

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2015 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. Setting Meeting Status

- When you first create a meeting, it will be set to "Development" automatically. In this mode, only users with admin permissions will be able to see/edit the meeting.
- When the agenda is finalized, it should be set to "In Review" - this allows directors and other view-only users to access the meeting.
- After the meeting, once minutes are finalized, the meeting can be set to "Public". It will automatically show up as a link on your public eMeeting page.
- Older meetings can be set to "Archived" so they no longer appear on the main eMeeting portal.

2. Setting Meeting Status

- When you first create a meeting, it will be set to "Development" automatically. In this mode, only users with admin permissions will be able to see/edit the meeting.
- When the agenda is finalized, it should be set to "In Review" - this allows directors and other view-only users to access the meeting.
- After the meeting, once minutes are finalized, the meeting can be set to "Public". It will automatically show up as a link on your public eMeeting page.
- Older meetings can be set to "Archived" so they no longer appear on the main eMeeting portal.

3. Setting Meeting Status

- When you first create a meeting, it will be set to "Development" automatically. In this mode, only users with admin permissions will be able to see/edit the meeting.
- When the agenda is finalized, it should be set to "In Review" - this allows directors and other view-only users to access the meeting.
- After the meeting, once minutes are finalized, the meeting can be set to "Public". It will automatically show up as a link on your public eMeeting page.
- Older meetings can be set to "Archived" so they no longer appear on the main eMeeting portal.

1. Election of 2015 Chair and Vice-Chair

The Floor was opened for nominations for O, E & RW Chair for 2015. McDermott nominated Ruzicka.

The Floor was opened for nominations for O, E & RW Vice-Chair for 2015. Gibney nominated McDermott.

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

There are no current payments for CREP or WILD NE.

A Wild Nebraska grant proposal by the NE Game & Parks Commission to enhance the grassland area of 100 acres that we currently hay at Czechland Lake and keep it a viable wildlife management area is proposed. The Federal Aid grant would help eliminate invasive trees and renovate grasslands. The grant will assist at 75% cost-share, the estimated total cost currently is \$40,692 and will not exceed \$45,000. The District share would not exceed \$11,250. This contract is similar to the Homestead contract tentatively approved in September. The Czechland work would be accomplished in 2016/17.

Game and Parks still has to gain Federal Aid approval, when this happens we will then approve a 10 year contract to do the work.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew has burned almost every tree pile at Wanahoo and Czechland Lakes. Also cut other volunteer trees on these locations. All equipment has been serviced.

3.A. Equipment

Heimann has priced tree cutting attachments for the Bobcat. A Marshall Tree Saw runs between \$12,000 and \$13,500 depending on the model. A turbo saw priced around \$6,000. Information to consider for budgeting.

3.B. Tractor Rental 2015

Heimann has contacted Platte Valley and Benes Implement in regard to renting tractors for the upcoming season.

3.C. Czechland Lake Improvements

JEO is working with Sibbersen Excavating to obtain final documents and to set up a pre-construction meeting in early February. The contractor has stated that he would like to get started in February.

3.D. Wanahoo SRA

The City of Wahoo's grant application to develop a hiking/biking trail from the city to Lake Wanahoo has been approved. The federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant worth \$575,728 was approved through the NE Game & Parks Commission. The grant covers 80% of the cost, the estimated construction period is 2016. The NRD may be asked to contribute to the portion of the trail which crosses the face of Wanahoo dam.

3.E. Wanahoo PATH Land Management

The land management team of Heimann, Luedtke (G & P) and Teeter (Pheasant Forever/NRCS) met on Jan. 14th to review the past years accomplishments and the needs for 2015 on the Wanahoo PATH Program Lands.

Refer to land management map to understand the to do list.

Burn CS 1, 2 & 3, WD 2 & 3 west of creek, Hay CS 1, CR 1 & 2, WD 6, Kill Brome grass in CS 4 & 5, also cut large trees along creek, Disk WT 1,2,3,4 and 8 - 15, Spray trees w/ helicopter WT 6 & WD 5.

These are the major items that we will attempt to complete in 2015.

3.F. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study

A meeting is scheduled with the Corps of Engineers and the partners of the Fremont 205 Feasibility Study on Thursday, February 12 from 1:00 - 2:30 at the Lower Platte North office. Information will be presented on the transformation from 205 Feasibility to General Investigation Study and the cost associated with the study and future design/construction cost.

3.G. Ice Jam Monitoring

An ice jam occurred on the Platte River on January 5 and 6 approximately 2 miles south of Hwy 92. The jam is approximately 1.5 miles long, low land flooding is occurring. The tie off levee along Clear Creek that ties to Clear Creek Levee is in jeopardy. The contractor renovating the CC levee responded with his equipment and temporarily stopped or slowed the seepage to prevent levee failure. Papio NRD activated the explosive contractor for removal of the ice jam. The contractor is planning to be in place to begin blasting on Thursday. More info to come.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

4.A. Rock & Jetty

The North Bend levee was inspected and payment made. There are no other request at this time.

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio and eAds

We are running ads on certification classes and tree sales this month.

6.A.2. Viaduct

An electronic issue of the Viaduct was sent the week of January 19 with information on the upcoming public hearings, the certification class schedule, and tree sales.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Soil and Water Stewardship Week materials are now available from NACD for 2015. The theme this year is "Local Heroes - Your Hardworking Pollinators." We have \$2,000 budgeted to provide these materials to schools and churches in the district.

6.B.2. Pheasants Forever Request

We were contacted by Pheasants Forever - Lower Platte Chapter to see if we would be interested in helping sponsor their 2015 banquet on March 27 in Ashland. The suggested donation is \$250.

6.B.3. Shell Creek Scholarship Report

We received a transcript of Alex Wiese's grades (all As) for the first semester, per the requirement of our Shell Creek Scholarship.

6.B.4. NGPC Great Park Pursuit

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is seeking sponsors for the 2015 "Great Park Pursuit" program. This program is a large-scale "scavenger hunt" for families, where participants search for markers at public recreation areas across the state. NARD is a sponsor and some individual NRDs are sponsors as well.

The sponsorship levels are listed in the attached Sponsorship Packet.

6.C. Computer

6.C.1. App Updates

The updated NRD Rec and NRD Trees apps became available on the App Store the week after Christmas. A minor update to fix a bug in the Rec app was released last week.

6.C.2. Presentation on Paperless Meetings

Thompson gave a presentation at the Administrative Staff meeting at the NARD Legislative Conference about LPN's switch to paperless meetings, and some of the issues and successes we've encountered.

6.C.3. Antivirus Renewal

The district's network license for the Vipre antivirus/antimalware program was renewed for one year for \$270.

6.D. Letterhead

We are running low on letterhead and need to order soon. Our last order was 10,000 sheets for \$1,384.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Bruno/David City

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

One new test site has been secured and will included in future testing schedule.

Staff has located water lines for one Diggers hotline request.

7.B. Colon/Wahoo

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

Staff has located water lines for 3 Diggers hotline requests and assisted customers in determining and isolating continuous leaks.

7.C. Brainard/Dwight

The Brainard/Dwight Study has been completed and was attached to last month's meeting agenda. We are currently awaiting a joint meeting between all involved parties to discuss and review the report.

8. Adjournment