

Operations Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 30, 2025 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. COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
Jerry Johnson was nominated as Chair and Ryan Engel as Vice-Chair. A unanimous vote took place and recommendation.
3. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS
Nothing to report.
4. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
The O & M crew continues to take out trees on dams and other project sites. Seeded & mulched the Bellwood Ditch 4 repair.
 - 4.A. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A, NRCS, HDR
HRD is coordinating with the NRCS on costs and how to correctly do the cost share. They received a spreadsheet template from NRCS on January 6 which they have completed and will send the Preliminary Draft Plan to NRCS. After this submittal, HDR will schedule a meeting within a 3-week timeframe. At that point, or shortly thereafter, they will have one last round of comments from the NRCS. They now hope to have the 90% meeting the end of February.
 - 4.B. Wanahoo Basin & Other Property Damage - FEMA
Houston Engineering has sent out an invitation to bid on de-watering the stilling basin below the Wanahoo Dam. Bids will be due on Wednesday, February 5th and will be presented at our monthly board meeting with an anticipated motion of approval for one bid.
Three bids were received and are attached from General Excavating \$306,663.00, M.E. Collins \$134,327.60 and Valley Corp \$424,099.55.
 - 4.C. Tree Debris Grinding on Wanahoo Area
Barcel Enterprises was on the Wanahoo area the week of January 20 - 24th and grounded all tree piles. We now have large piles of wood chips (and other material) mulch. They worked on it for 2 1/2 days, The final invoice was \$16,600.
 - 4.D. No-Till Grass Drills
We received revenue reports from our grass drill cooperators for the second half of 2024. Rezac Seed sent a check for \$1,795.75, with 15 people using the drill. Rosendahl Farms Seed & Feed sent a check for \$727.00, with 11 users.
We have a 2008 Great Plain Model grass drill from the Schuyler Co-op. Benes Service has estimated its value between \$15,000 - \$20,000. The drill will need repairs that could range from \$4,000 - \$7,500. What shall we do with it? There may be an interested party that would purchase it. The District would have to advertise it and ask for bids.
Or other options.

4.E. Landowner Access Bridge Request over Rawhide Ditch 8

Dave Heller owns 80 acres of farmground on the east of Rawhide Ditch 8. The north 1/3 of the property is cut off by Rawhide Ditch 8 (Aerial Attached). He is requesting to build an access bridge for UTV/foot access. It would be something similar to his neighbor's irrigation pipe bridge (pictures attached). The District has an O & M easement on the property. If the board approves, staff will work with legal counsel for the proper documentation regarding ingress/egress, risk and release of liability.

4.F. Power Saw Replacement

Our ten-year-old power saw (Turbo Saw) used on our Bobcat to cut trees is beyond repair. Staff are contacting dealers for replacement options. If we decide to replace it will be included in next year's budget.

4.G. Hay Harvest on the Wanahoo Area

5. ROCK AND JETTY

We have not received any requests for payment or applications.

6. LAKE WANAHOO

6.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of December, the District received \$2,130.50 in annual park permit revenue.

6.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of December, the District received \$3,915.93 in camping revenue.

6.C. Clint Johannes Education Building

The Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo was rented 10 times in January. Revenue for the month was \$1,925. There were 3 NRD rentals. The building was blocked off two weeks (one full weekend) to update the floor. Attached is a picture of the upgrade.

6.D. Set Your Sites

Dustin Dam will be present to discuss updates with Set Your Sites at Lake Wanahoo

6.E. Wanahoo and Czechland Camping Rate Increase

When Wanahoo first opened, our nightly camping rates were \$19, and we have had one increase to \$20 a couple of years ago. With the improvements brought to Wanahoo by our work through Set Your Sites (ease of reservations, Wi-Fi coverage within the entire campgrounds), we are planning to increase our electrical RV nightly rates to \$25 beginning April 1, 2025. We will honor all current reservations made for this coming season, but all new site reservations will be at the new rate.

We will also increase the electrical RV rate from \$18 to \$20 at Czechland Lake.

6.F. Live Well Go Fish Building

I have been working with Live Well Go Fish for the past few months to develop a building plan for Lake Wanahoo. As discussed at prior meetings the plan will be to share space in the building with Live Well Go Fish to store our trailered boat and possibly other equipment. Live Well Go fish has gotten bids for a 36'x60' building to be located directly west of the Wahoo Fire Department's existing building.

The total estimate for just the building to be erected is \$ 48,170. Site prep and electrical service would be an additional cost and we should have those any day.

7. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

7.A. Information

7.A.1. Radio & eAds

The KTIC radio ads and Wahoo newspaper e-ad for January featured the upcoming nitrogen certification classes and will continue through February.

