

Operations Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We have nothing to consider for unfinished business.

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Nothing new to report.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M staff has been cutting & treating trees on recreation areas and Clear Creek Levee. We hauled rip-rap and dirt to a Swedeburg dam to protect some erosion on the toe of the dam. Equipment and truck maintenance.

3.A. Wanhoo Stilling Basin - (FEMA)

All directors are receiving updates via email from Eric Suing of FYRA/Houston Engineering. M.E. Collins has installed all the re-bar in the apron floor of the basin. They have also removed the old baffle plate at the toe of the baffle wall. When the new floor is poured, a new plate will need to be added. This plate will have to be fabricated and may take 6 weeks. There's a Change Order No.1 (attached) for the removal and replacement of the baffle plate at a cost of \$45,758.48 and a diagram (attached).

Also, in the change order, the substantial completion date of 12/31/22 has been changed or extended to 2/28/23.

Committee members and staff questioned why the baffle plate re-design wasn't in the original design, knowing the old plate was damaged and the floor would be taken down 9-12". Also, what equipment is being re-mobilized that wouldn't be used in other future construction on site?

Ethan Miller of FYRA/Houston will be available at Board Meeting.

3.B. NRD Owned Thomas Lakes Lots

Attached is a location map of the six lots the NRD owns at Thomas Lakes. The two south lots are located on the Clear Creek Levee and the four northerly lots are on the high ground tied to the levee.

The Thomas Lakes HOA Bylaws define the lots as unusable and they can not be built on. Since 2010, the lots have been considered Community Green Space. Included in their rules, regulations, and covenants, these lots are to be maintained as to trash debris and overgrowth, Not be used for any overnight camping with a tent, No temporary storage buildings or sheds, No vehicle storage including campers or trailers, No fencing or other restrictive barriers, and No livestock boarding.

HOA has an interest in purchasing the lots but would be conservative in their bid. They would prefer that the NRD continue ownership w/ the HOA continuing the upkeep of lots 41-44.

By selling the lots, they would be put back on the County tax roll.

Options: 1) sell all six lots, 2) sell only the 2 south lots since they are directly on the

levee and the 4 would remain as they are under the care of the HOA & District, 3) don't sell any lots and remain as is.

The committee and staff would like our legal counsel to write a letter to the Thomas Lakes HOA before their January meeting stating the District's disapprove of their regulations specified for the NRD owned lots.

3.C. Ron Morrissey Irrigation Letter

Find attached a draft letter to Mr. Ron Morrissey in regard to surface water irrigating from Sand Creek. The letter states that Mr. Morrissey will contact the Dept. of Natural Resources if and when he feels he is short of water. The District will then follow the NDNR directive in regard to releasing water from Lake Wanahoo.

3.D. Grass Drill Rental Saunders County

Rezac Seed sent payment of \$217.20 for drill rental from July to December. They had a \$81.20 credit from the first half of the year for drill repairs.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

We received an invoice from Doug Ritthaler for \$5,300 for jetty repair work on the Platte River in Saunders County. The district assist at 50% or \$2,650.00.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of November, the District received \$15.00 in annual park permit revenue. The year by year break down of annual permit sales is listed below.

Permit sales for 2023 have started and the initial returns are very positive.

5.B. Month	5.C. Monthly Total	5.D. YTD
5.E. November 2022	5.F. \$15.00	5.G. \$75,262.50
5.H. November 2021	5.I. \$30.00	5.J. \$85,656.85
5.K. November 2020	5.L. \$360.00	5.M. \$96,317.50
5.N. November 2019	5.O. \$52.50	5.P. \$82,252.50

5.Q. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of November, the District received \$1,641.37 in camping revenue. The year by year comparison is listed below.

5.R. Month	5.S. Month Total	5.T. YTD
5.U. November 2022	5.V. \$1,641.37	5.W. \$128,968.11
5.X. November 2021	5.Y. \$1,074.00	5.Z. \$115,714.11
5.AA. November 2020	5.BB. \$1,404.78	5.CC. \$132,541.81
5.DD. October 2019	5.EE. \$1,234.20	5.FF. \$92,173.80

5.GG. Clint Johannes Education Building

During December, the building was rented 12 times with 2 NRD events. Revenue for the month was \$700.

