

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
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1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

There are two CREP Contracts for Mohrman Farms in Platte County. A contract for 5 acres which is paid \$90.90 and the other 1.1 acres to be paid \$20.68, for a total payment of \$111.58.

We are currently accepting bids for tree removal at Homestead Lake. Bids are due Friday, October 9th and will be considered at the October Board meeting.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

2.A. O & M Crew

The O & M Crew completed all shredding for Drainage Districts, Clear Creek and the Schuyler Shell Creek levee were completed. Staff also placed a load of rip-rap on the tip of the southeast jetty at Lake Wanhoo.

2.B. Bellwood 3-B Renovation

Bids to renovate Bellwood 3-B were due Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 2:00 pm. Bids were opened by Karen Rezac, Bob Heimann and Joe Proskovec was present. Bid documents are attached for the committee to review and can accept a bid to perform the project repair on this watershed dam.

Three bids were received by Cuba Construction \$51,000, Kohl Construction \$61,326 and Proskovec Earthmoving \$96,708.

2.C. Wanhoo Haying

The haying by Daren Sutton is complete on Wanhoo. There are bales remaining to be removed in a parking lot below the dam. He is suppose to inform the District of the number of bales and tons by Committee meeting. Staff had counted approximately 570 bales.

2.D. Wanhoo SRA

Staff met with Game & Parks representative Jim Swenson, Superintendent J. Gabel to discuss ideas and partnerships in capital improvements on the area, such as playground equipment, fish cleaning station, sand volleyball, dump station, educational nature trail, and trail across the dam.

A financial meeting will occur after the first of the year.

The season has gone very well at the District's recreation areas.

2.E. Aerial Spraying

The aerial spraying on the Platte River, Wanahoo, & Rawhide Ditch is completed. Aerial photo's are attached of the areas sprayed. One area on the Platte River was done for the Contractor on the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee Project. The District will pay that invoice and Contractor Klocke Inc. will reimburse the District.

2.F. Fremont GI Study

The COE has started the process & notified the City of Fremont that they will start soil sampling in the area of the old landfill south of Emerson Lake.

Staff will arrange a meeting with the partners. Discussion will be on possible financial situations for construction cost and who will take over ownership of the Farmland, Fremont and Railroad Drainage District.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

5.A. Information

5.A.1. Radio & eAds

Angle and Oaklund are preparing a radio ad for the SQS area in Platte/Colfax counties.

5.B. Education

5.B.1. Range Judging

Area V Range Judging Contest was held at Camp Moses Merrill on Wednesday, September 23rd. We had around 200 students from 11 different schools attend the contest. The NRCS handled the judging sites and LPNNRD was in charge of scoring the. It was a very successful event, due to all the great volunteers.

5.B.2. Nebraska Green Schools Initiative

The Nebraska Department of Education, with the help of the Nebraska Public Power District, is developing a statewide initiative called the Nebraska Green Schools program. This environmental service-learning program inspires students to take personal responsibility for improving the environment at their school, at home, and in their community.

Nebraska Department of Education is looking for Program Partners for this new initiative. Program Partners will provide resources, expertise, and/or funding to schools who participate in the NE Green Schools Program. The program will have three levels of certification and we will align Program Partners with the investigations that are associated with their organization's mission and goals.

If we are willing to join in this initiative and become a Program Partner, we need to contact Jennifer Swerczek by October 2nd. We would need to provide what type of resources, expertise, and/or funding we would be able to contribute. If you are unsure at this time, the

Department of Education can provide us with ideas, examples and more information about the program.

5.C. Computer

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- Have been in contact with "Asyst" to begin setting up our new billing software and reader device.
- We are preparing Case trencher for sale. Will be listed on Craigslist initially.

6.A. Colon

6.B. Bruno

6.C. Brainard

7. Adjournment