

Projects Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 1, 2016 8:00 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. SWCP

1.A. SWCP Application Approvals

Above Czechland Lake:

Edward Kratky Terraces/Basins/Tile \$ 12,500.00

Wahoo Creek:

Bob, Rich & Tim Bartek, JV Terraces/Basins/Tile \$ 12,379.13 (Miller Branch)

Above Platte River:

Vering Feedyard, LLC Terraces/Basins/Tile \$ 12,500.00

Paseka Family Rev. Trust Diverision \$ 1,748.25

Butler County - Skull & Bone Creek:

Kirk Marushak W/S Basins & Tile \$ 11,576.49

Bonita Jisa Terraces/Tile \$ 12,500.00

Laverne Kucera Terraces/Basins/Tile \$ 12,500.00

Richard Voboril Terraces/Basins/Tile \$ 12,500.00

\$ 88,203.87

1.B. SWCP Payments

15-S-21 James Fujan Rev. Living Trust \$ 6,454.92

TOTAL: \$ 6,454.92

1.C. SWCP Cancellations

14-B-48	Robert Schmit Family Tr	\$ 340.83	Pla
14-B-54	Herman Ostry	\$ 13,207.44	Bas
15-S-3	Edward Kratky Jr.	\$ 7,046.25	Tile
15-B-5	Bill Perk	\$ 12,500.00	Ter
15-C-6	Randy Brabec	\$ 1,006.08	Div
15-D-7	Vering Feedyard, llc	\$ 12,500.00	Ter
15-B-9	Elizabeth Meysenburg	\$ 751.33	Cro
	Randy Streblow	\$ 5,000.00	Dar
12-P-16	Louis Welch	\$ 7,915.31	W/
15-P-13	John Wiese	\$ 8,250.00	W/
TOTAL CANCELATIONS:		\$ 68,517.24	

1.D. Wahoo Creek 319 Grant Payments

CONSERVATION WORK 25%:

Deborah Machovec	Terraces/Tile	\$ 4,075.32
Gary Mach	Terraces/Tile	\$ 3,093.63

LANDS FOR CONSERVATION PAYMENT:

Steven Vasa	Terraces/Tile	<u>\$ 4,416.00</u>
-------------	---------------	--------------------

TOTAL: \$ 11,584.95

2. WATERSHEDS

2.A. Shell Creek Watershed

2.A.1. Shell Creek Landowner Payments

We have received incentive payment requests from Jeff Brandl (\$1,470), Andrew Klug (\$619.20) and Ryan Siefken (\$788). These were contract obligations that we took over from the Shell Creek Improvement Group a year ago. These payments will be taken from banked grant funding previously received from NET.

2.A.2. Platte County/Mark Luchsinger Project Proposal @ 9:00 a.m.

We have been working with landowner Mark Luchsinger for some time now evaluating a potential grade stabilization project to control gully erosion problem on his property (SE1/4 Section 1, T18N, R3W). Platte County was also a partner with a portion of the project that would involve some county right-of-way. A few months ago, LPNNRD committed up to \$5,000 toward some kind of solution if a project proposal was brought forward. Discussion was that LPNNRD would consider additional assistance at that time. Platte County Engineer Mark Mainelli submitted a project estimate of \$20,800, as attached, to build a drop inlet structure near the county road.

Mark Luchsinger, Mark Mainelli, Platte County Engineer, Terry Wick, Platte County Road Superintendent, were present to discuss our potential partnership to complete this project. Platte County has indicated that they will contribute the labor and equipment for the project which is estimated at \$8,800. The landowner indicated that he is agreeable to donate the land rights and \$3,000 cash toward the project.

2.B. Wahoo Creek Watershed

2.B.1. Wahoo Creek RCPP Application Update

On August 11 and 22 Mountford met with NRCS State office to review a draft Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant application for Floodwater Structures 26 & 27 in the Wahoo Creek Watershed. Attached in a draft narrative that will be further edited and eventually attached to the on-line application. We have been working with Mike Sotak, FYRA Engineering, to update the project economics as outlined by NRCS guidelines.

2.B.2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - Phase I

We have \$136,000 of NDEQ/EPA 319 grant funds remaining from the Wahoo Creek Phase I grant that we plan to use for landowner conservation work this fall.

On August 18th, we met with Steve Mika, Saunders County Road Superintendent, and JEO representatives Adam Rupe and John Peterson to inspect priority road dam sites for design. We have grant design funds within the Wahoo Creek Water Quality Plan Phase II project that will be available early next year. The plan is to work with Saunders County to design two multi-benefit road dams that will be part of future grant applications.

We also met with Saunders County Committee Members to discuss on August 30 to discuss these and other projects that LPNNRD and the county could partner on in the future. We have been asked to meet with Saunders County again on September 13 to discuss this effort with the entire Board of Supervisors.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

3.A. LPRCA Monthly Report

Director Olson attended the August 9th LPRCA meeting and will give an update.

4. OTHER

4.A. Army COE 205 Projects

4.A.1. Fremont 205

The Corps of Engineers will organize with the City of Fremont a public meeting for the Fremont GI Study on Tuesday, October 18 starting at 5:30 or 6:00 pm possibly at the Fremont Middle School.

4.A.2. Schuyler 205

No new information.

4.B. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update

Director Bailey has learned that a certificate of no-rise will be approved for the project.

4.C. Review of Projects Financial Statement

4.D. Off-site Water Table Concerns near Sand Creek Wetland - 8:00 a.m.

We have received the attached requests from Andy Murren and Christine Gaughen to mitigate previous damages and correct the increasing water table issues on his farm from the Sand Creek Wetland. Landowner Mary Kay Stoeber and her tenant John Divis were present at the meeting to present their water table issues near the Sand Creek Wetland. The Projects Committee reviewed the letters and discussed this issue with the landowner present. This topic will be presented to the full Board for discussion on September 12th.

This issue was discussed by the committee and board earlier this year, as for three years we have received comments on impacts to neighbors next to the Sand Creek Wetland. A brief history of past Board action on this issue is as follows:

At the November 15, 2015 Board Meeting the following motion was passed: **Bailey made the motion, seconded by Seier, to have staff prepare proposals from professional firms for making an independent assessment of off-site landowner impact as a result of the raised water table from the Sand Creek Wetland for the next Projects Committee. Motion carried.**

After this was done, the committee reviewed two proposals. It appeared that the cost to hire a consultant may approach 50% of the cost for a solution. The committee felt that we should return to our first approach to this problem and meet with the individual landowners and ask what they felt it would take to make them whole, including the number of acres effected and the best solution.

At the January 10, 2016 Board Meeting the following motion was passed: **Pollard made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to table a decision on the off site water table problems near the Sand Creek Wetland until more specific details are obtained to include total acres affected and costs to correct the situation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.** A \$40,000 cost estimate for tiling the affected landowner property was obtained at that time.

The following motion was made and then tabled at the March 10, 2016 meeting: **To offer tiling and Wetland Reserve Program options to landowners impacted by the Wanahoo Wetland contingent on receiving a hold harmless agreement before exploring other options. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Meduna to table the motion. Motion carried all members present voting aye.**

5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

No new information.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Projects Committee adjourned at 9:34 a.m.