

Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2015 6:00 PM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. Call to Order

NOTE: The agenda is on file at the LPNNRD office and may be changed up to 24 hours prior to the meeting as scheduled.

1.A. Meeting Notice

1.B. Inform Public on Location of Copy of "Open Meeting Act"

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

2.A. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Comments - Advisors/Guests

4.A. Guest Comments

4.B. NRCS Report

4.C. NARD Report

4.D. NRC Report

4.E. Managers Report

4.F. Education Program

5. Approval of Minutes

6. Report of Standing Committees

6.A. Executive Committee - Action as Required

6.A.1. MEETINGS

6.A.1.a. Pending

6.A.2. MANAGEMENT ITEMS

6.A.2.a. Directors Absence

None

6.A.2.b. Bob Weaver

6.A.2.b.1. Monthly Conference Call and Update

The monthly Weaver conference call will be held the first week of June

6.A.2.b.2. Monthly Bill

The May Weaver bill will be attached to these minutes when received

6.A.2.b.3. Annual Increase in Monthly Fees

On an annual basis we consider increasing Bob Weavers monthly fee. The past three years we have allowed close to 3% (\$100/month). Our current rate is \$3,300/mo. so a 3% increase equates to \$99. Weaver has asked to have the monthly fee increased to \$4,000 per month (21% increase) which is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

6.A.2.c. Monthly Education Program

Meghan Sittler will give a program on Alliance Funding at the monthly board meeting. A full presentation was given at Projects Committee who asked that a condensed version be given to the entire board.

6.A.2.d. CCEI Lawsuit

The Court of Appeals has upheld the ruling of the district court in favor of CCEI in the suit they had filed against us. Jovan Lausterer attended the Executive Committee meeting to discuss where we go from here.

6.A.2.e. NWRA Dues

For the past three years there has been much discussion on NRD dues for NWRA (Nebraska Water Resources Association). Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find the current and proposed dues structure.

6.A.2.f. Legal Counsel at Board Meeting

Jovan will not be able to attend the May board meeting, Maureen Freeman-Caddy from the firm will fill in his absence.

6.A.3. EQUIPMENT

6.A.4. PERSONNEL

6.A.4.a. Staff Performance Appraisals

Performance Appraisals for all full-time employees have been completed and were discussed at the 5-26-15 Personnel Sub Committee. A copy of the Sub Committee Minutes are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

6.A.4.b. Recommendations for F.Y. 2016 Salary Adjustments

The following four motions were approved by the Personnel Sub-Committee and Executive Committee.

Base Increase

- To approve a 2.5% across the board salary increase for all employees for F.Y. 16.

Adjust Salaries to Meeting Entry Level

All Employees should at minimum be earning the entry level wage for their position. We currently have two employees who are below this threshold.

- To make salary adjustments so that all employees are at or above the entry level wage for their position.

Adjust to "Year 2 of 3" Step Implementation

The direction that the Board gave last year was to fund a portion of the cost to implement the 9-step system over the next three years.

- To fund "Year 2 of 3" for implementation of the 9-Step system at a cost of \$20,941.

Due to employment changes the net budget effect for salaries is an increase of .96% for next fiscal year (\$1,126,215 in F.Y. 15 - \$1,137,068 in F.Y. 16)

Recommend Step Advances for F.Y. 16

- To make the following step advances for F.Y. 2016: Oaklund to Step 4, Thompson to Step 5, Breunig to Step 6.

6.A.4.c. New Position Water Technician

The Personnel Sub-Committee discussed needing an additional employee prior to the Colfax/Platte Special Quantity Sub-Area going on line. Management is suggesting creation of a "Water Technician" position that would have a lower educational requirement and command a lower salary than our Water Specialist positions to fill this need. Staff was directed to assemble information for the committee looking at a January 1, 2016 start time.

6.A.4.d. Employee Recognition

The Personnel Sub-Committee reviewed employee recognition nominations with individuals being agreed upon for each of the four award areas. Committee members and the board chair will present the awards at the June 7 Recognition Picnic.

