

Operations Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 27, 2019 8:00 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
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## 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We have nothing to consider.

## 2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

There is nothing to report for Wildlife Programs.

## 3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew planted trees and have one site to go. Repaired fence, sprayed thistle & cut trees on Rawhide Ditch 8, the Diers property. We unplugged a pipe in a dam for a landowner near Touhy. Spray thistles on the Wanahoo area. Started our annual dam inspections/maintenance routine.

### 3.A. Swedeburg "Thorston" Dam Renovation

One contractor has submitted a quote. We are waiting on two other contractors. Contractors are very busy so, we anticipate this work will be accomplished in the fall.

### 3.B. Wanahoo Dam Conduit Joint Repair

The contractor, Peerless, has set a tentative date of Monday, July 8th to start the joint sealing in the Wanahoo Dam conduits. This is dependent on the lake level. Olsson's is tentatively scheduled at 11:00 to look at the cracked concrete and the plunge pool after committee meetings.

### 3.C. FEMA & Damaged Site Update

FEMA has inspected the Wanahoo plunge pool, Rawhide Ditch 8 and the Dan Wolfe jetties in Colfax County. We have received inspection reports for the plunge pool and Rawhide Ditch. We are waiting to proceed with the next step with approval from FEMA. We are also waiting for a response from the Corps of Engineers Regulatory office for a site inspection on the Wolfe property.

Chris Poole is organizing the grant process and documentation. He has forwarded expense documentation for the Breakwater repair in which FEMA will reimburse 100%.

We received an emergency repair invoice from Bob Diers for \$4,275.00. This repair was for the approach to his bridge crossing Ditch 8, so he could access land on the north side for his livestock. We will forward this expense to FEMA as an emergency repair and hope to receive 100%.

### 3.D. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study

Here is a brief update that Chris Fassaro, Project Manager, COE presented to the City of Fremont on May 24, 2019. "We provided the city with a brief update on the Section 205 study. The bottom line is that USACE guidance on formulating nonstructural plans has been in flux over the past year or so. The current guidance is that nonstructural plans should be formulated based on floodplain boundaries or using some other rationale that results in a plan that supports "community cohesiveness". Basically, there should be some geographic basis for the plan so that you don't have a hodgepodge of structures eligible in the plan. Our previous nonstructural alternatives were based on individual structure benefit-cost ratios, so the eligible structures were spread around with no apparent geographic basis. We've tried to formulate nonstructural alternatives based on floodplain boundaries, but haven't been able to formulate one that's economically justified".

The city said that they'd support a plan based on individual structure benefit-cost ratios, even if it didn't appear to support the community cohesiveness objective. The result of our meeting is that USACE is going to finalize a nonstructural alternative that we can present to the LPNNRD, Fremont, Inglewood, and Dodge County. If this group supports it, then we'll present it to our Division Headquarters with the argument that, even though it doesn't meet Current USACE guidance, it's support by our non-Federal sponsor. I'll work on organizing the sponsor meeting hopefully sometime in the next few weeks.

### 3.E. O & M Budget

Operations & Maintenance budget lines w/ expenditures attached.

## 4. ROCK AND JETTY

We have not receive any new applicants since our last meeting.

## 5. LAKE WANAHOO

### 5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

As of 6/26/2019, 585 Annual Lake Wanahoo permits were sold in June totaling \$10,170.00 bringing the gross total for 2019 to \$65,237.50 (see attached).

### 5.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Sales

As of 6/26/2019, the District has collected \$32,523.95 in camping revenue. This includes both, online reservations, and walk-up camping.

### 5.C. Approval of Education Building Geo-Thermal Bid

Staff is recommending approval of K&S Mechanical bid of \$ 19,000 for installation of geo-thermal system in the building. This bid represents the low bid for the installation.

### 5.D. Education Building Sewer & Water Service Installation Bids.

Staff is recommending approval of Doug Hedges bid of \$ 20,124.50 for installation of sewer and water service to the building. This bid represents the low bid for the installations.

#### 5.E. Solar Electric Installation bid.

Staff is recommending accepting Solar Heat and Electric's bid to install solar electric equipment in the Lake Wanahoo Education Building at a price of \$11,940 for 5000kw service or their bid of \$ 22,810 for 10kw service. Each of these represent the low bid received.

#### 5.F. Hedges Construction Final Bills

Hedges Construction has submitted their final bill for the erection of our Wanahoo Education building. We have paid them a total of \$ 26,000 (original bid) and they have submitted \$ 9,758.36 in additional charges. Additional charges include but are not limited to:

- Additional month of lift rental
- Concrete lags
- Flat-head screws
- Caulk & Sealer
- Installation of 9 windows not included on original plans (2 on original)
- Front entryway fabrication and framing
- Install glass in rear door
- Re-fab tin on framework and roofline
- Add trim to entryway
- Fix and repair Topline building errors.

#### 5.G. Promotions & Events

KLKN chose LPNNRD & Lake Wanahoo to be featured in their "Trip on a Tank" summer promotion. Gottschalk interviewed and focused on Porkchop Island.

The promotion will run Wednesday 6/26 during the 10 pm news, Thursday 6/27 during the 6 am news, and throughout the remainder of the week. Video is attached.

### 6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

#### 6.A. Information

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

The KTIC Radio Ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd for July will continue promoting Chemigation deadlines and fees. The ads are attached.

##### 6.A.2. KTIC Radio

The advertising agreement with KTIC Radio ends on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost to continue advertising with the current Display Ad Agreement is \$2,190 at a rate of \$6.50 per day. This is a \$0.50 increase from last year- increasing our total agreement by \$182.50 (\$2,372.50 total)

This agreement includes a display ad that rotates on the KTICRadio.com website, a link to

our website, listing in the marketplace directory, 6 (30 second) ads per week on KTIC AM 840 and 6 messages a week on FM 107.9 The Bull. It includes Best Time Available Rotation. Half are scheduled 5 am-9 pm and half are scheduled Midnight-Midnight. They are preemptable during the sold-out days. The agreements are attached.

### 6.A.3. County Fairs

The Lower Platte North NRD will have exhibit booths at the following county fairs:

- Platte County Fair: July 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>
- Butler County Fair: July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>
- Saunders County Fair: July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>

### 6.A.4. Water Department Video

KLKN produced a video for the Water Department. A 15 second version was created for commercial use and a 37 second version was created for promotional and educational use. The 37 second video is attached.

## 6.B. Education

### 6.B.1. Ag Tour Scholarship

Applications are currently being received for the 2019 Ag Tour Scholarship. Previously, \$250 was approved towards this project. Recipients will be chosen and checks will be sent following the July Board of Directors meeting.

### 6.B.2. FY2019 Education Programs

During FY2019, Lower Platte North NRD staff have interacted with over 2,467 youth (as of 6/25). Attached is a list of all activities, programs, events, presentations, and involvement.

## 7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

### 7.A. Colon System

On 6/14 Elliott and Doukulil repaired a leak at the Baker residence in Colon. A repair kit has been recieved for the replacement hydrant that will be placed in Colon. The spare hydrant that was on-hand leaks according to records.

Cross connection survey went out to all customers.

Billing and sampling completed.

### 7.B. Bruno System

Cross connection survey and informational brochure sent to customers.  
Billing and testing completed.

7.C. Other