

Operations Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 30, 2024 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There is nothing to consider for unfinished business.
2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS
In the areas to be hayed this summer, the flooding which occurred may have left logs and heavy residue that will limit the hay contractors.
3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
The O & M staff have been planting trees and, with the heavy rain and flooding, checked 30 dams in the heavy rainfall zones. We had at least 6 dams in which the auxiliary spillway operated at low flows with no indication of damage. When the water receded, we went back to the structures that had their principal spillways submerged to clear debris. We also assisted with removing debris from the face of the Wanahoo Dam.
 - 3.A. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A, NRCS & HDR
The soil mechanics report was completed by NRCS and forwarded to our engineers. HDR was also finalizing the economics and researching flowage easement questions. A 60% completion meeting should be coming soon.
 - 3.B. Intersection Hwy 77 & 109 Round-About
Half of the intersection of 77 & 109 is closed for Round-About construction. The electrical contractor has completed most of their work re-routing power lines and filling conduits with flowable grout.
As construction progresses, the contractor will install the filter systems around the utilities.
 - 3.C. Heavy Rainfall and Flooding in the District
The District experienced extreme rainfall amounts in many of our watersheds. We have damage on the Wanahoo property and in the stilling basin of the dam (pictures attached). The extent is unknown. As mentioned previously, staff have been out on approximately 30 watershed dams looking for damage, making sure we have water flow and clearing debris from principal spillways.
Also, we received other issues or complaints regarding flood damage.
 - 3.D. Behrens' request to replace a home at Thomas Lakes
Vance and Heidi Behren were present at the committee meeting. The Behren's residence is at 648 S. River Road, Thomas Lakes (see aerial attached). He presented a rendering of their plan to rebuild their home on Lot 47, which is on the high ground that ties into the Clear Creek Levee.
In a letter from the COE, it states that it's the District's decision.
Mr. Behren's stated that he would do a Geotechnical study to see if the ground is stable enough to rebuild the house on pillars above the Base Flood Elevation.
4. ROCK AND JETTY
We have not received any applications or request for payments.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of April, the District received \$10,101.75 in annual park permit revenue.

5.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of April, the District received \$10,603.29 in camping revenue.

The year to date total is \$24,224.65.

Lake Wanahoo was fully booked for memorial weekend in both Reserve sites and all walk-up for electric hook-ups. Set Your Sites has been live and is getting a good response from people camping.

5.C. Pontoon Boat

With the work needed on Pork Chop Island and routine work around the lake, a pontoon boat appears to provide better serviceability to Wanahoo staff. Staff is looking into the potential of selling our current Wanahoo boat and purchasing a 20+ foot pontoon.

5.D. Clint Johannes Education Building

The Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo was rented 21 times with 6 NRD/education events. Revenue for the month was \$1,975.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

The KTIC radio ads and Wahoo newspaper e-ads during May featured the upcoming chemigation permits deadline. The ads for June will highlight the availability of cost-share for abandoned wells.

6.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.

FACE BOOK	Total Reach	Engagements	Followers
May 1-28	9475	10,264	1,614
April 1-29	7,565	8,361	1,592
March	8,024	9,151	1,557
February	8,395	8,208	1,531
January 2024	13,669	1,078	1,513
December 2023	2,381	135	1,501

TWITTER	Total impressions	Engagements	Followers
May 1-28	7637	697	427
April	810	59	423
March	803	75	426
February	1,033	34	416
January 2024	1528	86	417
December 2023	711	51	411

Top Posts on Facebook and Twitter:

- District Flooding update from May 21 (over 8,000)
- Notice of road closure near office/Wanahoo
- Set Your Sites instructions
- Natural Resources Camp flyer
- Nocturnal Night flyer

WEB	Users	Traffic Channel Changes	Top Pages	Devices

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M a y 1- 28	2,721	Organic 40.51% Direct 17.95% Referral 63.64% Social -33%	Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Flood Damage Reduction Staff	Mobile 62.8% Desktop 35.5% Tablet 1.7%
A p r i l	2,012	Organic 6.3% Direct -2.35% Referral -6.73% Social 0%	Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Outdoor Recreation Forestry	Mobile 56.4% Desktop 42.1% Tablet 1.5%
M a r c h	1,489	Organic -8.51% Direct -32.94% Referral -47.5% Social -16.67%	Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Forestry Staff	Desktop 48.9% Mobile 48.8% Tablet 2.3%
F e b r u a r y	1,838	Organic 0.8% Direct -9.6% Referral 64.3% Social -61.8%	Home Lake Wanahoo Forestry Downloads Czechland	Desktop 52% Mobile 45.8% Tablet 2.2%
J a n u a r y 20 24	1,718	Organic 51.06% Direct 1.06% Referral 63.3% Social 937.5%	Home Lake Wanahoo Downloads Czechland Staff	Desktop 51.4% Mobile 47.3% Tablet 1.3%
D e c e m b e r 20 23	1,075	Organic -20.26% Direct 3.1% Referral -2.27% Social -81.58%	Home Lake Wanahoo Downloads Staff Czechland	No data

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). As of mid-September changes for traffic channels and devices will show increase or decrease for the month.

Top referral clicks from: nrdnet.org 20, visitnebraska.com 24, Wahoo newspaper website (LPNNRD digital ad) 0.

Clicks from Facebook: 24.

