

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

Nothing to Report.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M Crew burned the remaining tree piles at Czechland Lake, assisted Pheasants Forever and Game & Parks on a prescribed burn of 230 acres at Lake Wanahoo, moved more rock on Wanahoo roads, camper pads and trails. Mitch O'Reilly is back to work part-time cleaning up vehicles and making signs.

2.A. Eagle Scout Project Proposals

Two Eagle Scouts, Seth Varner and Max Hohn have project proposals for the Lake Wanahoo SRA. Both projects are similar. Scout Varner is proposing putting in three park benches and three potted trees near each bench, at one of the playground locations. Scout Hohn is proposing putting in four park benches along the trail. This total is seven benches and three trees.

Staff recommends each Scout get a \$300 sponsor for each bench, the District will cover the remaining cost approximately \$200-250 for each bench. The Scouts will assemble the benches, form and pour a concrete pad for each and plant the trees. The District would not only cover the remaining cost of the bench but also the cost of the concrete and the trees. See attached expense sheets from Seth and Max.

2.B. Memorial Request by McPeck Family

The District has been approached by Shelly Pleskac asking if her family could put a memorial bench and tree at Lake Wanahoo along the trail in memory of Robert McPeck. They will offer to purchase the bench and tree and also do all the construction. The family would also place memorial plaques in the concrete.

The District would like to keep the park benches the same so there is some uniformity on the area.

2.C. Other Memorial or Donated Park Items

Staff is recommending purchasing additional park benches to keep on hand for future memorial request. Benches can be purchased through our current playground equipment project with the hope of a discounted price by purchasing a larger quantity.

2.D. Yutan Trail Update

Cory Vasek from Yutan will give an update on the progress of their trail. The original project cost in 2008 was \$800,000. Today's project cost is \$2,180,850 (see attachments). The District in the past made a motion to contribute \$10,000/year for 3 years for the construction of the Yutan trail.

2.E. M.E.Collins Soil Borrow Lease

The M.E. Collins soil borrow lease expired after 2015. M.E. Collins would like to continue using the soil borrow area. Staff recommends extending the soil borrow lease two years as stated in the agreement.

See attachment

2.F. Fremont GI Study

The Army Corps of Engineers informed our partners that additional work needs to be done to reassess flood plain elevations due to Dept. of Roads U.S. 30 Expressway project. DOR request to change the current flood plain maps for Fremont and Dodge County will require a reassessment of our project with DOR's proposed floodplain maps and expressway. This in turn increases the study cost \$600,000.

With an increase of \$600,000 the break down is: COE \$300,000, LPNDRD \$150,000, Fremont \$72,600, Dodge County \$65,100, Inglewood \$12,300.

We have ask the COE to complete the study by September 30, 2017 so there is an opportunity to be included for Federal Funding through the Water Resources Redevelopment Act (WRRDA) which maybe in the fall of 2017.

2.G. Lake Wanahoo RV Dump Station

JEO has come up with a preliminary construction cost of \$113,932 w/ 15% contingency making it \$131,022 (see attachment) some of these cost are subject to change. JEO does not for see any problems with permitting from DEQ or NDOR.

Staff recommends advertising and accepting bids to the RV Dump Station at Lake Wanahoo with a bid opening in June. Hopefully be in construction during the summer or late summer.

2.H. Wanahoo Paving & Trail Construction

Contractor Collins has begun concrete work to complete the entry paving at Lake Wanahoo SRA. The east lane by the kiosk is finished with the west lane planned for completion the week of April 4. Work is also proceeding on grading the entry road ditches.

Collins has also begun work on surfacing the trail on the face of the dam that is set to be completed in April. Work is progressing on the city trail to Lake Wanahoo with completion expected in July (contract completion date is August 31).

Attached see photo's of the Wanahoo entry paving and trail construction.

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

The current KTIC Radio Ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd focus on tree sales. The advertisements are attached.

5.A.2. Tree Sale Advertisements

Tree sale advertisements will run in various newspapers throughout the district. The ad is attached. The advertisement will be featured in the following publications:

- Columbus Telegram- March 19th
- Area Choice (Columbus Area)- March 22nd
- Albion News- March 23rd
- Wahoo Newspaper-March 23rd
- Ashland Gazette- March 23rd
- Waverly News- March 23rd
- Market Weekly (Wahoo Area)- March 23rd
- Fremont Tribune- March 23rd
- Schuyler Sun- March 24th
- David City Banner- March 24th
- Fremont Shopper- March 30th
- North Bend Eagle-

5.B. Education

5.B.1. Spring Conservation Sensation

Spring Conservation Sensation will be on May 4th at Czechland Lake. Online registration opened on March 23rd. Currently, 213 students are registered from North Bend, St. Mary's (David City), Logan View, East Butler, St. Wenceslaus (Wahoo), and Bellwood. We are able to accommodate around 400 students. The registration flyer is attached.

5.B.2. Earth Wellness Festival

Desirae TePoel presented the "Wildlife CSI" activity at the Earth Wellness Festival in Lincoln on March 22nd and 23rd. Lower Platte South NRD is one of the sponsors and coordinators for this event. Approximately 3,800 students attended. Over 250 students attended TePoel's sessions.

5.B.3. Soil & Water Stewardship Week

Soil & Water Stewardship materials have been ordered. The 2016 theme is "We All Need Trees". This year, NACD did not offer printing services. Alternative printing arrangements were made with Print Solutions (Lincoln, NE). Due to time issues, the 19 schools and churches that ordered in 2015 were contacted. This year there were only 10 orders. We should be receiving materials soon to package and send out.

5.C. Computer

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

6.A. Colon System

- Water samples were taken on 3-28-16 and submitted to the State
- Disconnected and subsequently reconnected one customer in March
- Have identified one meter that is having issues and needs to be replaced.
- Continue to work with USTI (new billing software) to upgrade our billing program
- Will read meters later this week.

6.B. Bruno System

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6.C. Other

7. Adjournment