

Operations Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
We have no unfinished business to address.
2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS
The tree removal contractor, Standing C Excavating is supposed to start anytime on the Wanahoo property.
3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
The O & M crew is busy removing trees on the Czechland Lake area and a 1/2 mile segment of Bellwood Ditch 4.
 - A. Wanahoo Stilling Basin
The change of scope for the stilling basin is still in the hands of FEMA Region 7 engineers. The review is for the dewatering wells and the repair of the basin floor. Griffin Dewatering is to mobilize between Nov. 22 and Dec. 17th and well installation is to occur thereafter, according to the schedule Valley Corps sent. The cost to convert the dewatering wells to relief wells is estimated to be \$89,607.86 which will not be covered by FEMA and will be an out-of-pocket expense to the District (motion is needed).
 - B. NRD Owned Lots
Heimann is developing easements for the Thomas Lakes lots if we wish to sell them. The easements will be reviewed by management and legal counsel.
 - C. Wanahoo Relief Well Reconditioning
At the March Board Meeting, Olsson's gave a presentation regarding the reconditioning of the Wanahoo Dam relief wells. Heimann is developing an RFQ/RFP to distribute to Well Drilling Companies for quotes to refurbish three relief wells on the Wanahoo Dam with the potential to do four additional if the first three are successful. This process would continue for the remaining wells that flow water over the next 3-4 years. The proposal will be reviewed by Olsson's before it is sent.
 - D. Trapper for Hire
Staff solicited area trappers for quotes to trap nuisance beaver in a 22-mile circumference around Wahoo, the area covers 16 watershed dams. Attached is the list of trappers and their quotes.
 - E. Czechland Lake Camping Revenue
The camping season is winding down and has been successful at Czechland Lake. To date this calendar year the revenue is \$14,053.50.
4. ROCK AND JETTY
Nothing to report.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of November, the District received \$25.00 in annual park permit revenue. The year by year breakdown for annual permits sold during the month of November is listed below. Year to date annual permit and day pass revenue total equals \$104,452.46. We will begin selling the 2021 Annual Permits on 12/6

B. Month	C. Monthly Total	D. YTD Total
E. November 2021	F. 25.00	G. 85,681.85
H. November 2020	I. 360.00	J. 96,317.50
K. November 2019	L. 52.50	M. 82,252.50

N. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of November, the District received \$1,074.00 in camping revenue at Lake Wanahoo. For the calendar year, camping revenue totals \$114,640.11. The year by year breakdown for camping revenue during the month of October is listed below.

O. Month	P. Monthly Total	Q. YTD Total
R. November 2021	S. 1,074.00	T. 115,714.11
U. November 2020	V. 1,404.78	W. 132,541.81
X. November 2019	Y. 1,234.20	Z. 92,176.80

1. Lake Wanahoo Camping Rate Change

Staff is recommending a small increase to the electric campsite registration fee from \$19 to \$20. This would be the first rate change since the District took over management of Lake Wanahoo, and is still competitive with other parks in the area.

AA. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Season Review of Income & Expenses

The 2021 Wanahoo Receptions season proved to be another success as it relates to the economics of the park. I will share a breakdown of revenue vs expenses for the season.

BB. Wanahoo Long Range Park Development Plan

Staff has been working to develop a long-range plan as it relates to the development of our Lake Wanahoo property. The attached map provides potential locations of future park developments. This agenda item will also be presented at the executive committee.

CC. Live Well Go Fish Partnership

On November 7th, the Live Well Go Fish (LWGF) organization held their year-end volunteer appreciation event at the Clint Johannes Education Building. David Ruder, founder and executive director of LWGF, was very appreciative of the LPNNRD and thanked the Board for funding the new handicap fishing pier gate on the east side of the lake. It streamlined the loading and unloading of guests by not having to utilize the boat ramp for transitions. This continues to be a great partnership for the District and shows what kind of positive outcomes that can be realized as a result of

locally controlling the management of Lake Wanahoo. Attached is a copy of the packet handed out at the event.

DD. Clint Johannes Education Building

During the month of November, the building was rented 18 times. Revenue for month of November is \$1,180.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

A. Information

1. Radio & eAds

November's KTIC Radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper e-ad's featured the deadline for water use reports, which is December 15th. This ad will continue through the beginning of December.

2. Analytics

3. Information & Education Department Video

We have been working with News Channel Nebraska recently to create a 30-second and 60-second video for the Information and Education Department.

