

Operations Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 3, 2019 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We have no unfinished business.

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

We have nothing to address.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M staff has been mowing District projects, Wananhoo, Cottonwood Dam 21-A, Czechland, Homestead, Cotterell Levee, Rawhide Ditch 8 and we are now on Clear Creek Levee. We continue to cut & spray volunteer trees at many locations. Also added and moved rock on roads and other access areas at Czechland Lake.

3.A. Czechland Lake Camping Revenue

To date the current revenue for camping at Czechland Lake is \$11,500.

3.B. Conservation Tree Program

The District currently charges .82/tree for hand plants and \$1.45/tree for machine planting. Bessey Nursery's prices for 2 year old seedlings in 2018, 19 and 20 was .70, .75 and .78 respectively. Other nurseries we purchase from have price ranges of .85 - .95. A list of what other NRD's charge is attached.

3.C. 2014 Jeep Patriot Repair

The Jeep Patriot engine is in need of being replaced, due to the loss of coolant and overheating.

On August 7, on a muddy road, the Jeep slid into a deep ditch and the bumper was dislodged, no other damage was noticed at the time. We had a auto body shop put the bump and other components back on. On September 18, in Platte County, the Jeep lost coolant and overheated and we trailered it back to HQ. Staff inspected the engine and found that the radiator had split on a seam. We had the radiator and AC condenser replaced but the engine would not run, leading to the diagnosis that the head or block is warped or cracked. A replacement engine with 48,000 miles will cost \$2,400 with a one year warranty.

3.D. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corp of Engineers

The Corps of Engineers are waiting on signed Real Estate Certifications (Rights of Entry, Easements, etc.) before they can advertise and have a contractors site visit for the Clear Creek Levee repairs. The District is waiting on three easements from homeowners on the river at Thomas Lakes to then send to the Corps.

Saunders County has a contractor on line to reconstruct County Road E and F. The two culverts through Co. Rd E are the responsibility of the District. The District will take that culvert line item cost and forward it to FEMA when the project is completed. The start date for the project is November. The District needs to make a decision on whether the two breaches in the old levee above County Road E need to be repaired.

3.E. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair - (FEMA)

JEO Consulting is scheduled to do wetland delineation work this week and the survey crew will also be on site this week or next, weather depending. Heimann has been in touch with the landowners and their contact information has been forwarded to JEO. When the survey and some preliminary design is complete, JEO, NRD staff and the landowners will discuss the project approach.

3.F. Clear Creek Fuse Plug at Camp Ashland (FEMA)

At the September Board meeting it was decided to re-bid the Fuse Plug repair. Bids were due Wednesday, October 2 at Noon. One bid was received from Clark Construction at a bid of \$67,426.08. This dollar amount is subject to change depending on quantities needed, contractors were given estimated quantities.

Also at the September Board meeting a recommendation, on consent agenda, was to have staff and the Operations Committee review and score Engineering Firms RFP's for the oversight of the Fuse Plug repair. We received three RFP's from E & A Engineering, JEO, and FYRA. After scoring and some discussion FYRA Engineering was chosen to lead the project. The contract was written not to exceed \$21,720.

3.G. Wanahoo Dam Spilling Basin (FEMA)

The decision to hire an Engineering firm to oversee the design and repair of the Wanahoo Dam Spilling Basin was tabled at the September Board meeting.

It was requested that Olsson Associates and FYRA Engineering give presentations on their proposals on committee meeting day. Olsson's is scheduled to present at 9:30 a.m. and FYRA at 10:00.

Both Firms gave very good presentations, Discussion took place by all Board members present. At Board Meeting, a motion is first needed to take it from the table in order to proceed with the Operations recommendation.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

One landowner has notified us that he received a Nation Wide 45 permit from the COE. NW-45 is for repair of upland damage due to discrete events. He will send a copy of his permit and NRD cost-share application soon.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

5.A. Wanahoo Education Building Update

September marked the first "unofficial" soft opening of our Education Building. A local family reunion used the facility for a day-long gathering. The kitchen, restrooms and audio/video components were not complete but were usable. The family had a great time, loved the building and have reserved the location for next year.

We are 99% complete and contractors are in the process of finishing the final touches. Walls have been sealed, audio components are installed and electrical, plumbing, heat/air are complete. Final inspection is set for next week and our next rentals are scheduled for the end of next week.

Any directors interested in touring the building, please let me know and we can stop out and walk through.

5.B. Lake Wanahoo 2019 Permit Sales

The District has made \$5,712.79 on permit since the last committee meeting on 8/23/2019.

