

Operations Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We do not have any unfinished business to consider.

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Corners for Wildlife Payment of \$3,820.00 to Gerhold Inc. in Butler County on 38.2 acres. The District is reimbursed the full amount from Pheasant Forever.

Bids for the Lake Wanhoo Habitat Enhancement grant through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program to eliminate invasive trees were due June 1, at 4:00 pm. Bids will be opened at Committee meeting. We did not receive any bids. We will have to reevaluate how to approach this problem.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew finished planting trees. We continue to clear trees from the Trouble Creek Dam emergency spillway & Czechland Rec area. Regular maintenance on equipment.

A. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers

The Corps of Engineer's contractor (Young's) is mobilizing to excavate the excess fill in the Salt Creek floodway in the National Guard Camp and also to add fence to the breach area north of Co. Road F. It's anticipated to take 10-14 days.

The Corps has not made a determination on the elevation of the 48" culvert with a gate valve that regulates Turner Lake in Camp Ashland and flows into the Salt Creek floodway.

B. Wanhoo Stilling Basin - (FEMA)

Valley Corp. has finished the concrete baffles and additional welding on the bracket supports for the gabion baskets. They are starting to excavate material out of the basin to add filter 1 & 2 material, gabion baskets and their deadman anchors. They are estimating 2 weeks of work.

C. Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee O & M Manual

The Western Sarpy Clear Creek O & M Manual is being published and will be distributed soon. Lower Platte North will have 2 hard copies and 2 CD's.

There will be addendums in the future for current work being completed.

D. Vehicles Purchase

Staff would like to purchase a new vehicle to replace the 2010 Chevy. A list of available vehicles from the State of Nebraska's materials website is attached, there are three SUV's, and three Extended Cab trucks listed.

E. Sand/Duck Creek Dam Sites Fences

The District has been contacted by a Sand/Duck Creek Dam/Landowner, Dave Mensik, in regard to the fencing around a dam site. When these sites were built the fence around them were not installed with gates, limiting the landowners/tenants

access. The District has placed gates on other Sand/Duck Creek dams to give access to landowners. Mr. Mensik is asking permission to remove the barbwire and steel posts, leaving the corner posts. (wood). Just the fence that is against my farming ground. The goal is not to have limbs hitting machinery, trees pulling moisture from crops, and keep ground available for haying.

The areas of concern are downstream or upstream of the dam. Staff would recommend allowing the landowner to place gates or take down selected portions of fence.

The committee is directing staff to work with Sand/Duck Creek Dam landowners on a case by case basis to remove barbed wire & steel post to improve their property.

F. North Bend Trail Request

Find attached a letter of request from the North Bend Tree Board for \$10,000 to assist with completing their trail system. The District assisted North Bend in 2009 with \$10,000 for this trail. North Bend has been doing this in phases. They would like to start construction this summer/fall.

G. New Equipment for 2019 Flood Damaged Project (FEMA)

Staff is seeking Board discussion on the future approval of new equipment for our flood damaged areas, Lake Wanahoo breakwater, Rawhide Ditch 8, Clear Creek Levee & Fuse Plug Levee. The District has access to FEMA funds that will cost-share 75% on new equipment to help maintain projects impacted by the floods of 2019. Staff would like to purchase a utility tractor (approximately 35hp) and a second side by side. The tractor cost will be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 before cost share, and the side by side will be approximately \$10,000. Potentially replace our existing Bobcat and JD 4450. Board and Staff discussion is needed in preparation of the upcoming 2021-22 budget.

H. Operations & Maintenance Budget

Attached is the Operation & Maintenance budgetary list through May for your review.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

We have not received any new payment or application request.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of May, the District has received \$14,032.50 in annual park permit revenue. Year to date revenue totals \$62,595.00. The year by year breakdown for the month of May is listed below. May 2020 was the first month we required permits after the free park entry period approved by the Board was lifted. We were still the only large recreation area open at full capacity.

B. Month	C. Monthly Total	D. YTD Total
E. May 2021	F. 14,032.50	G. 62,595.00
H. May 2020	I. 29,177.50	J. 67,110.00
K. May 2019	L. 15,597.50	M. 55,095.00

N. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of May, the District received \$17,715.12 in camping revenue. The year-to-date total is \$50,390.22.

O. Lake Wanahoo Trail Opening

Staff has completed the mowing and installation of signage on the ~5 miles of new trails at Lake Wanahoo. There will be a grand opening on Friday, June 4th, at 10am with refreshments afterwards at the Education Building. Any directors interested in attending are encouraged to do so.