The 30-second commercial is \$175 and the 60-second commercial is \$200. A 3-6 month advertising schedule is required for the 30-second video. Previously we ran ads with News Channel Nebraska for \$475 per month (for 3 months = \$1,425)

B. Education

November education events

C. Date	D. School/Group	E. Grade/Age	F. # of students	G. Topic	H. Staff
I.	J.	K.	L.	M.	N.
O. 11/28	P. Wahoo Public Schools Survival Club	Q. 8 th grade	R. 7	S. Knot tying	T. Gottschalk
U. 11/29	V. East Butler -FFA Animal	W. High School	X. 12	Y. Point and no	Z. Andersen

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GG.

1. Shell Creek Scholarship

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

Elliott and Benal completed training and paperwork for their Grade IV Water Operator Licenses. Elliott will also renew his Grade VI Water Operator (Backflow) license.

A. Colon System

Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read and bills mailed out 12/1.

B. Bruno System

Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read and bills mailed out 12/1.

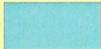
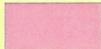
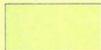
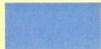
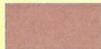
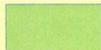
C. Other

Nuisance Trapping Quotes for the NRD on our Watershed Dams/Project Sites.

<u>Name Bidder</u>	<u>Set-up Fee</u>	<u>Price/Tail</u>	
William Chizek, Omaha	\$150	\$185	Will come back w/in a month if still activity.
Doug Loftus, Wahoo	\$275	\$150	If exceeds 30 miles, will charge mileage.
Thomas Sabatka, Ithaca	\$25	\$50	
Gary Hansson, Wahoo	\$100	\$100	
Neil Urban, Wahoo	\$125	\$75	
Jerod Heldt, Ashland	\$200	\$300	

