#### 6.B. Education

### 7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

On 3/11-12 Elliott and Benal will be attending the annual Nebraska Rural Water Association Annual Conference. Both Elliott and Benal will attend trainings that will provide necessary continuing education credits towards their DHHS Water Operator Licenses.

#### 7.A. Colon System

Elliott completed required annual USDA loan documentation per our Colon RWD Rural Development loan.

The 8% rate increase went into effect this month as planned.

Monthly testing completed.

Bills will go out today.

#### 7.B. Bruno System

On 2/5 the NRD was notified by a Bruno resident that the chlorine smell in their water seemed stronger than normal. Elliott talked with David City Water Dept staff that reported normal chlorine residuals in their water. Elliott called the resident and relayed the information from David City. After some discussion Elliott agreed to test the water at the residence to confirm whether or not they were experiencing higher than acceptable levels. On 2/8 the water was tested and fell within DHHS standards for safety. Elliott educated the residents on how to dissipate chlorine from drinking water, as well as, how their location within the water main infrastructure may affect the supply.

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7.C. Other