P. Lake Wanahoo Education Building

During the month of May, the building was rented 19 times. This number includes 3 NRD/NRD-involved meetings, and 6 youth events. Revenue for month of May \$1,640

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

A. Information

1. Radio & eAds

The May KTIC Radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper e-ad are attached. These ads featured the chemigation permit amounts and deadline.

2. Analytics

**LPNNRD Website:** In May, users were connected to the LPNNRD website directly, also from outdoornebraska.gov, nrdnet.org and visitnebraska.com. We also had 47 clicks from Facebook posts to our website. More and more users are accessing our website on mobile devices.

3. LPNNRD Website	4. # of Users	5. Top Pages/Views	6. Viewing Device
7. <b>April 2021</b>	8. 1,530	9. Lake Wanahoo 1129 Home 926 Czechland Lake 210 Outdoor Recreation 187 Downloads 163	10. Desktop 53.20% Mobile 43.73% Tablet 3.07%
11. <b>May 2021</b>	12. 1,678	13. Lake Wanahoo 1,496 Home 819 Czechland Lake 300 Outdoor Recreation 206	14. Mobile 50.48% Desktop 45.95% Tablet 3.58%

		Downloads 141	
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15.

**Facebook:**

The top posts for the month of May included a press release for the celebration of 4.5 additional miles of trails at Lake Wanahoo, a press release and pictures from the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Spring Conservation Sensation, and May's migratory bird month Coffee Lakeside event.

16. Facebook	17. Total Views	18. Total Reach	19. Followers
20. <b>April 2021</b>	21. 2,461	22. 2,360	23.
24. <b>May 2021</b>	25. 4,355	26. 4,176	27. 1,256

28.

**Twitter:**

Our top posts for May on Twitter included the Outdoor Recreation Workshop we hold with UNL Extension, flyer for the Herpetology Day, and a press release about the additional trails and Lake Wanahoo.

29. Twitter	30. Impressions	31. Engagements	32. Followers
33. <b>April 2021</b>	34. 7,138	35. 205	36. 332
37. <b>May 2021</b>	38. 4,824	39. 169	40. 334

41.

Other posts on Facebook and Twitter in May featured the June 1<sup>st</sup> chemigation permit deadline, pictures from North Bend Elementary students with their Blue Spruce trees, June's Coffee Lakeside event and other education events.

42. County Fair Booths

There are a few County Fairs that we can have a booth in this summer. We will plan to have one at Butler County.

- Butler County (David City) - July 13-18 (booths in place July 15 - 18) 8' x 10' booth \$125
- Dodge County (Scribner) - August 4-8 booth \$100 - getting clarification if must be manned at all times or not.

- Boone County (Albion) - only doing outdoor exhibitor booths
- Saunders County (Wahoo) - July 25-Aug 1 not doing exhibitor booths
- Madison County (Madison) - no response
- Platte County (Columbus) - no response
- Colfax County (Clarkson) - no response

43. News Channel Nebraska commercials

We are currently rotating through three of our videos with News Channel Nebraska (Operations & Maintenance video, Projects video and Lake Wanhoo video). They are airing :30 second commercials and :05 spot with LPNNRD logo. For May, our logo was shown 61 times and the commercials aired 101 times.

B. Education

1. May Education Events

30th annual Spring Conservation Sensation was a success! Kids from Wahoo Public, Logan View, and St. Mary's attended (217 total kids). Overall reviews showed the kids and teachers had fun and were happy with the content/activities provided. The animal encounters show at the very end was a huge hit.

May's Coffee Lakeside featured Paula Hoppe; Paula is a master naturalist and gave a presentation on birds of Lake Wanhoo. This was our largest attendance yet of 14 people.

We had our final field trip at the lake with Wahoo 3rd graders. David Ruder of Live Well Go Fish brought his pontoon out again and the kids had a blast driving it, flying a kite, and dancing to music.

Planning and prepping is underway for Wahoo's 151 Celebration where we will feature a drive in movie night at the lake on Thursday, June 24th. We will be playing Sandlot and the Hospital Auxiliary will be running a small concession stand. A shore fishing tournament and a kayak scavenger hunt will take place on Sunday the 27th.

I attended some virtual Project Learning Tree trainings through the Nebraska Forest Service.

The annual Outdoor Recreation Day with the Saunders County Extension Office took place on the 28th. Kids learned the basics of kayaking (unfortunately it was too cold to actual kayak). They learned how to start a campfire and then were able to make waffle smores in pie irons over the campfire. They also learned how to play disc golf and finished the day dissecting owl pellets in UNL's mobile learning lab. Roughly 20 kids attended and were able to take an NRD tree home with them.