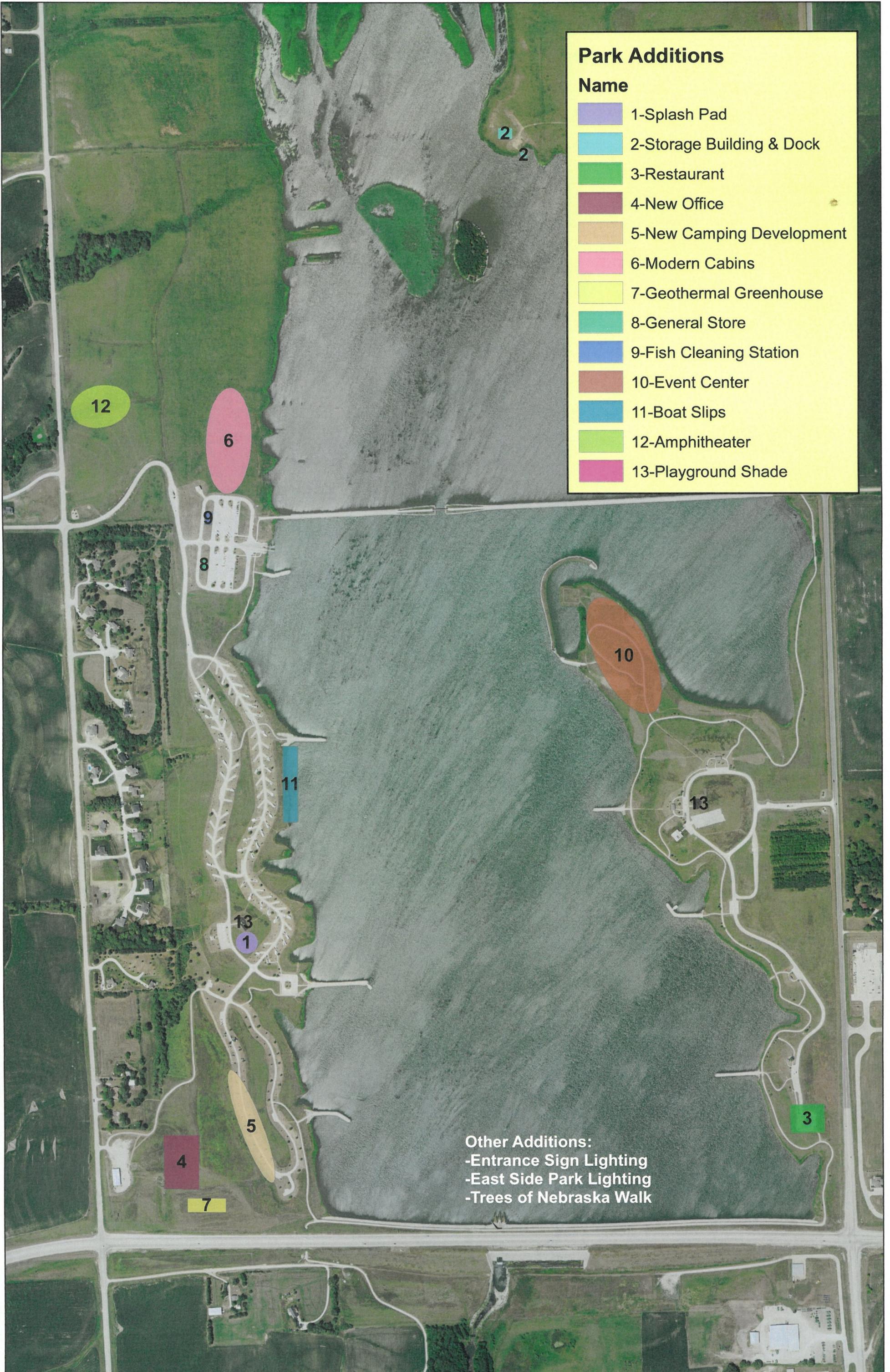
Park Additions

Name

-  1-Splash Pad
-  2-Storage Building & Dock
-  3-Restaurant
-  4-New Office
-  5-New Camping Development
-  6-Modern Cabins
-  7-Geothermal Greenhouse
-  8-General Store
-  9-Fish Cleaning Station
-  10-Event Center
-  11-Boat Slips
-  12-Amphitheater
-  13-Playground Shade

Other Additions:

- Entrance Sign Lighting
- East Side Park Lighting
- Trees of Nebraska Walk



Live Well. Go Fish.

Volunteer Appreciation 2021



Board of Directors

Chairperson Mrs. Madison Woltemath

Mr. Jeffrey Hines, Mr. Alan Hersch, Mrs. Kristi Settje, Mr. Daniel Thompson,
Mr. Charlie Wurtz, Mr. John Kerns, Mr. Bret Schomer, David Ruder.

Rookies of the year 2021



- Sean “The Kid” Frisbie Sean took to the water with the pontoon like a seasoned veteran. Has great fishing skills but his biggest asset to the team was his intergenerational communications with our senior clients on the boat. We call him the kid because he made them feel like kids again. Great job Sean!



- “Keeping Calm” Mr. Keith Bahr Keith has special skills working one on one with some of the more challenged people with disabilities. His calm professional approach made them all feel like part of the group in a mentoring type atmosphere. Welcome aboard Keith!



- “Dancing” Drew Lyons Drew is the entertaining type on the boat. His choice of music is a welcomed addition to the team. Little did Drew know some other volunteers had 6 to 1 betting odds Drew was going to dance himself right off the boat on Region V day. Rock on Buddy!



• Mr. Jeff “Bow-master” Micek We met Jeff on the dock and after hearing about his passion for bow hunting and his mentoring youth hunting for years, Live Well Go Fish seemed like the perfect fit for us all! Great people skills and once we get Board approval for Bow fishing with seniors, I believe we will solve the carp problem in the lake.



•Mr. Tom Twit Professional all the way. Tom stepped in mid season and brought some great communication skills with our seniors always making the trips engaging and fun on the water. Bill brought Tom out to test the waters on our buddy system. Holy smokes what a team! Thanks guys.



•Mr. William “The Walleye” Cordes Great, another trout expert! You know the guys that know how to tie 50 different knots and know the names of every fishing lure made since fishing began. After landing “Walleyes” on your 1st two outings you sure opened my eyes that maybe the Bass dudes, Panfish pushers, Pike predators, One walleye wonders and yes, even trout guys can get along together in the same boat.



•Mr. Tom “The Tool man” Lanz O.K, This guy can fix anything, anyplace, at just about anytime without even using duct tape or caulking guns. He also climbs like a monkey and doesn’t allow anyone a pass on not kissing their first fish. Tom you are amazing.

One “Liners” Memories of the year 2021



Dave Wimmer - See my first fish!



Dave Hutsell - Loyal



Jerry Nice - Tough

John Noonan- Bullheaded!
Marci and I thank you for that!



Shannon Moore - Respect for our Veterans



John Ell - How many? Five!