The new rates will begin on January 1, 2023. Online materials have been updated, and print materials are in the process of being updated.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

December's KTIC Radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper e-ad continued with the water reports deadline.

January's KTIC Radio spot is attached - featuring the upcoming Nitrogen Certification classes for producers.

January's Wahoo Newspaper E-ad is attached - features the 2023 Wanahoo permits available.

6.A.2. Analytics

The LPNDR Facebook/Twitter pages, and the website are the fastest and low-cost ways to get information out to the public. Tracking analytics are a way to see if people are seeing the information and what ways seem to be most effective. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, please like, follow, share, or retweet the Lower Platte North NRD posts!

Total reach/impressions show how many people saw the post/tweet. Engagements include likes, comments, shares/retweets and link clicks.

6.A.3. FACEBOOK	6.A.4. Total Reach	6.A.5. Engagements	6.A.6. Followers
6.A.7. December	6.A.8. ,758	6.A.9. 163	6.A.10. 1,421
6.A.11. November	6.A.12. 0,355	6.A.13. 198	6.A.14. 1,413
6.A.15. October	6.A.16. ,042	6.A.17. 5,343	6.A.18. 1,409

6.A.19.

6.A.20. TWITTER	6.A.21. Total Impressions	6.A.22. Engagements	6.A.23. Followers
6.A.24. December	6.A.25. 2,570	6.A.26. 102	6.A.27. 88

6.A.28. N ovemb er	6.A.29. 2, 862	6.A.30. 12 6	6.A.31. 83
6.A.32. C ctober	6.A.33. 2, 324	6.A.34. 17 4	6.A.35. 85

6.A.36.

Top Posts on Facebook and Twitter:

- Trivia event flyer
- Accepting tree orders
- Drought monitor map
- 2023 Wanahoo permits available
- December Coffee Lakeside flyer

6.A.37. EBS ITE	6.A.38. s e r s	6.A.39 ra ffi c C h a n n el	6.A.40 op Pa ge s	6.A.41 e vi c e s
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6.A.57.

Traffic channels: organic traffic means they use a search engine then choose an option that includes lpnnrd.org, direct traffic means they type in lpnnrd.org directly (or have it bookmarked), and referral traffic is any other traffic not from a search engine or social (such as a link from another site).

Social clicks: 64 from Facebook, 5 from Twitter.

Referral clicks: 31 from NARD, 10 from NGPC, 7 from ad on Wahoo Newspaper's site.

6.A.58. News Channel Nebraska

In January we will feature the I&E video on News Channel Nebraska.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Past Events

- December 2nd: **R3 Conference** at Mahoney State Park. NGPC and various other outdoor organizations met for a one-day conference to discuss recruitment, reactivation, and retention for those involved in hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.
- December 3rd: **Trivia and Game Day** - 11 people attended a natural resources-based trivia and game day.
- December 6th: **Mead H.S. Classroom Visit** to prep students for a test your well night.
- December 8th: **Coffee Lakeside**, Nebraska Phenology - 11 adults and 3 kids attended to learn more about nature's calendar, specifically the winter months.
- December 13th: **St. Wenceslaus Pre-K** classroom visit. We talked about wintertime habitats and where animals go during the winter months. The visit ended with an ice fishing activity.
- December 16th: **Survival Club** - The topic was everyday carry kits and the 7 students who attended all took one home.

6.B.2. Future Events

- January 12th: **Coffee Lakeside** - Animals That Hoard
- January 19th: **Survival Club**

6.B.3.

Working on expanding our outreach through different avenues, such as recording previous presentations to get onto our YouTube channel, scheduling more classroom visits, and starting to prep for the annual Spring Conservation Sensation.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Colon System

Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read, bills mailed 12/29.

