

Operations & Education Committee Meeting

Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:30 AM

Jim Gibney:	Present
Fred Hagerbaumer:	Present
Lon Olson:	Present
Gene Ruzicka:	Present
Ronald Sabatka:	Present
Don Veskerna:	Present

1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

1.A. Wild NE, WHIP, Contract Payments

No new payments.

1.B. CREP Payment(s)

No new payments.

1.C. New Contract(s)

No new contracts.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

2.A. O & M Crew

The O & M staff has been shredding at Homestead, Czechland, Sand/Duck Creek 2, Cotterell & Ames levees, and Rawhide Ditch. We are currently on Rawhide. We sprayed for *Sericea Lespedeza* with the tractor sprayer and backpack on the Wanahoo dam. Cut some larger volunteer trees before shredding.

2.B. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study

The District has not heard from the COE regarding any progress or the amount of funds needed to finish the study.

2.C. Wanahoo Recreation Area

Game & Parks staff will start transplanting trees with a tree spade after Labor Day. Reservations for camper pads are 100% full for the Labor Day weekend.

2.D. Lake Wanahoo, Czechland & Homestead Haying

Haying is completed at Homestead, Chuck Andell paid \$1,544 for 19.3 acres, at Czechland Dennis Prochaska paid \$2,573.55 for 33.25 acres. Mike Luben owes \$465.75 for 5.75 acres and Chris Meduda on the Wanahoo area is not finished.

2.E. Grass Drill Revenue

We received \$1,647.50 from Schuyler Coop for Drill Revenue. This payment reflects rental through August 4, 2014.

2.F. Wahoo Chapter Ducks Unlimited

The two portable duck blinds are currently being put together and will be located on Lake Wanahoo this weekend for the upcoming youth mentor hunting season.

2.G. PL 566 Dam Assessments

The NRCS conducted their assessments on Clear Creek 22-A and Bellwood 2-C on August 19th. Heimann & Mountford accompanied the NRCS on Clear Creek 22-A. A preliminary verbal report indicates no major issues with the structures, but it is uncertain regarding inundation downstream.

2.H. Homestead Lake Grassland Enhancement Grant

A Wild Nebraska grant proposal by the NE Game & Parks Commission to enhance the grassland areas at Homestead Lake and keep it a viable wildlife management area is proposed. The Federal Aid grant would help eliminate invasive trees and renovate grasslands. The grant will assist at 75% cost-share, the estimated total cost currently is \$15,116 and will not exceed \$30,000.

Game and Parks still has to gain Federal Aid approval, when this happens we will then approve a 10 year contract to do the work.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

3.A. Applications

3.B. Payment Request

There are no payment requests for bank stabilization.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

5.A. Information

5.A.1. KTIC Ads

This month we are running ads on the variance application deadline and the Lake Wanahoo detour.

5.A.2. eAds

This month we are running an ad notifying people of the upcoming detour at Lake Wanahoo.

5.A.3. Viaduct

The fall print edition of the *Viaduct* newsletter will go to papers in mid- to late September.

5.A.4. SCWIG Open House

An Open House will be held at the Platte Center Auditorium on Thursday, September 18, 5:30-7:30 to discuss the final “geomorphic assessment” report and its recommendations. A news release was sent to Nebraska Farmer and other local media, and a poster was developed to place in coffee shops, co-ops, etc.

5.B. Education

5.B.1. David City High School Water Quality Testing

We will be assisting David City High School classes with a water quality assessment in the David City Park. Students will collect and test samples and do a survey of aquatic life in the pond.

5.C. Computer

5.C.1. eMeeting

Our eMeeting training was held August 19, and the new system will be used for committee meetings and board meetings from now on.

The Directors Download page will remain active for documents & information unrelated to board meetings.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

6.A. Bruno / David City Rural Water System

Coliform samples will be taken on August 28th, sample results will be known by board meeting.

With recent storms, some erosion has occurred along the trench of the pipeline, staff will be working to fill these washouts in before winter. A pile of dirt at Homestead Lake will provide the soil needed for the work to be completed.

6.B. Colon / Wahoo Rural Water System

Coliform samples will be taken on August 28th, sample results will be known by board meeting.

Six Colon customers have been sent disconnection notices and staff will be visiting these people closer to the 10th of the month.

Staff shut water service off to a non-paying customer in Colon. Payment schedule has been discussed with customers but no payment has yet been received.

Mary Wirka has met the requirements to have her deposit returned back to her. Staff will return her \$100 deposit.

6.C. Cedar Bluffs

No new developments. Cedar Bluff is currently testing various pumping regiments to determine if it affects arsenic levels in water.

6.D. Brainard and Dwight

No new developments. Staff from the Village of Brainard and Dwight are currently testing irrigation wells to determine water quality in the area for possible development of a shared well field.

6.E. Other

- Staff has been working on a proposal to help Tim Bryson with some issues that the COE is currently having with work that has been done on his property.
- Staff is currently waiting for an extension to be granted on the 404 permit that was issued to Game and Parks Commission to complete work out at Czaechland lake. Without this permit, construction of the improvements can not begin.
- Staff has reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Game and Parks Commission on the operation of Lake Wanahoo, revisions will be made once changes are agreed too.

7. Adjournment