The Wahoo newspaper print ad for January featured tree sales and this will run again in February.

The ads are attached.

7.A.2. Social Media and Website Analytics

The LPNNRD Facebook and X pages, along with the website are some of the fastest ways to get information out to the public. Facebook and X posts range from 12 -18 posts per month. If you are on Facebook or X, please like, follow, share, or retweet the Lower Platte North NRD posts!

If you ever notice on issues on the LPNNRD please let us know so we can get it corrected.

Total reach/impressions show how many people saw the post/tweet.

Engagements include likes, comments, shares/retweets and link clicks.

Top Posts included:

- Upcoming Groundwater Management plan open houses
- January Coffee Lakeside
- Nitrogen Certification Water Management class list
- Water Resources job opportunity
- Abandoned well cost-share availability

7.B. Education

7.B.1. Past events

January 9th: Coffee Lakeside - Recycling (12)

January 15th: Survival Club - (16) - everyday carry kits.

January 16th: Presentation at Wahoo Senior Center (10)

January 20th: St. Wenceslaus Pre-K visit (29)

January 29th: Bergan Early Childhood Center (30)

7.B.2. Future events

February 5th: Wahoo 1st grade

February 6th: Coffee Lakeside

February 7th: North Bend 5th grade

February 11th: Presentation at NACD Conference

February 18th: Presentation at Let's play yoga studio

February 24th-25th: Bishop Neumann Middle School

February 26-27th: NACEE conference and presentation

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

8.A. Rural Water Operations

On 1/30 the RWD will be training with the new meter reader and software. Both
Colon and Bruno had routine months with sampling and bills will be mailed 1/31.

8.B. Colon System

8.C. Bruno System

8.D. Other



PROPOSAL

Table with 3 columns: Houston Engineering - LPNNRD, PHONE 402-502-7131, DATE 2-5-2025; STREET 12702 Westport Parkway, Suite 300, FAX#; CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Omaha, NE 68138, JOB 2025 Wanahoo Basin De-watering; ATTN: Michael K. Sotak, P.E., BC.WRE - Project Manager, JOB LOCATION Wanahoo Spillway Basin

We hereby submit this proposal for the following items:

- 1. Mobilize equipment and materials to site
2. Handling of Water/De-Water Basin
3. Install and Breach Temporary Cofferdam
4. Install and leave in place or remove as directed 18" Corrugated HDPE pipe and fittings
5. Install and leave in place or remove as directed 10" Corrugated HDPE pipe and fittings
6. Demobilize equipment from site

Note: All HDPE pipe to be property of Lower Platte North Natural Resource District upon completion of project as identified in project documents.

If any contamination is discovered, all costs associated with removing the contaminated soil, and correcting problems associated with it, will be in addition to the amount shown on this proposal, and will be billed at General Excavating's standard rates, not withstanding any other provision in this proposal to the contrary. *All work will be done to State and Federal specifications by certified and licensed operators.***

Exclusions:

- Locating of Private Utilities
Unforeseen Underground Debris
Erosion Control
Seeding
Survey
Impact Fees

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor-complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: Three hundred six thousand, six hundred sixty-three and 00/100 *****\$306,663.00

Terms and Conditions: NET 30 days

Signature Michael D Reynolds
Michael Reynolds

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal-The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance:

Signature

Quotation

M.E. COLLINS CONTRACTING CO., INC.

P.O. Box 83 980 E 25 th Street Wahoo, NE 68066

(402) 443-3663 FAX (402) 443-5013

SUBMITTED TO: **Lower Platte North NRD**
PROJECT: Wanahoo Stilling Basin De-Watering
LOCATION: Wahoo, NE
LETTING: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

We hereby propose to furnish all the materials and perform all the work necessary for the above project as follows:


<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	1.00	LS	Stilling Basin De-Watering	\$ 134,327.60	\$ 134,327.60
Total Base Bid:					\$ 134,327.60

Final payment to be based on "as built" field measured quantities, unless otherwise stated.

The following items are not included:

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| <i>Staking</i> | <i>Engineering</i> | <i>Clearing and Grubbing</i> |
| <i>Traffic Control</i> | <i>Erosion Control</i> | <i>Testing</i> |
| <i>Permits</i> | <i>Utility Work</i> | |

M. E. COLLINS CONTRACTING CO., INC.

By 

Jacob Petrzilka
Assistant Project Manager



To: Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	Contact:
Address: 511 Commercial Park Road Wahoo, NE 68066	Phone:
Project Name: Wanahoo Basin De-watering	Fax:
Project Location: Lake Wanahoo, Wahoo, NE	Bid Number:
	Bid Date: 2/5/2025