7.B. Bruno System

On 12/23 the RWD was contacted by David City utilities in regards to the Bruno watertower being frozen and apparently leaking (pic attached). DC was contacted by Bruno board member about water supply to the tower, which we operate. Elliott met with Bruno water operator and village board members to safely shut off supply to tower and develop a plan of operation until tower thaws.

Updates 12/29 (second pic)

1/3 (third pic)

Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read, bills mailed 12/29.

7.C. Other

Date of Issuance: 12/30/2022

Effective Date: 12/30/2022

Owner: Lower Platte North NRD

Owner's Contract No.:

Contractor: ME Collins Contracting Co., Inc.

Contractor's Project No.:

Engineer: Houston Engineering

Engineer's Project No.: 022-22-01

Project: Lake Wanahoo Apron Overlay

Item(s) added to contract (required change order)

The Contract is Modified as follows upon execution of this Change Order:

ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	CHANGE IN QUANTITY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
1.012	RE-MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,200.00
1.013	BAFFLE PLATE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT	LF	86.5	\$ 399.52	\$ 34,558.48
				TOTAL	\$ 45,758.48

Attachments:

Work Change Directive 001

Plan Sheets P.1 and D.2

CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE	CHANGE IN CONTRACT TERMS <i>[note changes in Milestones if applicable]</i>
Original Contract Price: \$452,487.40	Original Contract Times: Substantial Completion: 12/31/2022 Ready for Final Payment: 4/28/2023 days or dates
Increase from previously approved Change Orders: \$0.00	Increase from previously approved Change Orders: Substantial Completion: 0 Ready for Final Payment: 0 days
Contract Price prior to this Change Order: \$452,487.40	Contract Times prior to this Change Order: Substantial Completion: 12/31/2022 Ready for Final Payment: 4/28/2023
Increase of this Change Order: \$45,758.48	Increase of this Change Order: Substantial Completion: 59 Ready for Final Payment: 0
Contract Price Incorporating this Change Order: \$498,245.88	Contract Times with all approved Change Orders: Substantial Completion: 2/28/2023 Ready for Final Payment: 4/28/2023

RECOMMENDED:

By: _____
Engineer (if Required)

Title: Project Manager

Date: _____

AUHTORIZED:

By: _____
Owner (Authorized Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____

RECEIVED:

By: _____
Contractor (Authorized Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Funding Agency (if applicable)

By: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

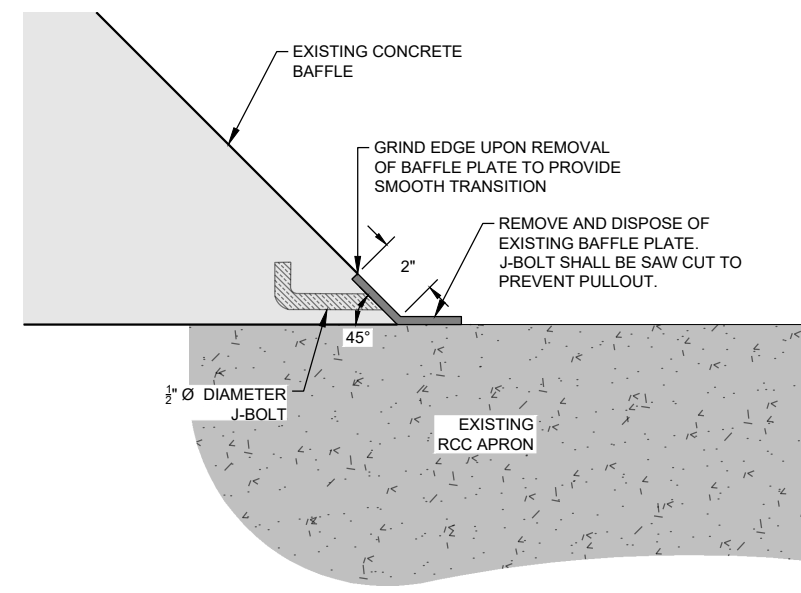
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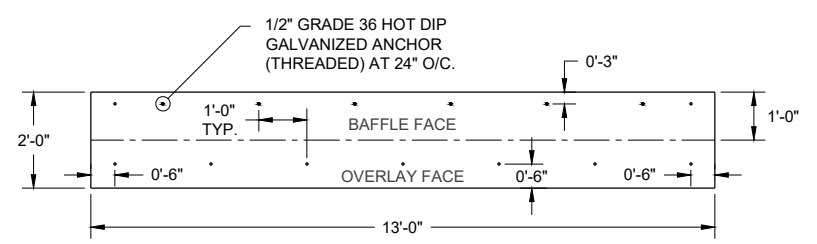
REVISIONS	
NO.	DATE
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DESIGNED BY: EDM
DRAWN BY: CDF
QA / QC BY: MKS
PROJECT NO.: 022-22-01
DATE: 12.14.2022