Clicks from Twitter: 0.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Past Events

- **May 1st:** Spring Conservation Sensation. Close to 300 kids from 8 different schools came out to enjoy the day. Big thank you to all the staff and extra speakers, especially Mark and his 9 students who came down for the day to run the drone station.
- **May 2nd:** St. Wenceslaus Pre-K field trip. 30 students enjoyed a rainy morning at the lake with indoor activities, disc golf, nature walk, and lunch.
- **May 6th:** Wahoo 4th graders (64) came out to the lake for afternoon of birding, disc golf, nature walks, and other outdoor time.
- **May 7th:** Wahoo 3rd graders (88) learned about aquifers and ground water with model building and nitrate testing (AM). North Bend 2nd graders (46) learned about seed dispersal (thank you, Andrew Tonies, for your help!).
- **May 8th:** North Bend 1st graders learned about owls of Nebraska and were able to dissect owl pellets (44).
- **May 9th:** Coffee Lakeside - Postponed
- **May 13th:** Wahoo 2nd graders (72) learned about pollinators and pollination.
- **May 14th:** Ashland Greenwood Water Day. LPNNRD in partnership with UNL Extension put on a 3/4 day water learning event for 66 middle school students. Students met at ENREC where they discussed topics such as cover crops, groundwater, nitrates, wells (flow meters, pumping, measuring, etc.) and more.
- **May 17th:** Survival Club camp out at Lake Wanahoo - overnight - CANCELLED
- **May 18th:** Bob Bruner Memorial Fishing Derby at Fremont State Lakes. Over 300 kids came through (registered for fishing) with both kids and adults stopping by our booth to grab a free tree, go birding, and try different activities. Thank you to John Goldsberry for helping out on this day!
- **May 31st:** Nocturnal night

6.B.2. Future Events

- **June 3rd:** Kid's Summer Institute, Dip Netting
- **June 5th:** KSI - Bird Watching
- **June 6th:** Coffee Lakeside, Calling all caretakers! & Cedar Bluffs summer school program PM.

- **June 10th-14th**: NRD CAMP
- **June 11th**: Schuyler 4H night at Czechland Lake
- **June 15th**: Lion's Club Fishing Derby at Lake Wanahoo
- **June 17th**: KSI Nature Journaling
- **June 18th**: Wildflower Bouquets KSI AM and Wildflowers and Wine Night PM.
- **June 19th**: Happy Hearts Daycare Morning at the Lake
- **June 20th**: KSI Disc golf AM & Cedar Bluffs summer school program field trip PM

Have a baby.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Rural Water District Operations

The RWD has been busy with reporting the last month; USDA-RD financial (Colon RWD), NDEE: Consumer Confidence Report, Emergency Response Plan, and continued work on the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI).

The RWD has had multiple contacts about upgrading/replacing our current meter reading/billing software package.

7.B. Colon System

Routine sampling completed, meters read bills will be mailed 5/31.

7.C. Bruno System

David City water replaced the two 4" meters in the master meter pit on 5/16.

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7.D. Other




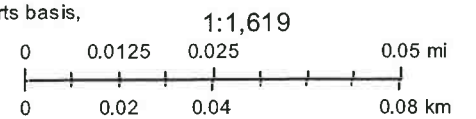




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-  Parcels
-  Sections





CHEMIGATION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Producers who are certified to
chemigate crops must have a
valid permit with
the NRD by **June 1st.**

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Thursday

JUNE 6

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



CALLING ALL CARETAKERS

Do you have children in your life you want to get outdoors more? Do you find yourself shying away from nature adventures because of your own fears or apprehensions? Join Sydney Abbott, LPNNRD Education Coordinator, as she discusses age appropriate ways to get kids of all ages immersed in nature and how we all can address our fears to better connect with the natural world.

Join us every month for a “Coffee, Lakeside” educational event at the Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo, located at 1655 County Road 16, Wahoo. Each month will focus on a new topic, with hot coffee and fresh donuts available to all who attend.

Are you curious about a specific topic and want to learn more?
Email your topic suggestions to sabbott@lpnnrd.org



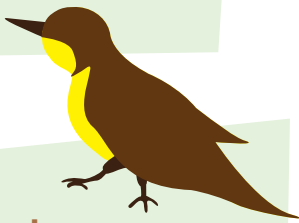
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NATURAL CAMP



JUNE 10-14

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Explore fish, birds, grasses, wildflowers, trees, insects, amphibians and reptiles by observing, catching, releasing, and more! Join Lower Platte North Natural Resources District's Education Coordinator, Sydney Abbott, for a week of fun and learning at the Clint Johannes Education Building on the East side of Lake Wanhoo.

Registration is limited to the first 20 students.

RESOURCES

- Do you love being outside?
- Do you love fishing?
- Do you want to dissect owl pellets?
- Are you curious about plants and animals in Nebraska?
- Are you in grade 5-8?

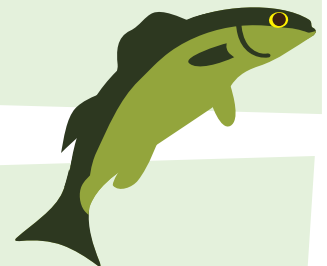
THEN THIS IS THE CAMP FOR YOU!

TO REGISTER:



Please call the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District at 402-443-4675 or email Sydney at sabbott@lpnrd.org.

More information will be provided after registration.



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Wildflowers & WINE

Tuesday, June 18

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Clint Johannes Education Building
East side of Lake Wanahoo
1655 County Road 16, Wahoo

Learn about flowering shrubs and trees for pollinators, a plant ID walk around, and end with wine tasting from Cellar 426 Winery!

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., presentations at 6:00 p.m.
This educational event is open to all. ID's will be checked prior to wine tasting.



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NOCTURNAL NIGHT

Friday, May 31
8 - 10 p.m.

Clint Johannes Education Building
East side of Lake Wanahoo, 1655 County Road 16, Wahoo



A family night of learning about nocturnal animals, plus a nighttime nature walk!
Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Activities
begin in the Education Building, followed by nature walk around 9:00 p.m.
S'mores provided following the nature walk (weather permitting).

**BRING A
FLASHLIGHT!**



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