6.A.4.e. Manager Evaluation

Directors will be given the Manager Evaluation at Committee Meetings and are asked to turn them in to Director Saalfeld at Board Meeting Monday, June 8th. Saalfeld will assemble the evaluations for review by the Personnel Sub-Committee.

6.A.5. FINANCE

6.A.5.a. Approval of Financial Reports

6.A.5.b. Approval of Managers Time and Expense Sheets

6.A.5.c. Accounts over 90 Days

6.A.5.d. Union Bank Note Payment

It is time to make our annual payment to Union Bank for the Wanahoo Note.

Current Balance	\$2,521,466.73
June 2015 payment	<u>350,000.00</u>
New Balance	\$2,171,466.73

6.A.5.e. Interest Payment to Union Bank

The semi-annual interest payment on the Union Bank Note is due in June. For auditing purposes the interest will be paid up to June 30, 2015.

6.A.5.f. Bruno Loan Payoff

It was budgeted to payoff the Bruno Rural Water Loan this fiscal year.

6.A.5.g. Budget

6.A.5.h. Budget Hearings

For budgeting the following dates and time are recommended:

Budget Workshop	August 5	5:00 pm
Budget Hearing	August 10	5:00 pm
Hearing to set Levy	September 14	5:00 pm

6.A.5.i. Colfax County Tax Refund

Colfax County has informed us that in 2010 Cargill Meat Solutions protested their property tax amount. The court has ruled in Cargill's favor and the county is asking political sub divisions to refund collected taxes back to the county. The total award was

\$320,308.60 of which LPNNRD owes \$8,101.01. A copy of correspondence from the county is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

6.B. Education, Operations & Rural Water Systems Committee - Action as Required

6.B.1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

Nothing to report.

6.B.2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

6.B.2.a. O & M Crew

The O & M Crew have been planting trees, building maintenance items, staining the shelters at Czechland Lake and shredding areas of the Wanahoo Recreation area. We will start watershed dam inspections soon.

6.B.2.b. Tree Program

Tree planting was completed in between all rain days. Staff planted 8,345 trees and shrubs. There are some remaining conifers in the tree cooler.

6.B.2.c. Wanahoo SRA

Operations at Wanahoo are going well with new superintendent Jason Gabel. The Memorial Day weekend was very good with camping income at \$2,938 and visitation at 1,783. Informational signs/boards were installed near the boat ramp, shower building and east entrance.

6.B.2.d. National Guard Camp Flooding

Heavy rainfall in the Lincoln area May 6th & 7th caused the Salt Creek watershed to flood. Heavy flooding occurred in the Ashland area causing action to take place at the Fuse Plug levee on the south end of the National Guard Camp. Clark Construction was notified to be on location in case the sand levee needed to be excavated to allow flood water into the Platte River. Clark did remove the sand levee at the end of the day. An invoice of \$4,107.50 from Clark Construction is attached for the removal of the sand levee at the National Guard Camp.

6.B.2.e. Haying of Wildlife Areas/Recreation sites

There is approximately 195 acres to be hayed on the Wanahoo property starting July 16th and completion date of August 30. The District would advertise for three weeks with bids due June 30. Staff intends to skip a year on the Czechland and Homestead sites as they have been hayed the past three years.

6.B.2.f. FY 2016 Budget Review

A first glance at the 2016 FY Budget, please review.

6.B.3. ROCK AND JETTY

6.B.3.a. Payments

There are no request for payment this month. To date we have spent \$2,627.50 from the Rock & Jetty budget line.

6.B.4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

6.B.4.a. Erosion Sediment Complaint

A potential complaint has arose in Platte County just south of Newman Grove. Heimann and Schomer will investigate this complaint this summer. The complainant Kenny Nelson is concerned about sediment coming from Barry Johnson's property.

6.B.5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.B.5.a. Information

6.B.5.a.1. Radio & Web Ads

We have been running ads promoting outdoor recreation areas & the improvements at Czechland Lake.