Item #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Total Price
100	Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$36,976.65
101	Handling Of Water/de-water Basin	3,000.00	LF	\$345,180.00
102	Install And Breach Temporary Coffe Dam	1.00	LS	\$10,729.05
103	18in Dia Corrigated HDPE Pipe	320.00	LF	\$12,038.40
104	10in Dia Corrigated HDPE Pipe	360.00	LF	\$9,529.20
105	18in Dia Corrigated HDPE 90 Elbow	2.00	EACH	\$1,363.34
106	18in Dia Corrigated HDPE 11.25 Elbow	3.00	EACH	\$1,651.56
107	18in Dia Corrigated HDPE Internal Coupling	1.00	EACH	\$1,153.83
108	10in Dia Corrigated HDPE 90 Elbow	2.00	EACH	\$891.20
109	10in Dia Corrigated HDPE 11.25 Elbow	3.00	EACH	\$1,002.36
201	10in Dia Corrigated HDPE Pipe - Owner Provided	168.00	LF	\$2,640.96
202	10IN Dia Corrigated HDPE 90 - OWNER PROVIDED	4.00	EACH	\$943.00

Total Bid Price: \$424,099.55

Notes:

- THIS PROPOSAL MAY BE WITHDRAWN IF NOT ACCEPTED IN 30 DAYS OF SUBMISSION
- Performance & Payment Bonds EXCLUDED, if bond is required please add 1.1% for 1 year and 1.4% for 2 Yrs

BID QUALIFICATIONS

- Surveying/ Staking Excluded
- Testing/ Inspections Excluded
- Permits/ Fees Excluded
- Erosion Control Excluded
- SWPPP Inspections, BMP Repairs, Administration or Monitoring excluded
- Excavation or Backfill of Structures, Walls, and Footings
- Discharge Piping Provided to Be Retained by NRD
- Work is inclusive per plan sheets: D.1 & D.2
- Plans Dated 12/19/2024 By MKS

<p>ACCEPTED: The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted.</p> <p>Buyer: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date of Acceptance: _____</p>	<p>CONFIRMED: Valley Corporation</p> <p><i>Myron Schellhorn</i></p> <p>Authorized Signature:</p> <p>Estimator: Myron Schellhorn (402) 957-7063 myron@valleycorp.com</p>
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**LAKE
WANAHOO**



Nitrogen Certification & Water Management Classes

Producers in the Lower Platte North NRD area who need Nitrogen certification can attend upcoming classes, take an online test, or request a paper test at lpnnrd.org



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TREES & SHRUBS

Dozens of species available for Spring delivery!

Seedling handplants: \$1.25 per tree or shrub
in bundles of 25. Call 402-443-4675 or visit
www.lpnnrd.org/projects-and-programs/forestry



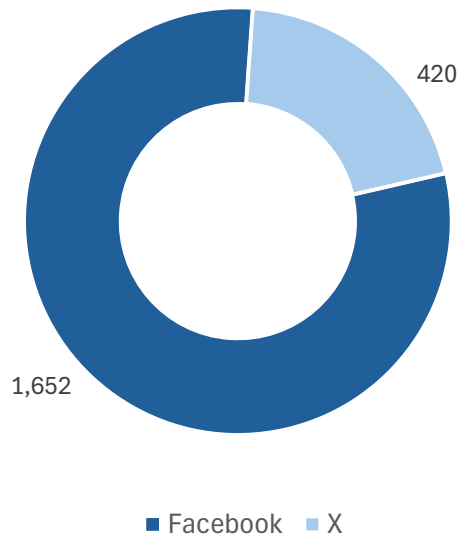
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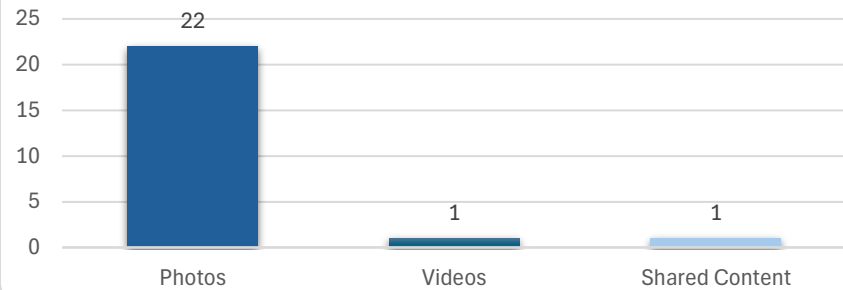


