



### 2.A.1. Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan

NDEQ has completed their review and forwarded their comments to EA. EA Engineering will complete the needed changes and then it will be reviewed by EPA's for their concurrence.

### 2.A.2. LPNNRD Acceptance of SCWIG Grants

There has been much time spent on Shell Creek business the last few months. As previously reported, these activities included working to transition old and new grants to LPNNRD for watershed activities, and continued planning for the Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group's (SCWIG) eventual future as LPNNRD's advisory subcommittee. It appears that the transition of SCWIG's old Environmental Trust grant to LPNNRD will occur in September. At some point SCWIG and LPNNRD will need to adopt SCWIG's new operating procedures as they become strictly our advisory group for the watershed. As you recall we have previously accepted administration of a new \$155,000 Environmental Trust grant and a NDEQ-EPA 319 grant totaling \$50,000 for the watershed. The NDEQ grant agreement will soon be sent to us for approval. SCWIG has an existing Environmental Trust grant (totaling about \$87,000) that will be used for project design, assist schools with establishing science clubs for creek sampling (Tom Wheeldon), and new watershed signage. The committee is asked to recommend sending a letter to the Nebraska Environmental Trust to request that we formally accept sponsorship and administration of SCWIG's Environmental Trust Grant and appoint Assistant Manager Mountford as grant administrator to execute necessary documents and paperwork.

## 2.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

### 2.B.1. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - Phase 1

We have been working with JEO and Saunders County to identify future project priorities for the watershed. On June 9th, Mountford and Saunders County Road Superintendent Steve Mika inspected potential grade stabilization and water retention project sites.

### 2.B.2. Wahoo Creek RCPP Pre-Applications

We are once again preparing to submit two Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) pre-applications to the NRCS (as attached) for assistance to build four Wahoo Creek Watershed Structures. If NRCS feels that either or both of the applications rank high enough, they will request a more formal application(s) for consideration. RCPP provides 50% assistance on approved projects. The committee is asked to approve submitting the applications to NRCS.

## 3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

### 3.A. LPRCA Monthly Report

Meghan Sittler was present to review her monthly report which included an update on the bidding process for the Two Rivers Pier Removal Project. A contractor site showing was held and the bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th, at LPSNRD. We have approximately \$1.2 million available in grants and local funding for this project.

The Kayak tour has been rescheduled for July 21 and Directors Saafeld and Olson plan to attend. Meghan reported on the Environmental Trust Round-table meeting she attended in Omaha for giving input on the Trust's funding categories. Mountford attended the session held in Lincoln on June 15th. A full written Alliance report is expected by the Board Meeting.

## 4. OTHER

### 4.A. Army COE 205 Projects

#### 4.A.1. Fremont 205

Heimann gave a project update as presented in the O, E & RW committee minutes.

#### 4.A.2. Schuyler 205

The Schuyler 205 Shell Creek Levee Project is coming to a conclusion, but the final project closeout is delayed because of the water being pumped for Schuyler's new sewer lift station project. The Army Corp's is also working to resolve landowner drainage issues caused by the project.

### 4.B. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

The Board has approved up to \$80,000 toward the Bailey Landowner Levee Project. As part of the project, on July 9, 2014, the Board approved 50% cost-share, up to \$3,000 maximum assistance, for hiring an engineer to provide a no-rise certificate that is required. At that time, the engineers estimate was \$6,000, however the actual final expense was \$7,239.33 as attached. The committee was asked to consider paying 50% of the actual invoice, which is \$3,619.67.

### 4.C. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update- JEO Progress Report and Invoice

Attached is a \$2,459 invoice from JEO for contract work completed on our District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan. After this payment, \$42,111 will remain on our \$126,000 contract. As part of the plan process, each participating entity is asked to complete a resolution to formally adopt the plan.

### 4.D. Review of Draft FY2016 Projects Budget

The committee reviewed and gave input to the draft projects budget.

### 4.E. Wanahoo Wetland - Water Table Problems

Over the past four years, there has been water table problems on the Gaughen and Murren ground caused by our Wanahoo wetland. John's suggestion is to appoint a sub-committee (two board members and one staff person) to look at this and come up with a recommendation. It was also suggested that Bob Clausen be one of the committee members due to his crop insurance experience. Chair Bailey appointed directors Clausen and Veskerna to this sub-committee to come up with recommended course of action.

#### 5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Clear Creek Levee segment 4B has been declared substantially complete by the Army Corp's. Only ROW markers and gates remain. Levee segment 5 is almost completely finished with three sets of culverts and rock for the access road remaining.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Projects Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m.