

Operations & Education Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
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## 1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

There are no CREP payments.

## 2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

### 2.A. O & M Crew

The O & M crew spent the month inspecting our watershed dams and spraying thistle on other project sites. Installed in signs below Wanahoo dam. Installed a riser and tile to drain water hole along Wanahoo service road.

### 2.B. Tree Program NARD Invoice

The District purchased 17, 725 seedlings and 8 acreage packages from the Bessey Nursery in Halsey. An invoice from NARD for the seedlings is \$11,456.42.

### 2.C. Czechland Camper Revenue

As of June 25 the income from RV camping at Czechland is 2,527.49. Staff is recommending adding three additional electrical camper pads and budget for this improvement. See attached aerial photo. Electrical estimate is \$3,200. We spread more white rock on pads, parking areas and around one jetty.

### 2.D. Wanahoo Hay Bids

The Lake Wanahoo hay bids were due June 30 at 4:00 pm. The opening of bids will be during this committee meeting. The haying period is from July 16 to August 30.

### 2.E. Wanahoo SRA

There is \$485,000 of NRD funds available to do capital improvements for the Wanahoo SRA (\$291,000 from NRDF matched with \$194,000 from LPNNRD). The potential items for using the funds are; Park entrance road \$200,000, Playground equipment \$175,000, Trail benches \$15,000, Surface trail across dam \$10,000, Disc golf course \$40,000, Drainage improvement on west half of recreation area \$15,000. These items will be discussed and incorporated into the budget for FY 16.

### 2.F. Fremont Flood Study

The Corps of Engineers has developed a new FCSA Agreement between the Department of the Army and Lower Platte North NRD (and Partners). The cost of the study is \$550,000 in

which the non-federal partners are obligated to \$275,000. A motion is needed to sign the FCSA documents and move forward with the study.

A new Amendment to our Inter-local agreement between the District and our partners (Fremont, Dodge County and Inglewood) has been developed and is ready to be sent for signatures to share the cost of the non-federal portion \$275,000.

## 2.G. FY Budget 2016

A review of the new fiscal year budget by each department took place.

## 3. ROCK AND JETTY

There are no request for payment.

## 4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

## 5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

### 5.A. Information

#### 5.A.1. Radio & eAds

We are running ads on the Wanahoo detour this month.

Our ad rep at KTIC, Nikki Hagedorn, is leaving for a new job at the end of this month. A new rep has been assigned to handle our account going forward.

#### 5.A.2. Nebraska State Fair

NARD will again have a presence in the "Raising Nebraska" building at the State Fair. There have been a number of improvements and enhancements to the building and exhibits this year (see attachment for details). There are volunteer opportunities for anyone who like to help staff some of the stations - you can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aaaa62ea7fe3-engagement1>.

#### 5.A.3. County Fairs

This month we will be attending four county fairs in the district. Unfortunately due to an overlap in the exhibit dates for Colfax and Butler Counties, we will not be able to attend the Colfax County Fair this year.

Dates are:

- Platte County: July 8-12
- Boone County: July 11-15
- Butler County: July 24-27
- Saunders County: July 27-August 3

#### 5.A.4. Wanahoo Signs

We have produced signage for the summer Lake Wanahoo detour and a map to the dumps station at the Saunders County Fairgrounds (see attachments).

## 5.B. Education

### 5.B.1. Watershed Education Toolbox

The Watershed Education Toolbox group has met twice and outlined several priorities for the project, including identifying numerous educational activities for elementary and high school students. The next step will be to put together sample kits for several activities.

## 5.C. Computer

### 5.C.1. Board Room Projectors

We have priced a projector & screen setup to replace the wall-mounted TVs in the board room. It would be very similar to what Lower Platte South NRD uses in their board room. There would be two Epson ultra-short-throw projectors (~\$1,360 each) and two Da-Lite Cinema Contour projection screens (~\$1,175 each), for a total of \$5,070.

The TVs currently used in the board room are 50" diagonally; the screens would be 110".

## 6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

Water Samples were taken on June 24th and we will have results for Board meeting.

June meters were read and bills sent out

The annual Water Quality Reports were sent to all customers and reported to State

Annual audit and budget reports were submitted to State

End of year State reports were completed and submitted.

Looking into new billing software for Rural Water system

## 7. Adjournment