6.B.5.a.2. Recognition Banquet

The 2015 Recognition Banquet will be held June 7 at Czechland Lake. The schedule is:

- 5 pm - Social Hour
- 6 pm - Dinner
- 7 pm - Awards

6.B.5.a.3. ThinkTank Workshop

Thompson attended a one-day workshop on social media and communications at UNL on May 19.

6.B.5.b. Education

6.B.5.b.1. Spring Conservation Sensation

The Spring Conservation Sensation was held May 6 with ~390 students attending. Due to weather, we had to move to the Saunders County Fairgrounds. Despite the weather and tight quarters, evaluations were very good. "Favorite activity" and "learned the most at" questions on the evaluations got a large variety of responses, which showed that we had a very good mix of activities this year. Two stations were substitutes for activities that only work well outside, and they were rated so highly we will likely add them to next year's event.

6.B.5.b.2. St. Wenceslaus Field Day

Because registration filled up so quickly for Spring Conservation Sensation this year, St. Wenceslaus was not able to attend. We helped them organize a Field Day at Lake Wanahoo on May 12 instead. With the number of students and parent volunteers, we were able to do "live" fishing and students had very good luck catching bass and bluegill. NRD staff also did "Lake Ecosystems" and geo-caching activities with the students. Teachers said they may make this an annual event.

6.B.5.b.3. David City Award

The LPNNRD received an award from the David City FFA for supporting ag education. The plaque will be displayed in the office.

6.B.5.b.4. Shell Creek Scholarship

We have one application for the Shell Creek Scholarship from Parker Wallin.

6.B.5.c. Computer

6.B.5.c.1. Board Room Computer Replacement

Our current board room computer is a "hand-me-down" and is near the end of its useful life. We are looking at low-cost replacement options.

6.B.6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- Read meters and collected samples for May - Should have results by Board Meeting
- Printing and sending current billing statements
- Tyler Benal attended Water Operators 4 course in Beatrice last week
- Submitted State required Rural Water Current Operating Budget
- Submitted State required Rural Water Department audit
- Updating Rural Water Dept. inventory

6.C. Water Committee - Action as Required

6.C.1. REGULATORY

6.C.1.a. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

6.C.1.a.1. Variance Request Penalty

Variance Request Penalty for Violation of LPNNRD R&R. This would apply to the ranking criteria and the issuance for new irrigated acres. Need to establish a policy on this. Options that were previous discussed included:

- 50 points per acre
- points removed per type of violation, whole field vs. corner

- 1st time violation given just warning
- penalty by subarea
- one, two, or three year suspension, which could be based on number of acres per that violation.

Staff recommendation is the last one.

Committee members discussed this and reviewed the rules from the Upper and Lower Republican NRD's (see attached). Middle Republican NRD is in the process of updating their rules and these were not available on-line. Directors preferred to follow rules of URNRD but to develop a 'Violation of LPNNRD policy' which would also include transfers, ranking criteria for variance requests, and cost share programs.

6.C.1.a.2. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

No new applications were received in the Hydrologically Connected Area.

6.C.1.a.3. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area)

No new applications were received in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area.

6.C.1.a.4. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Areas

No new applications were received in the Restricted Development Area.

6.C.1.a.5. Well Permit Program

6.C.1.a.5.A. Well Permits Approved

Wells Permits Approved: 1

Landowner	Number of Wells	Number of New Irrigated Acres	Type of Well	County	Subarea
William K Becker	1	130 (Transfer)	Irrigation	Boone	Lower Newman Grove

The total number of approved permits for 2014 is 26

Location of Approved Well Permits for 2014: Correct as of 5/27/2015

County	Irrigation - New	Irrigation - Replacement	Stock	Commercial	Municipal	Other	Total
Butler	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Colfax	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Dodge	3	3	0	0	0	0	6
Boone	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Platte	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Saunders	3	2	0	1	0	0	6
Total	12	13	0	1	0	0	26

6.C.1.a.5.B. Tyler Bruhn Extension Request

Tyler Bruhn is asking for a year extension to LPNNRD Well Permit LPN-014-1525; a pond well permit approved 5/29/2014. The permitted location is in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of S30-17-9E, Fremont Subarea (HCA), Dodge County. The well will be used to maintain a level suitable to for wildlife habitat in and around the pond.

