

Operations & Education Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, August 2, 2017 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
Wahoo, NE 68066

### 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

CREP contract payment to Tim & John Gronenthal Trust on 4.4 acres in Platte County for \$72.16. This contract now expires.

### 3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M Crew took out the west buoy line and put in a temporary on Lake Wanahoo. A new buoy line is being put together with the best used buoys. We moved crushed rock for the Wanahoo roads, rip-rap for a jetty and the plunge pool area of the dam, and leveled the last load of rock on the bird viewing parking lot. Started tree removal on a portion of Clear Creek levee at Thomas Lakes. Assisted Bret in pouring the launch pads for the disc golf course. At Sand/Duck Dam 16 removed fence and shredded the area for the contractor to put in new tile. Did some miscellaneous spraying at Homestead and Czechland. Routine maintenance on vehicles.

#### 3.A. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level

The Lake Wanahoo Lake Level Committee met Wednesday, August 2 at 7:30. See attached agenda and previous minutes.

The Lake Level Committee is recommending the lake level be kept one foot below conservation pool from July 1 thru October.

#### 3.B. Lake Wanahoo SRA

Find attached the most recent revenue and expense sheets.

A letter was sent to G & P administration requesting the use of the funds that exceeded G & P expenses in 2016 which was \$21,701.50. We are requesting funds for a retaining wall west of the kiosk at an estimated cost of \$3,500 and crumb rubber for the playgrounds at an estimated cost of \$6,600. G & P staff have also requested putting in a concrete floor in a portion of their shop area for a better working surface. Heimann is gathering estimates.

Do we want to put together a 3 - 5 member board committee to have discussion with G & P Administration regarding the Inter-local Agreement? Anticipating to meet in September.

#### 3.C. Wanahoo and Czechland Hay

The hay contractors have both started at Wanahoo and Czechland Lakes.

#### 3.D. Czechland Dam Re-survey - Bill Warner

Bill and Rae Gene Warner have sold their house and property below Czechland dam. To close the sale, the seller must provide a survey. Their surveyor can not find a documented survey in

that quarter section at the Saunders County Courthouse or Surveyors office. The Warranty Deed legal description for the Warner's does not close properly and is not accurate. Staff has directed the Surveyor to re-survey the area for the District and Warner's at an estimate cost to the District not to exceed \$2,000. The District would then re-file the correct legal description for the Warranty Deed with the Deeds Office.

### 3.E. Fremont GI Study

A public meeting was held on Monday, July 24 at Christiansen Field at 6:00 pm to inform the public on the current status of the Fremont GI Study and the potential for the community to use nonstructural measures to protect their homes and businesses and also lower their flood insurance premiums.

A meeting was held Tuesday, August 1 in Fremont to discuss what the non-federal partners want to do regarding the continuation of the study. The Omaha District of the COE informed the group of the schedule they are currently working under:

8-15 Submit draft power point presentation to Vertical Team  
Portland Division Office and Corps Head Quarters

8-16 & 17 Webinar of Power Point by Omaha COE to Vertical Team  
Recommendation from Omaha COE

8-24 Record of Decision from HQ to Omaha

With this tight schedule Omaha needs to know as soon as possible if the local sponsors want to move forward with a non-structural project or wrap up the project and close it out (study cost attached). The corps presented five maps with four potential projects with Alternative 4 (see attached) being the one preferred by those present. This alternative has 292 structures eligible for assistance with a 1.46 Benefit to Cost Ratio. If all structures asked for assistance the cost would be \$15,017,001. It is difficult to imagine that as many as 15% of the structures would ask for assistance but you do not know until the offer is made.

The offer to the home owner would be (in order of most to least often used);

Fill Basement

Elevate Structure

Flood Proof Structure

Cost is paid 65% by the Corps of Engineers, 35% from non-federal sources. The 35% will come from the landowner and can be supplemented by the city, county or NRD or any combination.

Those present also asked that homeowners be guaranteed that the program would remain open for at least 10 years.

While the main decision needs to come from Fremont, Inglewood and Dodge County a decision also needs to come from LPNNRD by our August 14 board meeting.

A meeting is set for August 15 in Fremont at 2:00 pm for the non-federal partners to discuss flood plain mapping from Columbus to Plattsmouth and also discussion and options for nonstructural measures for the community.

### 3.F. Rawhide Land Partnership Paul Gifford Box Culvert

We have received an offer from Paul Gifford for a cash settlement for \$55,200. Our low bid price to construct the culvert is \$64,000. (See attached note from Lausterer)

### 3.G. Lower Platte Weed Management

It has been requested by the Papio-Missouri NRD to pay our annual \$30,000 to the Lower Platte Weed Management group as stated in our Inter-Local Agreement. Papio NRD handles all the finances and billing on the aerial spraying on the Platte River. Spraying is tentatively planned to start in late August.

### 3.H. Saunders County Grass Drill Rental

Rezac Seed has paid the District \$1,681.88 for grass drill rental for the first half of 2017. Twenty cooperators used the grass drill.

### 3.I. Eagle Scout Project

Josh Varner is proceeding with his Eagle Scout Project of 12 mono-filament collection stations on the Wanahoo SRA. Those stations will be located near the breakwater, boat ramp and all jetties. The District will supply the post. He will solicit sponsors to pay for all other materials such as PVC and signs. He hopes to finish the project by mid-September.

### 3.J. O & M Budget

Budget information was presented by staff for the O & M, Information/Education and Rural Water Departments.

## 4. ROCK AND JETTY

We have received a copy of the invoice from Kay Poppe and her contractor Standing C Excavation for the Skull Creek levee repair. The invoice is for \$4,100.00. A previous motion was to assist at 50% not to exceed \$2,000. The site has been inspected.

We have a new applicant, Jerrine Racek Harris of Morse Bluff. She is currently applying for a 404 permit to do Platte River stream bank armoring. If successful gaining a 404 permit the District can also assist in cost-share for her project.

## 5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

## 6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

### 6.A. Information

#### 6.A.1. Radio & eAds

During August, the Wahoo Newspaper eAd and KTIC radio ad will promote the approaching deadlines for variance requests to expand irrigated acres. The ads are attached.

### 6.B. Education

#### 6.B.1. Fertig Prairie

Payment has been submitted to the Wachiska Audubon Society for the purchase of the Fertig Prairie. A receipt and thank you note is attached for the LPNNRD contribution.

### 6.C. Computer

## 7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

Rural Water/Projects Manager opening will be listed in the Wahoo newspaper, on our web site and with NARD with an application deadline of 8-22-17. Plans are to review applicants, schedule interviews and have a candidate selected for approval at the September 11th board meeting.

### 7.A. Colon System

Samples were collected this past week and submitted to the State. Meters were read and bills have been sent out for the month.

We will be working later this week to locate and disconnect an unused service line on Oak street.

### 7.B. Bruno System

Samples were collected this past week and submitted to the State. Meters were read and bills have been sent out for the month.

### 7.C. Other

## 8. Adjournment