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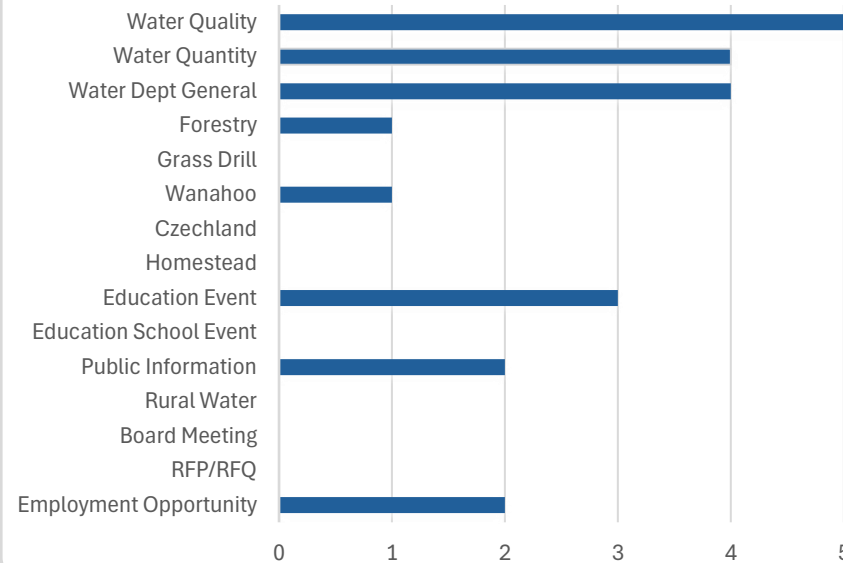
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January 1-28 Content



January 1-28 Post Categories



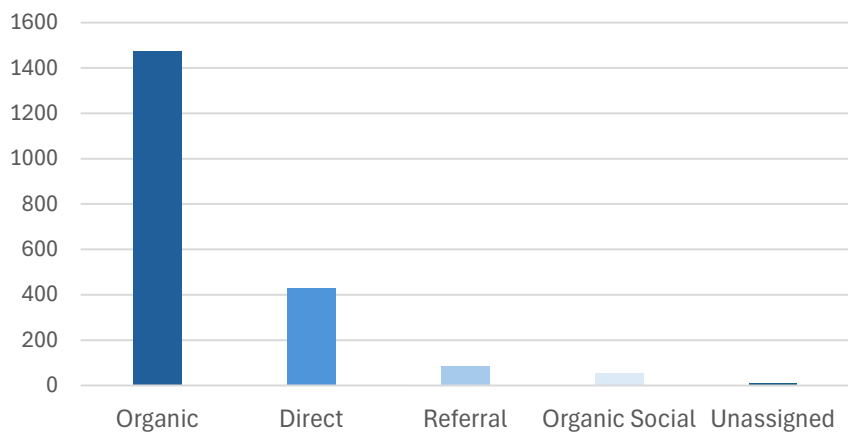
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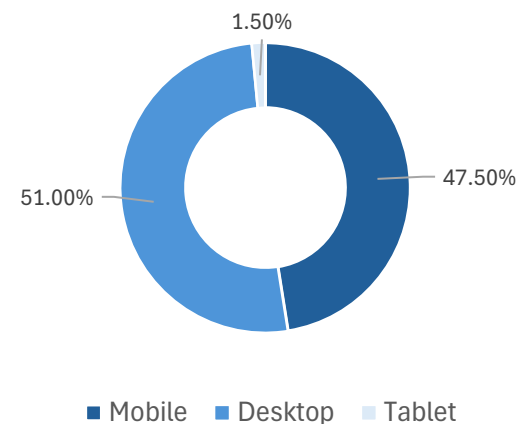
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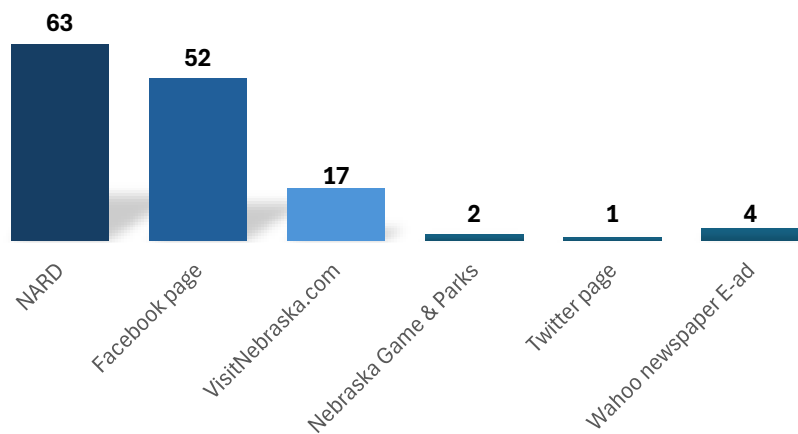
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Devices



Traffic By Type



Website Top 10 Pages by Users