A copy of the committee motion from 4/30/2014 is attached.

LPNNRD Policy on Pond Wells in the HCA:

1. In Hydrologically Connected Areas (HCA): A limited number of new or existing wells can be considered by the District in a given year to add ground water to a new or existing pond or lake.
 1. A flow meter must be installed on new or existing wells used to fill wetlands, ponds, or lakes.
 2. The volume pumped in any given year shall not exceed nine acre inches per LPNNRD approved surface acre(s) of the wetland, pond, or lake. Annual volume pumped is to be reported to the LPNNRD by January 31st of each following year.
 3. This well can only be used from September 1 to May 31.

6.C.1.a.5.C. Clay Heavican Pond/Stock Well Application

Clay Heavican has submitted a well permit application for a pond/stock well permit in the SE1/4 NE1/4 S1-16-2E Octavia Subarea (HCA), Colfax County. The well will be used to provide water to approximately 30 head of cattle over the summer months, and to run water over a frozen pond for duck hunting in the winter. The expected annual water use will total 230,000 gallons. Attached are a section map, a map from 2011 showing the pond and well location, and the breakdown of the water usage.

Water Usage:

-Cattle: 164,200 gal

-Pond: 65,800 gal

6.C.1.a.6. Transfer of Irrigated Acres

Staff have worked on a transfer policy for irrigated acres, see attached document. Committee members reviewed the policy and recommended some changes for further review. Members also felt that the LPNNRD should develop a 'violation policy'.

6.C.1.a.7. Special Quantity Subareas

Angle, Benal, Oaklund, and Schomer attended training class at McCrometer (Great Plains Meter) in Aurora on May 18, 2015 to become certified in the repair and maintenance of McCrometer flow meters. The LPNNRD meter maintenance program will inspect all flow meters but repair and maintenance will only be done on McCrometer meters within the Butler-Saunders SQS area. Funding for this program will be a new budget item under Water Programs.

Field booklets with information page and aerial have been completed for SQS #1. Most landowners and/or tenant have returned 'permission' sheet to have personnel of LPNNRD get the water level from their well. Next goal is to complete review of each of the 30 sites in the field and inventory the required flow meters for these wells. This will be completed by the June Board meeting in case 'cease and desist orders' need to be issued.

6.C.1.a.8. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC)

The last technical meeting was held on May 12, 2015 in Ord at the LLNRD. Water Banking again was the central focus of the meeting.

The next basin managers meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2015.

The second Basin Water Banking Workshop has been set for Thursday, June 18, 2015 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Central Community College - Columbus.

6.C.1.a.9. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan - LENRD and LPNNRD

Staff have been reviewing the "Potential Water Banking Strategies for the LPNNRD" and the "Voluntary Integrated Management Plan for the LPNNRD" both from Olsson Associates. After further review these will be presented to the Water Committee and Board for their review.

The latest draft of the Goals and Objectives from the Stakeholders Committee is attached.

The next coordination meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 2:00 pm at Olsson's office in Lincoln.

6.C.1.a.10. Cost Share Programs

6.C.1.a.10.A. Irrigation Well Sample Kits

A couple of requests have been received since the last committee meeting. Oakland will order kits, bottles, and supplies from HHS. Requested kits will be mailed in June.

6.C.1.a.10.B. Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Network (NAWMN)

The Order for NAWMN was picked up from Klein Sales & Service in Osceola on May 26th. The two ET gages were backordered and will be delivered via UPS in early June. Aaron Nygren, UNL Extension Educator in Colfax County, will pick up this equipment for delivery/installation to the producer's site.

