

Operations Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2023 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. ELECT COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR
Alex Kavan nominated Ryan Engel to be Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee.
Nominations ceased.
2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Nothing to consider for unfinished business.
3. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS
We are having a virtual meeting with Biologist Tim Grosch with Ducks Unlimited on Monday, October 2nd to discuss the wetland renovation. We would like the following information -Revised design availability, Schedule for meeting w/ Saunders County Board, Schedule for bid announcement and opening, Budget Coordination, Construction initiation target date, Coordinate with M.E. Collins for potential spoil placement, and necessary site preparation needs and timelines.
Scott Luedtke of Game & Parks is assisting the NRD with this project.
4. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
The O & M crew has finished all our Fall mowing (Levee Districts have paid in full). We had a drone spray multiple areas of problem trees and vegetation. We sprayed small Phragmites areas along Clear Creek Levee and one on Wanahoo. Fixed split rail fence and Czechland Lake.
We will have a new O & M crew member this month, Kaitlyn Fehlhafer. She is graduating from UNL in December with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife with emphasis on Habitat Management/Wildlife Ecology & Management. She has worked for the Lower Platte South NRD for the past two summers.
 - 4.A. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A, NRCS & HDR
A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Malmo Fire Hall. Previous to the public meeting, there will be an agency (NRD, NRCS, HDR) meeting starting at 1:00 pm at the NRD office. A public notice was published in the Wahoo Newspaper and letters were sent to landowners and tenants within the watershed. Lacey is adding information on this project to our website.
HDR will provide all materials for the meeting.
 - 4.B. Clear Creek Levee
The Corps of Engineers and Heimann did an annual inspection of the Clear Creek levee system from Camp Ashland to the north end (approx. 10-11 miles). The inspectors gave complimentary comments on the condition and upkeep of the levee but, they still find deficiencies.
We were also informed that the COE would like to close out the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee project this fiscal year (by Sept. 30). If it is closed- out we could re-consider selling the Thomas Lakes lots.
 - 4.C. Lake Wanahoo Archery Range
On Saturday September 16, Eagle Scout Henry Waverka coordinated the building of

a 10-40 yard archery range just north of the boat ramp parking lots. Heimann and Schomer assisted along with three scouts, members of the Big Game Conservation Association and family. Pictures attached.

4.D. Lower Platte Weed Group

Hexogon Helicopters started spraying Phragmites on the Platte River and surrounding areas on Monday September 25th. They have sprayed the Platte River from Hwy 81 to the mouth. Drew assisted in the mapping of areas to be sprayed from Hwy 81 to the Missouri River and other locations.

4.E. Jason Scott Bridge

Attached is a photo of Jason Scott's access bridge. This was installed, allowing Mr. Scott to gain access to a previously land-locked portion of his property on Sand/Duck Creek Dam 15. Copies of paid invoices will be submitted and cost-share will be paid.

5. ROCK AND JETTY

We haven't received applications or requests for payment.

6. LAKE WANAHOO

6.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of August, the District received \$2690.00 in annual park permit revenue. The year by year break down of annual permit sales is listed below.

| Month | Monthly Total | YTD |
|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| July 2023 | \$2690.00 | \$70380.00 |
| July 2022 | \$2902.50 | \$71767.50 |
| July 2021 | \$2700.00 | \$82292.50 |
| July 2020 | \$5035.00 | \$92507.50 |
| July 2019 | \$4302.50 | \$79612.50 |

6.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of August, the District received \$14,707.66 in camping revenue. The year by year comparison is listed below.

| Month | Month Total | YTD |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| August 2023 | \$14707.66 | \$97877.06 |
| August 2022 | \$15626.91 | \$94044.74 |
| August 2021 | \$11405.61 | \$93918.34 |
| August 2020 | \$18197.95 | \$105843.35 |
| August 2019 | \$14509.18 | \$75425.64 |

6.C. Potential House Donation to Lake Wanahoo

Last winter, a local landowner contacted staff regarding the potential donation of a home to the Lake Wanahoo property. The landowner would like a Board decision on whether this is something the District is interested in.

6.D. Clint Johannes Education Building

During the month of September, the building was rented 25 times with 3 NRD events. Total for the month was \$2,170.

7. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

7.A. Information

7.A.1. Radio & eAds

September’s KTIC radio ad featured the availability of environmental education programs. October will feature the no-till grass drill rental options.

