

Operations Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
We do not have unfinished business to consider.
2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS
We met with our partners, NE Game & Parks, NRCS, Pheasants Forever and Monarch Joint Venture on January 15th to discuss a new 5-year O & M Plan for the Wanhoo Wildlife Areas. The plan will run from 2027 to 2031.
The spreadsheet with maintenance items will be redeveloped as a guide for future maintenance.
3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
The O & M crew continues to remove invasive trees with the disc mulch at Czechland. Staff are also removing trees on a 2-mile stretch of Rawhide Ditch 8. Regular vehicle & equipment maintenance.
 - 3.A. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A, NRCS & HDR
NRCS Watershed Programs Branch sent back their programmatic review of the Cottonwood 21-A rehab plan. They identified a few minor edits and one major issue. The major issue is that the watershed manual requires the inclusion of decommissioning or another non-structural alternative in the final array of alternatives. We will be discussing this with HDR and the NRCS in a Teams Meeting on Wednesday, February 11th.
HDR will work to get their design estimate under \$500,000. They will provide a summary by the board meeting. If the new estimate is satisfactory, the committee recommends working with the engineering firms that have started this study.
 - 3.B. Wanhoo Basin Damage & Repair, FEMA, & Houston Engineering
We received an email containing the minutes of a Zoom meeting between FEMA and Houston Engineering that occurred around January 22nd. Houston has a few tasks to complete as requested by FEMA. We'll wait for an update from Houston.
 - 3.C. No-till Grass Drills
Our NET Grant for a new No-Till Grass drill was approved but, due to the recently introduced legislation (LB 1072), NET is temporarily pausing the issuance of grant contracts for newly awarded projects. NET is awaiting further legislative action before moving forward. Requesting updated grass drill bids is on hold.
We sold the used grass drill for the asking price of \$18,000.
We received year-end (2025) revenue from Clay Hills Ag at \$208 and Rezac Seed at \$852.30.
The seed dealers who rent our drills are recommending that we increase our minimum charge rate from \$75 to \$100 and the acre rate from \$10 to \$12/acre. One agreement is attached for your review.

3.D. Haying Wanahoo

We will be asking for bids to hay approximately 186 acres on the Wanahoo property. We are skipping a year on Czechland and Homestead Lakes.

3.E. Vehicles

The District picked up the new 2026 Ford Explorer.

We sold the 2017 Ford Fusion for \$9,100 to Ryan Chapman.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

We have not received any applications or requests for payment.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of December, the District received \$1,381.50 in park permit revenue.

5.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of December, the District received \$3,593.09 in camping revenue.

5.C. Clint Johannes Education Building

The Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo was rented 15 times in January, with 1 NRD event. Revenue for the month was \$1,625.

5.D. Wanahoo Amphitheater Update

Mr. Hansen has been made aware of the Board's decision last month to proceed and he has been in contact with his contractor and attorney.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

KTIC schedule:

January: Water Management/Nitrogen Certification

February: Trees & Shrubs

March: Environment Education

Digital display ad schedule:

Tree orders continue through February 28, 2026

6.A.2. Analytics

Top Posts for Facebook and X during January included:

- High School Grant Opportunity
- Nitrogen certification classes
- January Coffee Lakeside
- LPNNRD's Tree planting program

The main page, Lake Wanahoo page, forestry and wildlife, and the education page had the most views. Mobile and tablet usage went up, and desktop viewing went down. 2,700 people visited our website.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Past Events

- **January 8th:** Coffee Lakeside: Biophilia (12)
- **January 13th:** Lindsay Holy family 2nd grade - Pollinators/pollination (13)
- **January 12th:** Wahoo High School Careers (32)
- **January 16th:** St. Wenceslaus Pre-K - Ice Fishing and animals in winter - (26)
- **January 29th:** Aquinas Catholic Elementary K-5th Water (45)

6.B.2. Upcoming events

- **February 4th:** Survival Club
- **February 6-7th:** NACEE Conference
- **February 10th-11th:** Bishop Neumann MS
- **February 11th:** Fremont HS AM
- **February 12th AM:** Coffee Lakeside
- **February 12th PM:** North Bend HS Career Fair
- **February 24th:** Survival Club

TBD: St. Wenc Pre-K; class room visits

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Rural Water Operations

It was a routine month of sampling and billing for both Colon and Bruno RWDs

7.B. Colon System

7.C. Bruno System

7.D. Other

GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL GRASS DRILL AGREEMENT

The Lower Platte North NRD and Paul Rezac will come into agreement on a policy regarding the rental, scheduling, maintenance and revenue cost-sharing on the Great Plains No-Till Grass Drill owned by the Lower Platte North NRD. This will be agreed upon on this day of February 10, 2026, to be continual until cancellation by either party with a 30 day written notice. This contract may also be renewed upon changes in rental rates.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD:

- * Provide the Great Plains Drill for rental through Paul Rezac – Rezac Seed
- * Pay for all major repairs (parts & labor), this will be accomplished by Benes Service Co.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF REZAC SEED:

- * Schedule the grass drill for field work, do the billing and collection throughout the year
- * When scheduling for field work, grasses have priority over any row or grain crops
- * District receives the same revenue share even if custom planted by Rezac Seed
- * See that basic maintenance is accomplished routinely
- * To collect all unpaid/delinquent accounts
- * Reimburse the NRD for their share of the revenue every 6 months

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH THE LPN NRD AND REZAC SEED:

- * Establish a minimum charge of \$100 for the use of the Great Plains Drill and
- * Establish the rental rate at \$12.00/Acre and \$25/Day for the Great Plains Drill.
- * A rate of \$12.50/half day may be used at the discretion of Mr. Rezac
- * Establish that Rezac Seed and the LPN NRD both receive 1/2 or \$6.00/Acre and 1/2 or \$12.50/Day and 1/2 or \$6.25/Half Day as their shares in the rental of the grass drill
- * On minor repairs the District will pay for the parts and Rezac Seed provide the labor
- * Upon agreement by both parties, can change the rental rates as necessary

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the above terms for the length of the agreement;

Paul Rezac, Seed Dealer
840 Co. Rd 31, Valparaiso
784-3875

LPN NRD O & M
Manager
443-4675

LPN NRD Chairman
of the Board

Location: 3 miles west of Touhy & 2 south, east side of County Road 31 between E & F.