6.C.1.a.11. Bellwood Phase 2 Area

For 2015 this is the thirteenth year for this Phase 2 Area. This area has been reduced from 32 sections to 21 sections. Staff will collect a water sample from a well in each of the eleven sections removed (now in Phase 1, like the rest of our district). These landowners/producers are encouraged to continue to sample their wells for the nitrate content in the irrigation water.

6.C.1.a.12. Richland - Schuyler Phase 2 Area

For 2015 this is the twelfth year of this Phase 2 Area. The 55 sections of this area will go into a Phase 3 Area September 1, 2015. Also effective September 1, 2015, the ten sections immediately north of this area will become a Phase 2 Area. These sections are: Township 18 North, Range 2 East, sections 31 to 36; Township 18 North, Range 3 East, sections 31 to 34. Staff will collect water samples from wells in these ten sections and continue sampling of some wells in the 55 sections that will go from a Phase 2 designation to Phase 3.

An informational meeting will be planned for July to inform producers of these changes.

6.C.1.a.13. LPNNRD Certification

6.C.1.a.13.A. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes

There have been four more on-line test requests since the last committee meeting. Three of these have completed the test and a certification card was mailed.

Cert #	Cert date	Name	Re-cert	Comments
6519	5/8/2015	Robert Meduna Jr	No	first-time
6520	5/8/2015	Michael Meduna	No	first-time
6521	5/21/2015	Dean Novak	Yes	

6.C.1.b. CHEMIGATION

For 2014 we had a total of 463 chemigation permits. Karen Rezac mailed the last reminder notice the week of May 18, 2015. The renewal deadline is June 1st. So far we have received 344 renewals and 39 new permit applications for a total of 383. Approximately 120 permits have not been renewed.

6.C.1.c. LIVESTOCK WASTE PERMITS

No new permit applications have been received from DEQ.

6.C.2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

6.C.2.a. DECOMMISSIONED WELL PROGRAM

6.C.2.a.1. Well Estimates

One new well has been reviewed and approved by Gottschalk for decommissioning since the last Committee meeting.

Well Owner	Type of Well	Cost Share Estimate	County
Michelle Kuhr	Domestic	\$303.38	Saunders

6.C.2.a.2. Plugged Wells

Two wells have been plugged, reviewed, and ready for cost share payment approval this month. See attached spreadsheet.

Well Owner	Type of Well	Cost Share Estimate	County
Mitchell Heusinkvelt	Hand dug well	\$592.73	Saunders
Maquire Rev. Trust	Irrigation well	\$485.36	Butler

6.C.2.b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

6.C.2.b.1. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM)

The training session to use the ELM MODFLOW model is still under review. Previous training was not user friendly since several layers of different software were required to run the model.

6.C.2.b.2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

The southern flight lines in eastern Nebraska have all been flown. Full report is expected in late July. Katie Cameron has sent us an example of what the future transects will look like, see attached map.

6.C.2.c. NEW MONITORING WELLS

The two ordered data loggers have been received. Oakland and interns (training) have installed one of these in the Brazda well (Swedeburg subarea) that was drilled in 2014. Oakland (and Johannes?) will meet with Tracy McConnell of Grosch, N.B. to run camera to bottom of a well north of Richland.

6.C.2.d. GROUND WATER ENERGY LEVELS

The summary of results with the hydrographs have been mailed to landowners/producers in the Uplands, Todd Valley, and Platte Valley areas. Shell Creek information will be the next for mailing.

Angle updated the hydrographs and forwarded this information to Thompson to place on the LPNNRD website.

6.C.2.e. FORMER ORDNANCE PLANT NEAR MEAD

The COE is having their open house and summer tour on May 27, 2015 starting at 4:30 pm. Due to the late notice and the same day and time as the Water Committee, the LPNNRD will not be represented.

6.C.3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

6.C.3.a. STATE LAKES, FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2015

Toxic Algae

NO LAKES are on "Health Alert" this week. It is DEQ policy that any lake that has microcystin levels over the established criterion of 20 ppb will be placed on "Health

Alert” Status until such time that it has tested below 20 ppb for two continuous weeks. If a lake is under a Health Alert, signs will be posted recommending people avoid full body contact activities such as swimming, wading, skiing, jet skiing, etc. Non-contact activities such as boating, fishing, and camping are OK.

