

Operations Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
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### 1. Unfinished Business

#### Olsson Agreement for Professional Services on the Wanahoo Dam

Olssons has sent a letter/memo summarising the new Scope of Services in Monitoring the Wanahoo Dam (see attached). **Also attached is the Scope of Service descriptions for details.** The previous contract was signed in December 2020 and expired in December 2022, a 2 year period, and was worth \$47,090. We did not select Task II on that contract and spent approximately \$33,020. The new contract covers a period from January 2023 to December 2025, a 3-year period, and is worth \$54,600.

### 2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

The Ducks Unlimited surveyor was going to do an elevation survey this week in the wetland area south of Co. Rd P. The northern half of this section is now underwater and it's suspected that beavers have built a dam. This will make construction difficult, this area was dry most of the summer. Very little water is getting to the lake.

### 3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew is again assisting the Saunders County Sheriff with lowering the water in Cottonwood 6-C for the cold case investigation that dates back to 1969.

We continue to clean up trees from project areas, dams, levees & recreation areas. We also did some Fall spraying of thistles and Phragmites, cleaned out a beaver dam on a Swedeburg dam (picture attached) and maintenance on vehicles.

#### 3.A. Wanahoo Stilling Basin - (FEMA)

FYRA was supposed to receive from M.E. Collins all the developed documentation of the Notice of Award this week. Collins' anticipates starting as early as November 14th, dependent on product materials delivery by suppliers.

#### 3.B. Wanahoo Auxillary Spillway RCC Crack Repair

Fisher Building Services has completed the RCC crack repairs on the auxiliary spillway of the Wanahoo Dam. Heimann inspected the area and had Fisher come back to finish a missed location and one large crack that wasn't marked. They finished on Monday, October 24th. The contract was for \$46,490.00 and one year materials and workmanship warranty.

#### 3.C. Cottonwood Dam Assessments 21-A & 7-A

We will invite JEO to present the Dam Assessment reports on Cottonwood 21-A and 7-A at

the December education portion of the Board Meeting. This will be our first afternoon Board Meeting.

### 3.D. Czechland Recreation Season Revenue

The camping season is winding down at Czechland Lake. The revenue from camping this calendar year is \$10,245.00.

### 3.E. Recreation Area Hay Harvest

Meduna Family Farms submitted their harvest info and payment. They had 83 large square bales at 44 tons and 245 round bales at 156 tons and paid \$14,259.19.

We are waiting for Dan Ourada at Czechland. We anticipate his information by Board meeting.

### 3.F. Ice Fishing with a Motorized Vehicle on District Lakes

In our District Recreation Regulations for "Ice Fishing with a Motorized Vehicle on any District Recreation Lake", we only allow a motorized vehicle for ice fishing called a "Snow Dog" or equivalent machine to be used by a handicapped individual or individual with a written doctor's medical disability letter. They can obtain written permission from the District and must also sign a liability waiver.

Mr. Leonard Bouc has submitted a physicians medical disability letter to obtain permission to use his Craftsman/Murray mowing tractor without the deck for pulling a sled w/ equipment for 1 or 2 persons.

The Committee had a lot of discussion and elected to leave the regulation as is and have staff make any discretionary decisions on all request.

## 4. ROCK AND JETTY

We have not received any applications or request for payment.

## 5. LAKE WANAHOO

### 5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of September, the District received \$2,602.50 in park permit revenue. The year by year break down of annual permit sales is listed below.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>September 2022</b>	\$2602.50	\$74,370.50
<b>September 2021</b>	\$2496.85	\$84,759.35
<b>September 2020</b>	\$2937.50	\$95,445.00
<b>September 2019</b>	\$2015.00	\$81,627.50

### 5.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of September, the District received \$19,008.27 in camping revenue. The year

by year comparison is listed below.

Month	Month Total	YTD
September 2022	19,008.27	114,375.24
September 2021	16,007.74	109,926.11
September 2020	15,057.66	120,901.01
September 2019	11,151.60	86,577.24

#### 5.C. Clint Johannes Education Building Rental

During the month of October, the building was rented 21 times, with 3 NRD event. Revenue for the month was \$1,860.

### 6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

#### 6.A. Information

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

October's KTIC Radio ad and Wahoo Newspaper e-ad promoted the NRD's three recreation areas. November features the upcoming water reports deadline on December 15.