September’s Wahoo newspaper e-ad featured the environmental education programs. October will feature the no-till grass drill rental options.

7.A.2. Analytics

The LPNNRD Facebook/Twitter pages, and the website are some of the fastest ways to get information out to the public. Tracking analytics are a way to see how many people are seeing the information. Sometimes a decrease in reach or impressions can mean there is an error with the Facebook/Twitter pages or the website. Facebook and Twitter posts range from 10 - 15 posts per month. 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.

| FACEBOOK | Total Reach | Engagements | Followers |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| September 1-26 | 1,406 | 59 | 1,493 |
| August 2023 | 5,101 | 550 | 1,489 |
| July 2023 | 9260 | 428 | 1,481 |

| TWITTER | Total impressions | Engagements | Followers |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| September 1-26 | 4,517 | 215 | 406 |
| August 1-29 | 3,292 | 123 | 405 |
| July 2023 | 2,072 | 99 | 404 |

Top Posts on Facebook and Twitter:

- Cover crop field demo flyer
- Coffee Lakeside flyer

- Envirothon Field Day flyer
- Drought monitor map
- Movement in Nature event flyer

| WEBSITE | Users | Traffic Channel | Top Pages | Devices |
|----------------|-------|---|---|---|
| September 1-26 | 1,649 | Organic 75% Direct 20.1% Referral 4.1% Social 0.8% | Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Outdoor Recreation Staff | Mobile 59.9% Desktop 38.4% Tablet 1.7% |
| August | 2,402 | Organic 63.1% Direct 30.3% Referral 4.7% Social 1.9% | Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Downloads Staff | Mobile 53.28% Desktop 45.59% Tablet 1.13% |
| July 2023 | 2,409 | Organic 71.8% Direct 21.7% Referral 5.2% Social 1.3% | Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Downloads Outdoor Recreation | Mobile 62.2% Desktop 36.2% Tablet 1.5% |
| June 2023 | 2,523 | Organic 72.7% Direct 20.8% Referral 5.4% Social 1% | Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Outdoor Recreation Downloads | Mobile 65.2% Desktop 33.1% Tablet 1.7% |

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).

7.B. Education

7.B.1. Past Events

- **September 14th:** Coffee Lakeside, Nature's patterns, 3 people attended.
- **September 15th:** Papio NRD Field Trip assistance, 75 2nd grade students went through 3 different stations.
- **September 19th:** Envirothon Field Day. Students from Arlington (8), Stanton (7), Scribner-Snyder (10), Bennington (13), Lutheran High Northeast-Norfolk (5), Freeman (4), and Zoo Academy-Omaha (4), attended a learning day at Lake Wanahoo for the future Envirothon Competitions.

- **September 20th:** Moving with Nature - Let's Play Yoga Event. 10 people attended.
- **September 21st:** Fremont Middle School Outdoor Day. Due to the weather, we hosted 150 out of the 300 students, at 4 different stations. Tree planting (Sean and Dave), Careers Jeopardy (Lacey and Ryan), Aquatic Insects and Aquifers (Will, Russell, Noah), and Pollination and seed bombs (Sydney).
- **September 26th:** St. Wenceslaus pre-K classroom visit. Students learned about trees.

7.B.2. Future Events

- **September 29th:** Arlington public schools, 1st graders. Topic is soil.
- **October 3rd:** Trinity Lutheran Survival 1/2 day
- **October 3rd-6th:** Fairground Festival with Extension
- **October 12th-13th:** I&E Meeting in Wahoo
- **October 18th:** Survival Club
- **October 19th:** Coffee Lakeside
- **October 24th:** Papio Field Trip
- **October 25th:** Wahoo 1st grade first field trip
- **October 27th-29th:** Fall Festival

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

8.A. Colon System

A new home is nearing completion and RWD is in the process of tapping line and installing the new meter.

Routine monthly sampling completed, bills will be mailed 9/29.

8.B. Bruno System

The communication issues between the Bruno water tower and Bruno RWD meter pit have been resolved. Atlas Automation upgraded the radios and relocated the pressure transducer to the meter pit. Everything is working as it should. All costs for this project were covered by the Village of Bruno.

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8.C. Other









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Hands-on sessions for students
in wildlife, forestry, soil and more!

Visit lpnnrd.org/education or
call the NRD at 443-4675
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