Bacteria

EIGHT LAKES tested high for E. coli bacteria this week. E. coli levels measured above 235 colonies/100 ml of sample are considered a higher risk for illness when swimming. Considering the more rapid changes in bacteria conditions, signs are not posted with these higher levels although DEQ want's people to be aware and use their own judgment on their use. The Fremont State Lakes are part of this sampling network.

- Big Indian Creek Lake in Gage County
- Bluestem Lake in Lancaster County
- Conestoga Lake in Lancaster County
- Cub Creek Lake #12A in Jefferson County
- Iron Horse Trail Lake in Pawnee County
- Kirkman’s Cove in Richardson County
- Valentine Mill Pond in Cherry County
- Wirth Brothers Lake in Johnson County

6.C.4. OTHER

6.C.4.a. LPNNRD WATER PROGRAMS BUDGET FY14-15

Future Potential Ground Water Studies:

1. Deep Test Holes and Monitoring Wells, this is carryover from present fiscal year /
2. AEM flights over our SQS areas, dependent on getting grant funding
3. Ground Water elevation model of Wann Basin subarea, tracking contaminate plumes from Former Ordnance Plant near Mead.
4. Delineation of Tile Drains in LPNNRD, ground water inputs to streams / ~\$30,000 for GIS work to \$50,000 if include in-field work such as drone flights
5. Update of Farm Process Model near Ashland NE, previous study completed 3 years ago. / \$11,160 each year for 3 years.
6. SENSE program
7. TopIntel coupled with SENSE program

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Proposed new budget Items

1. Master database, project has been delayed two years
2. Meter maintenance program

6.C.4.b. GMDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Summer Session is scheduled for June 10-12, 2015 in Coeur d'Alene Idaho.

Planning has begun for the Annual Conference scheduled for January 6-8, 2016 in Sacramento CA. Angle will be heading this up.

6.C.4.c. 2015 SUMMER INTERNS

The three summer interns (Reid Beranek, Mike Bougger, and Tommy Geisler) went to Upper Elkhorn NRD at O'Neill, for Natural Resources Ground Water Technician training and testing. Our interns need this training and license in order to sample wells and do chemigation inspections for the LPNNRD.

6.C.4.d. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the general public were in attendance.

6.C.4.e. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Water Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

6.D. Projects Committee - Action as Required

6.D.1. SWCP

Gottschalk reviewed the attached SWCP spreadsheet and discussed our current status on expending funds for approved projects.

6.D.1.a. SWCP Application Approvals

None

6.D.1.b. SWCP Payments

14-S-10	Mark Kavan	Flow Meter	\$ 600.00
14-P-12	Dean Sander	Flow Meter x 2	\$ 1,250.00
14-P-16	Jason Mejstrik	Flow Meter	\$ 571.50
	Zane Wondercheck	Trees	\$ 326.25
	Johnathon Temme	Trees	\$ 212.63
14-B-44	Donald Yindrick	Terraces/Tile	\$ 9,909.00
14-C-47	Daryl Glodowski	Terraces/Tile	<u>\$12,500.00</u>

\$ 25,369.38

6.D.1.c. SWCP Cancellations

We will have a complete listing of 2014 SWCP cancellations **for approval at June Board meeting.**

Shell Creek Watershed:

Randy Streblov	\$5,000.00	Dam Renovation –
Tube replacement		

	Louis Welch	\$7,915.31	W/S Basins
SWCP:			
13-B-57	The Meadow 5 LLC	\$5,169.24	Planned Grazing
13-S-36	Ronald Woita	\$625.00	Flow Meter
13-C-42	Shirley Johannes	\$2,423.44	W/S Basins
13-S-45b	Burneil Ecklund	\$625.00	Flow Meter
14-S-1	Dan & Ailene Wageman	\$1,000.00	Windbreak Renovation
14-P-3a&b	LeRoy Sprunk Sr.	\$1,250.00	Flow Meter x 2
14-P-21a&b	Jeana Buhman	\$1,250.00	Flow Meter x 2
14-B-22	Lee R. Schmit	\$5,967.50	Planned Grazing
14-TR-2	Dayle Alswager	\$1,000.00	Terrace Repair
14-P-34	Larry & Lois Mohrman	\$1,250.00	Flow Meter x 2
14-B-41	R.Allen Covault	\$625.00	Flow Meter
14-S-43	Douglas Ritthaler	\$625.00	Flow Meter

6.D.1.d. Cottonwood Creek Payments

None

6.D.1.e. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals

We are no longer accepting applications for Sand and Duck Creek watershed as current grant will be closing March 2016.

6.D.1.f. Sand/Duck Cost Share Payment

None

6.D.1.g. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals

None

6.D.2. WATERSHEDS

6.D.2.a. Shell Creek Watershed

6.D.2.a.1. Shell Creek Watershed Plan

6.D.2.a.2. Interlocal Agreement with Colfax County

The Shell Creek Watershed Group desires to use a portion of their \$87,000 Environmental Trust Grant to design creek stabilization projects in Colfax and Platte Counties. They have been working with Colfax County as a potential partner to complete a Colfax County bank stabilization project near County Road 10, just north of County Road H. The County is offering to provide \$10,000 toward the \$25,000 total project engineering costs. Since the SCWIG is not a formal entity, Colfax County

cannot enter into an interlocal agreement with them to share this cost. Since LPNNRD is moving toward being the legal entity to help SCWIG accomplish their priorities and will soon be taking over their remaining grant fund, we have been asked to enter into the interlocal agreement with Colfax County. Until such time the grant is formally turned over to LPNNRD, SCWIG will reimburse us the \$15,000. **A draft interlocal agreement with Colfax County has been under review and a final document should be available by the June 8 Board Meeting for review and approval.**

6.D.2.b. Wahoo Creek Watershed - Water Quality Plan (PIP) Phase I

Staff met with JEO and Saunders County representatives on May 13 to review the plan and discuss future project priorities.

Attached is JEO's recent \$2,500 invoice and update for the Wahoo Creek Watershed Phase I that will be paid per LPNNRD policy. We will have paid \$91,525 of our \$120,000 contract amount with JEO. NDEQ will be invoiced for 100% reimbursement for this expense.

6.D.3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

On May 7, a special partner meeting was held at LPSNRD to discuss the proposed LPRCA budget and review how project costs and dues are divided between the partners. A special subcommittee meeting was held on May 22 to review this in more detail. After that review, it was determined that the base dues divided equally by the partners is a fair way to share this expense, and beyond that each NRD can determine which LPRCA projects and programs that they want to participate with. This process has already been occurring for many years. Since 2006, LPNNRD has only contributed about 54% that Papio NRD has contributed and about 50% of what LPSNRD has contributed toward Alliance dues, programs and projects. Attached are the minutes from the May 22 meeting and the breakdown of each NRD's contributions to the Alliance since 2006.

6.D.3.a. LPRCA Monthly Report

Meghan updated the committee on the status of Alliance activities during her budget presentation.

6.D.3.b. FY 2015 Project Invoice

Attached is a \$2,000 FY 2015 LPRCA Invoice for project activities previously approved in our budget. A committee recommendation for payment is requested.

6.D.3.c. LPRCA FY 2016 Budget Presentation

Meghan Sittler gave the attached power point presentation about the Alliance and the proposed FY 2016 budget.