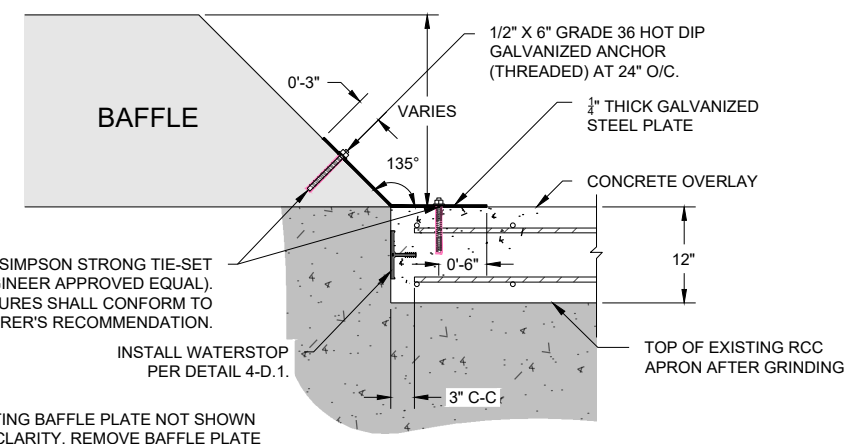
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**BAFFLE
PLATE
DETAILS**



BAFFLE PLATE REMOVAL PLAN 3
NO SCALE (D.2)



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BAFFLE PLATE MODIFICATION DETAIL 1
NO SCALE (D.2)

INSTALL ANCHORS USING SIMPSON STRONG TIE-SET 3G ADHESIVE (OR ENGINEER APPROVED EQUAL). INSTALLATION PROCEDURES SHALL CONFORM TO MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.