##### 6.A.2. Analytics

The LPNNRD Facebook/Twitter pages, and the website are the fastest and low-cost ways to get information out to the public. Tracking analytics are a way to see if people are seeing the information and what ways seem to be most effective. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, please like, follow, share, or retweet the Lower Platte North NRD posts!

*Total reach/impressions show how many people saw the post/tweet. Engagements include likes, comments, shares/retweets and link clicks.*

FACEBOOK	Total Reach	Engagements	Followers
October	5,042	5,343	1,409
September	5,098	153	1,408
August	17,232	387	1,408

TWITTER	Total impressions	Engagements	Followers
October	2,324	174	385
September	2,654	185	381
August	4,784	207	380

#### Top Posts on Facebook and Twitter:

- East Central Land Judging contest
- Tree and shrub orders are open
- LPNNRD's Fall Festival

- October Coffee Lakeside
- Water reports due December 15

WEBSITE	Users	Traffic Channel	Top Pages	Devices
<b>October</b>	1,526	Organic 67.6% Direct 24.1% Referral 4.5% Social 3.7%	Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Board of Directors Outdoor Recreation	Mobile 58.46% Desktop 39.60% Tablet 1.94%
<b>September</b>	1,702	Organic 74.3% Direct 19.9% Referral 5.8% Social 0.29%	Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Outdoor Recreation Staff	Mobile 59.21% Desktop 38.98% Tablet 1.81%
<b>August</b>	2,270	Organic 66.6% Direct 24.6% Referral 7.6% Social 1.3%	Lake Wanahoo Home Czechland Lake Outdoor Recreation Downloads	Mobile 59.73% Desktop 37.77% Tablet 2.51%

*Traffic channels: organic traffic means they use a search engine then choose an option that includes lpnnrd.org, direct traffic means they type in lpnnrd.org directly (or have it bookmarked), and referral traffic is any other traffic not from a search engine or social (such as a link from another site).*

**Social clicks: 50 from Facebook, 7 from Twitter.**

**Referral clicks: 16 from NARD, 10 from Visit Nebraska, 4 from ad on Wahoo Newspaper's site.**

### 6.A.3. News Channel Nebraska

October featured the I&E video - attached are the times in which the video aired. November will feature the O&M video.

## 6.B. Education

### 6.B.1. Past Events

- October 5th: **East Central Land Judging Contest. 253 students attended.** Milford, Bishop Neumann, Wilber-Clatonia, Mead, and Raymond Central were state qualifiers. East Butler had one student who qualified.
- Monday October 10th: Wahoo 3rd grade field trip to Lake Wanahoo. Roughly 70 kids attended.
- October 12th: Aquinas Catholic 8th grade classroom visit. We talked about watersheds, nitrates, and did some water testing.
- October 20th: Coffee Lakeside. Talked about animal adaptations. 12 people attended.

- October 17th: Fremont Trinity Middle Schoolers at Lake Wanahoo. Kids learned survival skills such as knot tying, predator safety, wild edible foods, and fire building. 6 adults and 22 students attended.
- October 25-26th: I & E meeting. Walk to Unlock Nebraska is a program through the Nebraska Department of Education that focuses on education and physical fitness. Kids will walk/run/jump/etc. their way across the state and will stop at virtual sites to learn more about Nebraska. Lake Wanahoo will be featured as a stopping point. Lacey and I are working with Megan from the NARD to put together videos, lessons, and fun activities.
- October 25th: St. Wenceslaus Pre-k kids learned about trees and made buckeye buddies.

#### 6.B.2. Future Events

- November 5th: Fall Festival. 4:00-9:00 pm at the lake.
- November 8th: Aquinas Middle School.
- November 10th: Coffee Lakeside
- November 12th: Native American Heritage Day
- November 15th: Survival Club
- November 18th: Wahoo High School Careers Class

### 7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

#### 7.A. Colon System

Fiscal year-end financial reporting was due to USDA-Rural development for the Colon RWD's existing loan. Elliott worked with HBE to complete required documentation. Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read and bills mailed 10/31.

#### 7.B. Bruno System

Elliott conducted required annual backflow device testing on our Bruno RWD system. Reports sent to David City/Bruno per statute requirement. Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read and bills mailed 10/31.

#### 7.C. Other