6.D.3.d. LPRCA Budget Proposed Budget Review/Approval

Meghan discussed the draft proposed LPRCA FY 2016 budget items in detail and received many questions and input from the committee. The LPRCA proposed budget

breakdown includes \$58,046 that includes projects and programs that have been previously approved and have a strong likelihood of being completed. There is also another \$70,001 of potential expense that is pending, contingent on receiving outside funding assistance. Of this amount, \$53,334 is toward ecosystem planning and projects including potential watershed water quality projects. Another \$16,667 is for the possible implementation of recreation plan recommendations that include development/improvement of river access areas, education resources, and project grant applications. The committee felt that a portion of this total amount should be included in our FY 2016 budget in case these projects move forward. It was suggested to budget half of the \$53,334 and all of the \$16,667 for FY 2016. Meghan will present this budget to the full Board on June 8.

6.D.4. OTHER

6.D.4.a. Army COE 205 Projects

6.D.4.a.1. Fremont 205

The Army COE has started the General Investigation Study for the Project which is to be completed by September, 2016.

6.D.4.a.2. Schuyler 205

The Shell Creek 205 Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on May 21, 2015 with about 30 in attendance. Director Ruzicka and Mike Murren represented LPNNRD at this event

6.D.4.a.2.A. Schuyler's Shell Creek Levee Construction Payment Request

As you recall, we budgeted \$125,000 for the second payment to Schuyler for construction of the Shell Creek Levee. A recommendation to make this second payment is requested. The Board previously approved that our intent is to provide up to \$600,000 assistance toward the Shell Creek project effort.

6.D.4.b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

Director Bailey reported that the survey work and project plans have been completed. Hopefully, construction can begin later this year.

6.D.4.c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Our Hazard Mitigation Plan Update has been approved subject to adoption (see attached letter). On May 29, JEO submitted an invoice totaling \$2,608 for work completed as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. This invoice will be paid as allowed by LPNNRD policy. As shown, we have expended \$81,430 of JEO's approved \$126,000 contract for HMP tasks. NEMA will be invoiced for 75% reimbursement on this expense.

6.D.4.d. Platte Center Bank Stabilization Project Update and Request

Platte Center representative Mark Borchers was present to discuss current and upcoming project status and present a new project request. For FY 2016, Platte Center is requesting assistance on Elm Creek Bank stabilization work totaling \$22,631 as attached. We have \$6,750 of FY 2015 budgeted funds that will not be expended in FY 2015.

6.D.4.e. Lower Platte North NRD Local Work Group

On April 29th, directors Olson, Kavan and Hilger and staff members Mountford and Bartek participated in the 2016 Local Workgroup meeting with NRCS staff and others. The group reviewed and gave guidance on federal program priority projects and areas for LPNNRD. Attached to the Projects Committee Minutes are the minutes of the work group meeting.

6.D.4.f. Review of Projects Financial Statement/Draft FY16 Budget Review

The Projects Committee reviewed preliminary FY 2016 Project budget projections. As of April 30, we have expended 30.24% of the FY 2015 Projects Budget.

6.D.5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Levee segment #4 has installation of the toe drain and rock placement on the top remaining. Segment #5 construction looks good as grading and matting are complete.

7. Additional Action Items

7.A. Shell Creek Scholarship

We have received an additional application for the Shell Creek Scholarship from Sandra Mariely Estrada-Gonzalez.

7.B. e-Ads Wahoo Newspaper

The Wahoo Newspaper is offering an online ad program for their website, which receives 25,000+ page views per month. This would be supplemental to any print ads we run.

7.C. Association for Conservation Information Conference

In the past Troy Thompson has attended the ACI Annual Conference that is scheduled for July 13-17 in Flagstaff, Arizona. This has proven to be a good source to keep current with new information and educational opportunities in the soil and water conservation area occurring across the country.

7.D. Butler County Road Dam Assistance Payment

On October 13, 2014, the Board approved to partner with Butler County on repairing a road dam located west of the intersection of Road S and Road 38, on the south (also known as the Engle Road Dam). Our approved assistance was 50% of the total actual repair cost, up to a maximum of \$4,171.34 assistance. Butler County has completed this work and is now requesting payment. Total cost of the project was \$8,006.27.

8. Approval of Bills Pending

9. Consent Agenda Adoption

10. Comments from Directors/Guests

11. Meeting Establishment/Adjournment

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