Kids summer institute kicked off Tuesday with beginners disc golf; 19 kids participated.

Wednesday we held a Herpetology Day with Dr. Ferraro, herpetologist from UNL. Four people attended and learned all about the equipment used to track, trap, and tag snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, toads, and salamanders. We then went out to check the tree frog "boxes" that I've hung on trees on the north end of the lake to see if they were occupied.

2. June Education Events

Looking at June, Coffee Lakeside is today and will feature Mike Luben, Conservation Officer for the NGPC, talking about fishes of Nebraska.

Friday is our National Trails Day event, grand opening of the new trails!

Kids summer institute sessions: Friendship rocks; and Nature Hike and Water Quality.

We have our quarterly I & E meeting held in York.

The 151 celebration June 24th-27th.

And I'll be working on coordinating state standards with lesson plans for the upcoming school year and developing new content for presentations.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

A. Colon System

Elliott reached out to Dave Henke from JEO in regards to the proposed addition in Colon. He responded that the project is on hold for now due to material prices being too high.

Routine monthly sampling completed, bills mailed 6/1.

B. Bruno System

Lead and copper testing kits were delivered. The testing will be done the week of 6/7.

Routine monthly sampling conducted, bills mailed 6/1.

C. Other

**2021 Vehicles Available Through  
the State of Nebraska Contract**

<u>NE Contract</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Dealer</u>
15392	Ford Explorer, 3.3L V6	\$27,745	Anderson Ford
15393	Dodge Durango, 3.6L V6	\$27,403	Gene Steffy
15394	Ford Explorer, 2.5L Ecoboost	\$27,745	Anderson Ford
15444	F-150 Ex-Cab, 4x4, 5.0L V8	\$30,655	Anderson Ford
15479	F-150 Ex-Cab, 4x4, 5.0L V8	\$28,401	Anderson Ford
15481	Chevy Silverado Ex-Cab, 4x4, 5.3L	\$29,977	Husker Auto Group

Contact w/ State Christie Kelly 471-1431 or Brenda

**TO: Lower Platte North Natural Resource District**

**RE: Request for financial support for paving a concrete trail at North Bend Central**

**FR: North Bend Tree Board, Inc. Bob Feurer, President**

### **Brief History:**

The Franklin-Cotterell Greens Arboretum housed on the grounds of North Bend Central H.S. began its trail project in 1991 with a six-foot wide, 880 feet long “handicap access” trail that surrounded a berm in the southeast corner of the property and connected to Birchwood Manor. The bulk of the trail was woodchip surface at that time.

A fundraiser during North Bend’s sesquicentennial celebration by the Goldenrod Garden club in 2006 was the catalyst to begin raising funds for a concrete trail surface. Two-thousand-seven witnessed the “Phase I” pour that was a 300 foot, 8-foot-wide connection to the stadium from the parking lot. Two years later, 2009, “Phase II” a 2,100 pour was completed with the LPNNRD being a major contributor to that project. A local contractor provided their services at cost making it possible to complete the entire loop around the stadium, track and football field for the funds we had on hand, about \$35,000. They said it was their way of repaying the community.

On our thirtieth anniversary we are raising funds to complete “Phase III” of the trail project which will encircle the practice fields and part of the arboretum north of the field and stadium. As with the other trail poured to date the proposed width is 8 feet wide and 1,595 feet long. To allow snow removal by tractor in the winter the concrete will be 5 inches thick.

### **Community Requirements**

The entire arboretum plan along with the walking trail was designed by Kim Todd of UNL and a landscape architect prior to beginning the project in 1991. The estimated cost of this final phase project is \$53,420. We are just beginning our fundraising but intend to seek funding from nonprofits as well as private citizens and businesses and any state and federal grants we might qualify for. We are planning some fundraising projects as well; partly to raise funds and also awareness of the project and facility.

Because the project is a continuation/completion of the project begun on the property of North Bend Central Public School District in 1991 land rights have already been secured on the grounds of North Bend Central. One loop already exists around the stadium and football field and another earlier around a berm southeast of the track and field. Since the trail is essentially a wide sidewalk engineering oversight would be an expensive addition for what it does.

Because the proposed trail is on a public-school ground that is maintained year around the facility is accessible for 12 months. I’ve seen a number of tracks in the snow myself when walking and received a couple of thank yous for clearing it for winter walkers. Mowing seems to be pretty much nonstop by our summer maintenance staff as well.