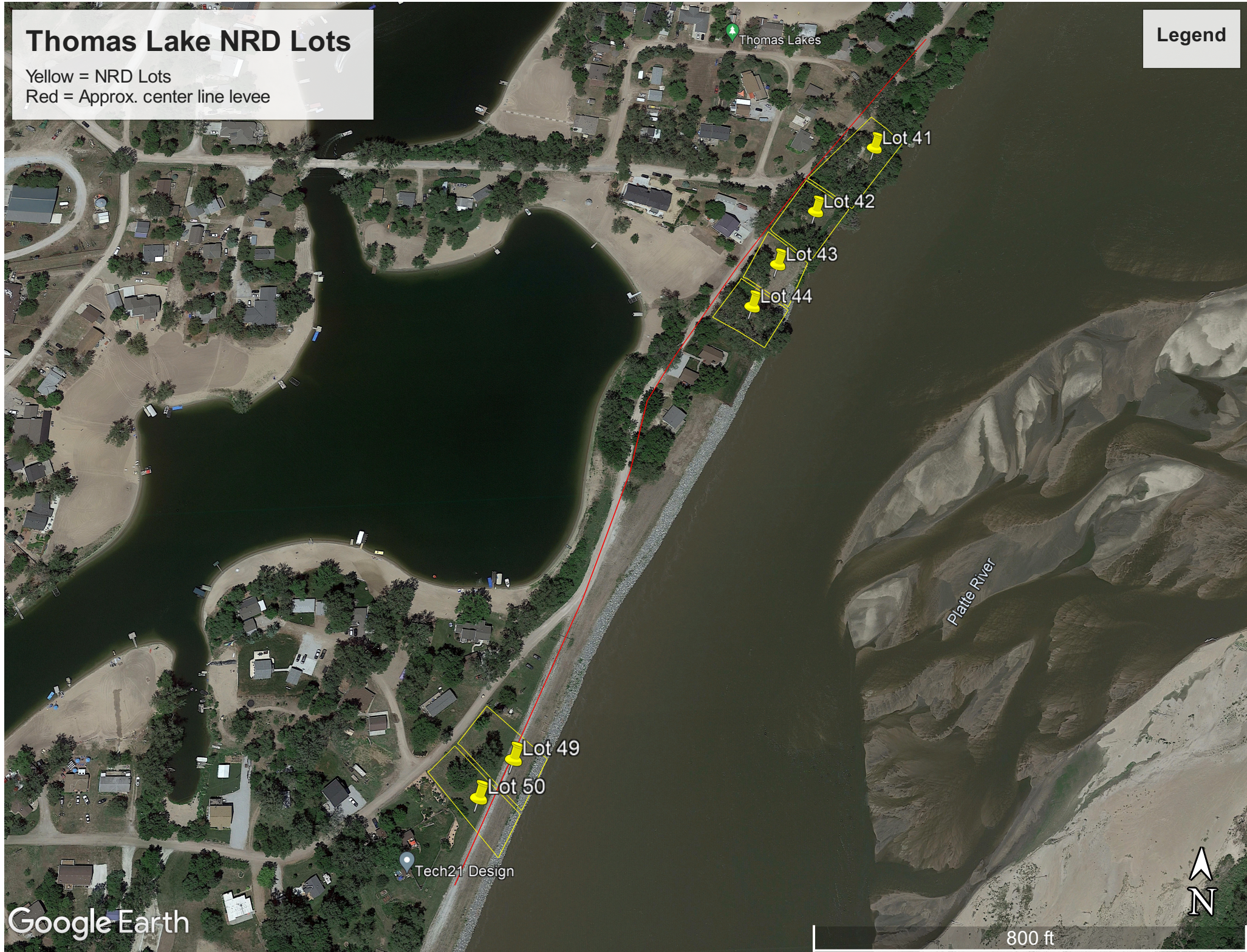
INSTALL WATERSTOP PER DETAIL 4-D.1.

- *NOTE:
- EXISTING BAFFLE PLATE NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY. REMOVE BAFFLE PLATE PER DETAIL 3-D.2.
 - BAFFLE AND OVERLAY ANCHORS SHALL BE OFFSET PER DETAIL 2-D.2.
 - ANCHOR BOLTS SHALL BE EMBEDDED 6" AND SUPPLIED WITH NUTS AND WASHERS.
 - APPLY 1/4" WELD TO ABUTTING EDGES OF BAFFLE PLATES

Thomas Lake NRD Lots

Yellow = NRD Lots
Red = Approx. center line levee

Legend



January __, 2023

Ronald E Morrissey
742 County Road L
Yutan, NE 68073

RE: Surface Water Rights on Sand Creek

Mr. Morrissey,

The purpose of this letter is to clarify who you should contact regarding your surface water appropriation. As you know, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) administers surface water appropriations in accordance with the priority and limitations of the rights granted. As such, you will need to contact the Lincoln area field office at (402) 471-2363 for all issues related to your appropriations and not the Lower Platte North NRD. Our understanding is when you contact NeDNR, their staff will measure and verify your appropriation, if it is insufficient, they will take appropriate actions with junior right holders.

Lower Platte North Natural Resources District

Water Use Online Reporting

The deadline for water use reports is quickly approaching on **December 15th**. Producers required to submit reports must complete this online at producer.lpnrd.org. If you have questions, please call the NRD at 402-443-4675.



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NRD Recreation Area Permits are now available! Stop by the office in Wahoo or order online at lpnnrd.org



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