Ed Olson - Patriot



Garlyn Beeman - Cares



Eric Krull - "Gets him every time"
How many times can you pull that
foot stomping joke on Ruder?



Steve Hyde - Patience
You have a gift!

Lori Hartshorn
Real



Sam Lombardo
Family man Sam



Frank McGree - Ironman

Sam/Susan Loken - Pollyanna /Happy



Fishing Facts 2021

You made this happen!

2021 Number of trips 101 serving 1170 guests. Great Job!

- NRD Education events with schools in April, great way to kick off season - mentoring youth
- Region V services in September; we served 137 special needs adults in one day! Special event!
- Nebraska school for the blind opened our eyes to another way to serve on the water.
- 5 year totals 4756 served from 2 states and 17 counties.



Special Thank You to NRD for east lake dock access for Live Well Go Fish special events.



Thank You for a successful season.
The Pontoon has been paid off!



Thank you Holly for landing the largest bluegill ever followed up by one of the largest stick fish!
Live Well Go Fish Holly!



Two 100 year old friends cruising lake Wanahoo is a really cool 1st outing away from their assisted living home after Covid-19 (14 months)



Somedays the best relief to Parkinson's is a calm lake, a few fish and a friend to be there for you!



Sunscreen, Sun Hats, Sun Roof, Sun Shades and of course Masks.....
Anyone check to see if we had gas?



We are going to a parade...You mean outside?
.....Yup "Front Row Seats"

Thank you all for the phone calls after the trips

When a parent or guardian calls in the evening to thank you for making their special needs daughter honorary captain for the day putting her top of the class. When a caregiver calls and explained their client seldom participates or comes out of her shell and our program lit them up for days after their trip or the supervisor that calls wanting to book next season already because of what their staff had to say about our great volunteers and program. You all are the best!



Water Use Online Reporting

The deadline for water use reports is quickly approaching on **December 15th**. Producers required to submit reports must complete this online at producer.lpnrd.org. If you have questions, please call the NRD at 402-443-4675.



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Natural Resources District

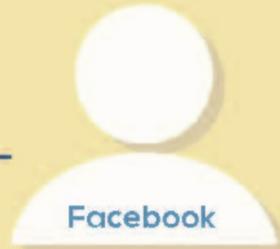
LPNNRD SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

NOVEMBER 2021

Number of followers

1298

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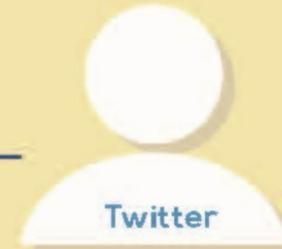


Facebook

Number of followers

345

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Twitter

2235 Total views

↑ from last month

30 Post engagements

↓ from last month

3008 Total impressions

↑ from last month

78 Engaged users

↑ from last month

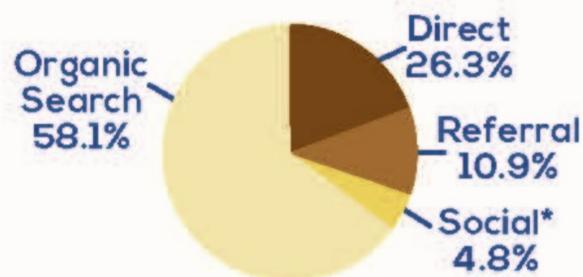
Top Posts

- Shell Creek water testing group presentation picture
- Dodge County Joint Water Management public meeting
- Flyer for the February 2022 Nitrogen and Water Management workshop
- December Coffee Lakeside flyer
- Online reporting for producers

LPNNRD WEBSITE ANALYTICS

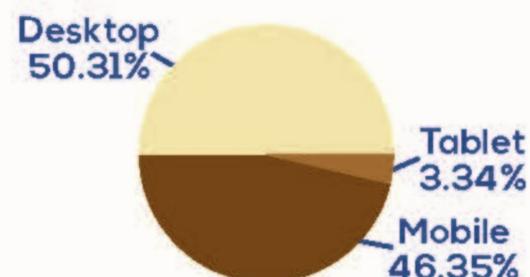
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HOW USERS FIND LPNNRD.ORG



The Social Traffic included 51 clicks from Facebook and 2 from Twitter.

USER DEVICES



809 Users

↓155 from last month

1027 Sessions

↓159 from last month

Top Pages

Home, Lake Wanahoo, Czechland Lake, Downloads, Forestry, Outdoor Recreation, Directors, Staff, Homestead Lake, Contact