## **The Ask**

Bob Heimann indicated in a phone conversation that Trail Fund has languished for lack of use for a few years now; perhaps our 2009 receipt was the last? We have an estimate of **\$53,420** for **1,595 linear feet, five inches deep and eight feet wide** which works out to about \$33/ linear foot. This trail will connect to some of the pre-existing disk golf holes and will increase our handicap trail access from 2,992 linear feet to 4,587 linear feet.

**We are asking for the maximum donation amount, \$10,000 which is a little less than 20% of the total project.**

## **Implementation**

We've set a goal of being done with our fundraising by May 1 of 2022 or sooner. Once we've secured the funds, we would begin the work, weather permitting. We've already acquired a \$5,000 grant from the North Bend Area Community Foundation and are in the process of writing requests from the Dodge County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Fremont Area Community Foundation and are investigating others. We are doing a capital campaign locally as well. A request has been written to the North Bend City Council if they have any available funds as well.

We've created a Facebook page and have a "landing page" for on-line donations at the Fremont Area Community Foundation at <https://www.facfoundation.org/nb-arboretum.html>. We will push this out with social media.

Some pertinent images have been included.

<b>OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET 2021 - 22</b>				
Account	Expense Discription	Budget 20-21	Spent as of 27-May-21	Proposed 2020-21
	Auto & Truck Expense			\$ 22,000.00
43 101	Gasoline & Fuel	\$17,000	\$9,713.42	\$ 15,000.00
43 102	Repairs	\$7,000	\$9,209.07	\$ 7,000.00
	Building Maintenance			\$ 9,200.00
43 201	Building Maintenance	\$3,500	\$2,263.04	\$ 3,500.00
43 202	Office Cleaning	\$5,000	\$3,915	\$ 5,000.00
43 203	Garbage Service	\$700	\$710.00	\$ 700.00
43 300	Community Forestry	\$2,000	\$513	\$ 2,000.00
	Projects O & M			\$ 269,050.00
43 401	Czechland/Homestead	\$8,000	\$4,692.48	\$ 8,000.00
43 402	Equipment Upkeep	\$14,000	\$10,315.40	\$ 14,000.00
43 403	Normal O & M Projects	\$75,000	\$1,361.91	\$ 75,000.00
43 404	Tree Supplies	\$250	\$139.47	\$ 250.00
43 406	Wanahoo Operations	\$100,000	\$89,656.76	\$ 100,000.00
43 407	Monitoring Wanahoo Dam (Olsson		\$17,552.22	\$ 8,000.00
43 408	Wanahoo Rec Management	\$45,000	\$49,412.88	\$ 51,800.00
43 409	Wanahoo Education Building		\$9,546.12	\$ 12,000.00
	Project Repairs			\$3,000
43 502	Elkhorn Breakout	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
43 503	Other	\$0	\$0.00	\$1,000
43 504	Rawhide Channel Maintenance	\$175,000	\$0.00	\$2,000
	Stream Bank Stabilization			\$ 85,000.00
43 601	Perennial Streams	\$20,000	\$0	\$ 10,000.00
43 602	Platte & Elkhorn Rivers	\$100,000	\$4,170.00	\$ 75,000.00
	Habitat Programs			\$ 3,820.00
43 701	Wild Nebraska	\$0	\$0.00	\$ -
43 702	Corner For Wildlife PF	\$3,820	\$0.00	\$ 3,820.00
	Other			\$ 49,050.00
43 801	NRCS Flags	\$1,000	\$1,873.29	\$ 1,000.00
43 802	Stock for Resale Trees	\$12,000	\$846.74	\$ 8,000.00
43 803	Lower Platte Weed Mgn.	\$30,000	\$30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
43 804	One Call Services	\$50	\$34.92	\$ 50.00
43 805	Platte River Ice Agreement/Monitoring	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$ 10,000.00
44 503	Safety Committee	\$1,500	\$1,289.40	\$ 1,500.00
45 114	Trails	\$0	\$0	\$0
45 702	Fremont South 205	\$0	\$ -	\$0
		\$ 630,820.00	\$ 247,214.77	\$ 444,620.00
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				
	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
163000	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
165100	Machinery & Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -

167000	New Vehicle	\$34,000		\$	34,000.00
		\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	\$	34,000.00



# CHEMIGATION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Producers who are certified to chemigate crops must have a valid permit with the NRD by **June 1st**. Download a permit at [lpnnrd.org](http://lpnnrd.org) or call 402-443-4675.



