

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is nothing to consider.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M staff completed the third gate at Sand/Duck Dam #2 for the Peseka's. We will go back to remove trees when the ground firms up. We cleared trees in a quarter mile of fence line for a landowner at Sand/Duck #24 and also removed an old gate. We are cutting & treating trees along Rawhide Ditch 8 at the east end. Staff put together a power washing trailer for use at Lake Wanahoo.

2.A. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study

There is no new information. We have not heard from the Corps of Engineers since November 13.

2.B. Wanahoo Erosion Repairs

M.E. Collins repaired severe erosion problems behind the dam along the trail and on both sides of the Lake Wanahoo entrance road. Rock basins were created behind the dam, along the trail (see picture) and the ditch restructured. On both sides of the Lake Wanahoo entrance, wood chip dam checks were established every 50' and both ditches restructured.

2.C. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levees

The Papio-Missouri NRD has listed eight different dates in January for the Corps of Engineers to review the O & M Manuals with the NRD's. A firm date has not been established. Staff continues to review the O & M Manual document.

2.D. District Park Regulations Revised

Staff has reviewed and revised the District Park Regulations which pertain to all three of the District's recreation areas. Legal Counsel, Lausterer, has also reviewed the document. After committee meeting an addition was made to the "Preservation of Public Property" section. Added was the violation warning criteria Lausterer developed in September and was Board approved in October.

The revision is attached for your review.

This document is ready for Board approval or further review.

2.E. Dirt Sales

As of December 10th, the dirt sales total is \$233,916.

2.F. Fremont/Dodge County Drainage East Issues

There will be much discussion in the near future between the NRD, City of Fremont and Dodge County regarding drainage from the City of Fremont to the east in Dodge County. Mountford has sent out information on the topic via email, it will be discussed in all three committee's and it's attached, please review.

Committee discussion evolved around the District participating in some manner with either the City of Fremont or Dodge County taking the lead or sponsorship in a new project.

2.G. Wanahoo Dam Joint Repair

Heimann met with McGill Restoration of Omaha to talk about potential products to seal the joints in the spillway of the Wanahoo Dam and a cost estimate. The contractor will do some research into the products discussed and is willing to use 2-3 products. The products being researched are Saturated Oakum, Tremco Dymonic 100 Urethane, Synthacalk GC2+, URETEK 486 and their product. Papio-Missouri NRD has used this contractor in the past.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Nothing to report.

4. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

4.A. Information

4.A.1. Radio & eAds

The January KTIC radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper eAd promote the availability of Lake Wanahoo NRD park permits. The ads are attached.

4.A.2. 2019 Calendar

The 2019 LPNNRD Calendars have been printed and distributed to staff and directors. If you are in need of any additional calendars, please contact TePoel.

4.B. Education

4.B.1. NARD Legislative Conference

TePoel will be presenting with 3 other NRDs (Lower Platte South, Papio-Missouri, & North Platte) during the NARD Legislative Conference on current education efforts in the district. The session will be on Wednesday, January 30th at 9:20-10:05 am.

4.B.2. January Education Programs

- Thursday, January 10th: TePoel will present a career opportunities program to Wahoo Public School's 8th grade and 12th grade classes.
- Wednesday, January 16th: Survival Club (Wahoo Public Schools)- John Miyoshi will present a program on fishing at Lake Wanahoo.
- Wednesday, January 23rd: Survival Club (Wahoo Public Schools)- Mike Luben and Kevin Stukenholtz will present a program on 2-legged and 4-legged outdoor predator safety.

4.B.3. Saunders County Youth Ag Tour

TePoel has been working with a planning committee to organize a Saunders County Youth Ag Tour for 4-H/FFA youth. The date for the tour has been tentatively set for June 7th.

One of the stops on the tour will include NRD presentations by the Water Department and Projects Department.

The planning committee is proposing a Saunders County Youth Ag Tour Scholarship. The selected recipient may use the scholarship towards college expenses (if a senior/recent graduate) or an upcoming 4-H project or FFA SAE project.

5. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

5.A. Colon System

On 12/26 Elliott met with Randy Hellbusch of Nebraska Rural Water Association to develop a plan for balancing the RWD financials. We reviewed past years audits and have come up with a few scenarios; all options will require significant increases to monthly (meter) charge and rate charge. Hellbusch and I agree that it would be best to implement the increases over a multi year basis, ideally a three year timeframe.

On January 6 Elliott will be at the Village of Colon Board of Trustees meeting to discuss the rate futures of the Colon RWD.

Monthly testing and billing completed.

5.B. Bruno System

Testing completed 12/19.

Bills sent out 12/28.

5.C. Other

6. Adjournment