

Operations & Education Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 29, 2014 8:30 AM  
Lower Platte North NRD Office  
P.O. Box 126  
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## 1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

### 1.A. Wildlife & CREP Payments

## 2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

### 2.A. O & M Crew

The O & M Crew continues to do maintenance on equipment, vehicles and the office building. Also burned more tree piles on recreation sites.

### 2.B. Tractor Rental 2015

The District should rent a tractor from Dinkel Implement via the State contract at the \$11.80/hr rate w/ the minimum hours of usage at 300 for 2015.

Dinkel Implement informed the District via email that they are unable to provide the District with a tractor next season due to cutbacks in New Hollands program.

### 2.C. Czechland Lake Improvements

On the Czechland Lake Improvements project we are currently advertising for three weeks. JEO is handling the distribution of the Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents. Bids are due by contractors on January 7, 2015 at 1:00 pm at which they will be opened. Bids will be reviewed and taken to the Board at the regular meeting January 12, 2015.

### 2.D. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study

The \$24,753 received from the NRD will be used to scope the completion of the study and prepare the FCSA. We plan to provide the scope and cost estimate to complete the Feasibility Study to you for your review in the spring.

The bulk of the work to complete the feasibility study and transition to design and construction will begin in 2016, based on our current information on the arrival of new Federal Funding designated for the Fremont Project. The present project funding remaining does not allow us to move forward to complete the feasibility study until then, so the majority of the work in 2015 will be setting the stage for that work yet to come. Most of the work will be directed towards developing the scopes of work and cost estimates needed to secure the Federal funds and matching funds from our local sponsors. The scoping work will include

meetings with all partners to verify that we are on the same page with the scope and cost of the effort to finish feasibility, which is needed to advance the project to design. (From Mark Nelson, COE)

#### 2.E. Grass Drill Saunders County

Rezac Seed sent the District \$895.56 for the grass drill rental for the second half of 2014.

#### 2.F. Wanahoo SRA

A spreadsheet with the 2014 Wanahoo SRA NRD expenses is attached, made available by Mike Almond.

A meeting is scheduled between the District and Game & Parks on Tuesday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the NRD office. Discussion will involve finances and potential improvements for the Wanahoo SRA.

### 3. ROCK AND JETTY

#### 3.A. Rock & Jetty

The City of North Bend has submitted invoices for work accomplished on the North Bend levee totaling \$5,435. The work accomplished were tree and brush removal and dirt work on the levee. The City is requesting Dodge County assist at \$2,000 which will make the difference \$3,435. The District can cost-share at 50% making the assistance to North Bend \$1,717.50.

### 4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

#### 4.A. Erosion & Sediment Rules & Regs

Heimann has looked into two drainage complaints, one in the Swedeburg area and the other near Linwood. We are being assisted by the NRCS and Saunders County. Both sites involve the drainage exiting into county road ditches.

### 5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

#### 5.A. Information

##### 5.A.1. Newspaper & Website Ads

This month we'll be running ads on the Nitrogen/Water certification classes starting in January.

##### 5.A.2. Long Range Plan

A draft copy of the Long Range Plan (attached) was emailed to all directors earlier this

month and will be on the agenda for all December committee meetings for directors to provide input.

## 5.B. Education

### 5.B.1. Land Judging

October 7 has been set as the date for the 2015 East Central Land Judging Contest. Lower Platte South will host and our office will assist.

The State Land Judging Committee annual meeting is being held today (Dec. 29) in Grand Island. It was a very successful year for Land Judging with record overall participation and a record number of teams at the state contest.

## 5.C. Computer

### 5.C.1. eMeeting Invoice

Attached is the invoice for the eMeeting service for 2015. The cost is \$2,500 for the year.

### 5.C.2. Rec Areas and NRD Trees App Updates

The 2.0 versions of the NRD Rec Areas and NRD Trees apps for iOS have been beta tested and submitted to Apple for approval. They should be available on the App Store by New Year's Day or shortly after.

### 5.C.3. Great Plains Upgrade

Our Great Plains accounting software was upgraded to a new version earlier this month.

### 5.C.4. Computer Repair

The hard drive in Mike Almond's computer failed in mid-December and was replaced. No data was lost.

## 6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

### 6.A. Bruno/David City Rural Water

Sampling and meter reading will be performed on December 29th, sampling results should be known by board meeting.

### 6.B. Colon/ Wahoo Rural Water

Sampling and meter reading will be completed on December 29th. Sampling results will be known by board meeting.

Staff has spent a considerable amount of time this month with request to help find leaks and

phone calls dealing with collecting monies.

Three customers are due for receiving their \$100 deposit back. These customers are John Ell, Dennis Else, and Brian Kucera. Recommendation is needed.

#### 6.C. Brainard/Dwight Study

The Brainard/Dwight Study has been completed and is attached. A joint meeting between LPNNRD, LPSNRD, LBBNRD, Village of Brainard, and the Village of Dwight will be scheduled in January to discuss the report.

A breakdown of cost can be seen for various projects below.

Description	Capital Cost	Debt Service	O&M cost	Total cost per user
	\$	(\$/yr.)	(\$/yr.)	(\$/mo.)
Existing system	\$0	\$0	\$63,785	\$14.93
Brainard/Dwight RWD	\$3,272,085	\$251,623	\$149,785	\$103.36
Brainard RWD	\$1,570,335	\$120,759	\$112,785	\$101.94
Trans. Main and Well field	\$2,373,520	\$182,524	\$76,285	\$66.64
Trans. Main and WTP	\$3,259,120	\$250,626	\$93,785	\$88.68

#### 7. Adjournment