Annual Permits: \$2197.50

Day Passes: \$3515.29

Year to date net sales total \$98,297

5.C. Lake Wanahoo Camping Sales

The District has made \$13,046.68 since the last committee meeting on 8/23/2019. Year to date net sales total \$85,895.14

5.D. Wanahoo Concrete Bids

Due to time constraints regarding our building rental scheduled for October 11, 2019, concrete bids to pour sidewalk and ADA accessible parking were requested to be in by Friday September 20th with work to be completed by the first week in October. McAtee Concrete Construction (same firm who poured our building floor) was the low bid of \$4,665.00.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

The current KTIC radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd promote the three LPNNRD recreation areas and will continue through October 31. The ads are attached.

6.A.2. FY2020 Long Range Plan

Staff have been working on providing updates and additions to the FY2020 Long Range

Plan. The latest draft is attached. The final draft will be available prior to the October 14th Board of Directors meeting.

A motion will be needed at the Board Meeting to approve and adopt the FY2020 Long Range Plan.

6.A.3. Master Plan

Staff are currently working on the LPNNRD Master Plan. This plan is updated every 10 years. The 2009 Master Plan is attached. A draft will be provided at the next Operations Committee Meeting on October 31.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. East Central Region Land Judging Contest

The Lower Platte South NRD is hosting the East Central Region Land Judging Contest on Wednesday, October 9th. Several LPNNRD staff are assisting with scoring.

6.B.2. September-October Education Programs

Date	School/Group	Grade/Age	# of students	Topic	Staff
Thursday, September 5	Fremont Education Field Day	7 th grade	270	Drones/Lake Ecosystems/Tree Planting	TePoel/Sabatka/Heimann
Saturday, September 7	World O! Water Festival	Open to the Public	100	Water Quality	TePoel
Wednesday, September 18	Wonderful World of Water (LENRD & UENRD)	High School	30	Wildlife CSI	TePoel
Monday, September 9	St. Wenceslaus	Pre-K	18	Wildlife-Camouflage	TePoel/Sabatka/Gottschal
Monday, September 9	Bishop Neumann	High School	11	Soil Health & Conservation	Elliott/TePoel
Monday, September 9	East Butler	8 th Grade	7	Water Quantity/Quality	Andersen/Sabatka

Thursday, September 12	St. Wenceslaus	Pre-K	12	Wildlife-Camouflage	TePoel/Sabatka
Thursday, September 12	Wahoo Public	7 th Grade/High School	58	Careers	TePoel/Sabatka
Thursday, September 12	Wahoo Public	FCCLA/FBLA	12	Careers/LPNNRD/Wanahoo	TePoel/Gottschalk
Friday, September 13	St. John's	Pre-K	8	Wildlife-Camouflage	TePoel
Tuesday, September 17	St. John's	Pre-K	8	Wildlife-Camouflage	TePoel/Sabatka
Thursday, September 17	Wahoo Public	Kindergarten	32	Trees	TePoel
Wednesday, September 18	Wonderful World of Water	High School	30	Wildlife	TePoel
Thursday, September 19	Wahoo Public	Kindergarten	30	Trees	TePoel/Sabatka
Monday, September 30	Bishop Neumann	8 th Grade	7	Careers	Sabatka/TePoel/Nathan M
Tuesday, October 8	Howard Elementary (Fremont)	Pre-K-4 th Grade	400	Wildlife	TePoel/Sabatka/Breunig
Wednesday, October 9	Land Judging (LPSNRD)	High School FFA		Soil judging	TePoel/Sabatka/Breunig/M
Wednesday, October 23	Logan View	7 th , 8 th , High School		Geocaching, careers, water quality/quantity	TePoel/Sabatka/Andersen
Monday, October 28	Cub Scouts (Wahoo)	5-6 year olds		Wildlife-Camouflage	TePoel

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Colon System

New customer hookup (Leonard Zeleny's shed) was completed 9/25.

Shad Hejhal's account has been delinquent for twelve months; he suffered a traumatic brain injury at work and has been dealing with legal issues associated with acquiring disability. He has been in sporadic contact with us and has infrequently made small (~\$20.00) payments

toward his balance. His service has been shut off and he recently requested that his account be turned off so he can not accrue any more debt. In discussion with the Village of Colon they looked into putting a lien on his property to recoup the money they are owed for the sewer portion of his debt, but due to Hejhal's efforts at making payments they could not further the lien pursuit.

7.B. Bruno System

Elliott contact the Nebraska Rural Water Association to complete a Rate Study for the Bruno RWD. This is free of charge to the RWD.

Elliott repaired another damaged air relief vent; it appears that it was impacted by a vehicle/machinery and bent. Pictures attached.

Sampling and billing completed.

7.C. Other