LOWER PLATTE NORTH  
Natural Resources District

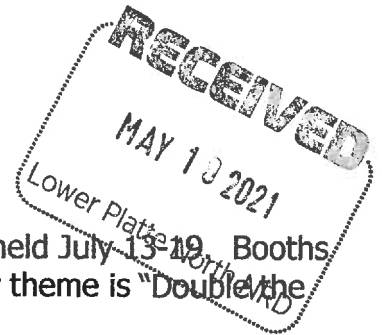


COMMERCIAL BOOTH RENTAL  
BUTLER COUNTY FAIR 2021  
PO BOX 6  
David City, Nebraska 68632  
PHONE 402-367-3551  
[www.butler-county-fair.com](http://www.butler-county-fair.com)  
[bcfneb@gmail.com](mailto:bcfneb@gmail.com)

May 1, 2021

Dear Fair Participant,

We are making plans for the 2021 Butler County Fair, which will be held July 13-19. Booths will be in place, Thursday, July 15 through Sunday, July 18. The Fair theme is "Double the fun in '21". Check the web site for the fair schedule.



Limited booths will be available in the Butler County Event Center (until filled).  
Limited outdoor spaces are provided a 110 outlet and a 30-amp outlet. (until filled).

The rental rates and policies for renting the booths are listed on the contract. We are requiring that you have your Nebraska Sales Tax permit number on your application form, (if applicable) and in your booth during the fair. We are also asking that you have a certificate of insurance. Complete and return the contract with the appropriate fee so a booth space will be reserved for you. Some booth sizes are limited so be sure to return contracts quickly.

Thank you for your interest in the Butler County Fair and making it a great place to be during the summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Colleen Coufal'.

Colleen Coufal, Secretary  
Butler County Agricultural Society  
2150 S Rd  
Bee, NE 68314  
402-641-8238  
[mcoufal@windstream.net](mailto:mcoufal@windstream.net)

*Enclosure*



CONTRACT FOR BOOTH RENTAL  
 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR 2021  
 David City, NE 68632  
 402-367-3551  
[www.butler-county-fair.com](http://www.butler-county-fair.com)  
[bcfneb@gmail.com](mailto:bcfneb@gmail.com)

**RENTAL FEES**

- ( ) SINGLE BOOTH IN THE BUTLER COUNTY EVENT CENTER \$125 (8 ft. x 10 ft)
- ( ) DOUBLE BOOTH IN THE BUTLER COUNTY EVENT CENTER \$250 (8 ft x 20 ft)
- ( ) NEED ELECTRICITY

Policies concerning payment and set-up of commercial exhibits:

Your booth form and payment are required to reserve your space by **(UNTIL FILLED), July 1, 2021.**

You will need to provide a certificate of insurance and include your **Nebraska Sales Tax permit number** if you are selling items.

Table and chairs will be provided for each booth, in the Event Center.

Your booth will be set up no later than 6:00pm Thursday night, July 15, 2021 but not before Wednesday, July 14 at 6:00pm due to judging. The booths are to remain intact until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 18. The Event Center opens at 10 am and closes at 10 pm Thursday-Sunday.

I agree to the above conditions and will pay the amount of rent as checked above for a booth on the dates of Thursday, July 15-Sunday, July 18 at the 2021 Butler County Fair. Once your payment is received, you will receive a confirmation letter with further information.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business \_\_\_\_\_

Your Nebraska Sales Tax permit number (if selling items) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Colleen Coufal 402-641-8238 [mcoufal@windstream.net](mailto:mcoufal@windstream.net)

Make the check payable to the Butler County Agricultural Society (BCAS) or online payment is available via ETIX. (Found on our webpage).

Mail form and check to: Colleen Coufal 2150 S Rd Bee, NE 68314



## Commercial Booth Agreement

This agreement made this \_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between the Dodge County Fair Board and:

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Need Electricity:            Yes \_\_\_\_\_            No \_\_\_\_\_

The above business or person agrees to pay the sum of \$100.00 to the Dodge County Fair Board for the week of Fair (August 4-8, 2021). This entitles you to one booth space at the fair. You may purchase a double booth for \$150.00. You may set up starting Wednesday, August 4th at 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Exhibit Hall will open to the public Thursday, August 5th at 5:00 pm. Exhibit Hall opens each day at 9:00 am and closes around 9:00 pm each evening. Sunday the exhibit hall will close at 6:30 pm.

Electricity is limited. Bring your own long drop cords. Exhibit Hall has someone attending it during the day but, you are responsible for all lost or stolen property.

Thank you for supporting the 2021 Dodge County Fair.

Payment must be received in order to reserve your space. First come, first serve. You will receive an email after I receive your contract to confirm your space.

Please make checks payable to:

Dodge County Fair Board  
P.O. Box 58  
Scribner, NE 68057

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