

Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 28, 2017 9:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
Wahoo, NE 68066

## 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1.A. Off Site Water Table Concerns Near Sand Creek

### 1.B. Ourada Lawsuit

Motion from November Board Meeting

Director Birkel updated the Board on the mediation held on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to table discussion on the Ourada lawsuit. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

## 2. MEETINGS

### 2.A. Pending

#### 2.A.1. Legislative Conference

Attached find the tentative agenda for the Legislative Conference. Please let Breunig know if you are interested in attending.

#### 2.A.2. Director Retreat

The Director Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st at the Benedictine Retreat Center near Schuyler. Please let us know if there are any topics you would like us to include in the program.

#### 2.A.3. NARD Washington DC Annual Meeting

The NARD Annual Meeting in Washington DC is scheduled for March 17-21, 2018. Travel arrangements will need to be made soon.

#### 2.A.4. NACD

Two directors and two staff have been approved to attend the 2018 NACD conference in Nashville. At this time there is only one director signed up to attend. In past years, if there is only one director going, an additional staff member was assigned to attend. Is this how you would like me to proceed this year?

### 2.B. Reports

## 3. MANAGEMENT ITEMS

### 3.A. Directors Absence

Attached find Director Saalfeld's Excuse of Absence from the December Board Meeting.

### 3.B. Monthly Education Program

Dan Gillespie will be present to give a brief presentation on cover crops to the LPNNRD Board on Monday, January 8th.

### 3.C. Lake Wanahoo Operation & Maintenance

A meeting has been scheduled with Nebraska Game and Parks to discuss steps involved to develop a lake level management plan. The meeting will be held in their Lincoln office on January 4, 2018 at 10:00 am.

### 3.D. Lake Wanahoo Recreation

I have received a letter from James Douglas, Director - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission responding to my letter dated 12-13-17. (handouts)  
In the event we wish to consider further action on this issue, we may want to enter into executive session.

### 3.E. Water Strategies Bill

### 3.F. Great Plains RC&D Donation

We have received word from Great Plains RC&D that the Nebraska Land Trust will be soon receiving \$1,395.16 since we designated them as our 501C3 organization to receive our membership dissolution funds.

### 3.G. Election Certifications

Jill has compiled all election certifications for each of the current LPNNRD board positions up for election in 2018. Certifications have been signed, sent to the State and each of the counties in our district.

### 3.H. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level Panel Future Meeting Discussion

It has been discussed that since the Panel was established to discuss lowering Lake Wanahoo and with NGPC's decision to not allow additional annual Lake lowering above what is being done now, to discontinue regular Panel meetings. Future Lake Wanahoo business, including discussions with USACE and NGPC regarding Operation and Maintenance of Wanahoo lake levels can continued to be handled through regular scheduled LPNNRD Operation, Education and Rural Water Committee meetings. Committee discussion for a possible recommendation is requested.

### 3.I. Wahoo Creek FYRA Contract Update/Discussion

As reported at the last committee and Board meeting, NRCS has approved additional funding through the federal P.L. 566 program for completing a watershed plan update (\$575,000) and

design (\$1.3 million) for the remaining eight Wahoo Creek Dams originally planned in 1998. FYRA prepared the P.L. 566 application and has been contracted to complete the watershed plan for Wahoo Creek Sites 26 & 27,

Mike Sotak & Janel Kaufman, FYRA, gave a presentation at the November 30

Projects Committee meeting about providing services to complete the watershed planning for the remaining eight dams and incorporate their completed planning work on dam sites 26 & 27. After the presentation, the Projects Committee discussed the advantages of continuing with FYRA to complete a total watershed plan to include their work on Sites 26 & 27 plus the planning for the remainder of the watershed. As discussed, the planning effort needs to begin soon because it will take about a year to complete. The Projects committee made the following recommendation (not voted on at the Board Meeting): "To have FYRA present a contract for Board consideration for continuing with completing a holistic Wahoo Creek Watershed plan to include the evaluation of the remaining eight floodwater reduction dams as identified in the original 1998 plan. This is all contingent on formal approval of NRCS's funding agreement for planning assistance not to exceed \$575,000".

Mike Sotak, FYRA, and Kevin Gustafson, NRCS were present at the December 11 Board meeting to answer questions regarding NRCS's P.L. 566 program. Mike Sotak, also submitted a potential contract to proceed with Wahoo Creek Watershed planning for the remaining structure sites (attached).

The Projects Committee will also be discussing a recommendation to approve a contract with FYRA to complete a holistic Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan contingent on the approval of NRCS's funding agreement, which may be available at the January 8, 2018, Board meeting. Once the watershed plan is completed, our plan is to begin the process for sending our requests for proposals to engineering firms to complete permitting and design tasks for sites 26 & 27 and also for the remaining dams. It is presently understood that the costs for completing the planning process for the eight remaining dams will be provided by NRCS through their P.L. 566 program.

#### 4. EQUIPMENT

#### 5. PERSONNEL

We received the attached resignation letter from Melissa Foreman, Shell Creek Watershed Project Coordinator. Discussion as to rehiring the position or moving forward with coordinated effort between LPNNRD staff and Shell Creek Watershed board members.

#### 6. FINANCE

##### 6.A. Approval of Financial Reports

Attached find the Draft November Financial Statements. Grant will be available via conference call at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the November Financials.

##### 6.B. Approval of Managers Time and Expense Sheets

##### 6.C. Accounts over 90 Days

##### 6.D. Union Bank Interest Payment

Our check of \$9,823.41 was split out to pay interest and principal. The interest billing was mailed before the large principal payment on 11/30/2017 was made. That is why your bill showed more interest than what was really owed. Our interest payment was \$9,151.86 and \$671.55 was applied to the principal balance.