

Operations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is nothing to consider for unfinished business.

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS

A meeting will be set up between G & P, NRD, NRCS & Pheasants Forever in late January or early February to redraft a new 5-year (2027–2031) plan for the management of the Wanahoo Wildlife land area (excluding the recreation area). This includes hay & burn rotations, spraying, Todd Valley wetland disturbance, tree removal, etc.

We'll let you know when the date is established.

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

The O & M crew has the new tree mulcher up and running. Cleared trees on the Wanahoo property, the Wanahoo WRP and are presently at Homestead. We did maintenance on the two Clear Creek Dams and three Swedeburg dams. We are addressing a beaver issue at Cottonwood 6-E and are keeping an eye on others (see pictures). Also, regular vehicle and equipment maintenance.

3.A. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A, NRCS & HDR

Heimann forwarded the Design Cost Estimate from HDR to NRCS for their review and comments.

3.B. Wanahoo Basin Damage & Repair, FEMA, & Houston Engineering

We had a virtual meeting with FEMA, NEMA and Houston Engineering on Thursday November 20. The meeting dealt with mitigation and the benefit cost analyses. There seems to be some confusion with this area. Mike Sotak is figuring it out.

3.C. New Tree Cooler & Refrigeration

We received 4 quotes (attached) from refrigeration companies; Tech Masters — \$14,503.80, Marking Refrigeration — \$14,550.00 and \$15,300.00 w/ heater, and Kaar Sheet Metal — \$16,761.87.

Last month, director Lawrence asked staff to research CoolBot equipment.

On CoolBot's website, two things stuck out; 1) efficient to 36 degrees 2) it's not recommended to open the door more than 5–6 times an hour.

We like to keep the cooler between 34–38 degrees. To get a Coolbot system below 36, you would have to oversize the AC unit, and have optimal insulation in the walls, ceiling, floor and door, plus minimize opening the door.

Heimann spoke with a gal at Coolbot. She said frequently opening the door letting more humidity in and warming the interior, the AC would work harder to try and catch up, causing it then to possibly freeze up. Then you have to thaw and start over. I gave her our dimensions of 16' x 18' x 8' and asked how many BTU's we would need? She said 65K and that we would need multiple units (AC & Coolbots) to get what we want.

When we are packaging tree orders for our customers, the cooler door is constantly opened and closed for two days (all dependent on how many orders we must fill). We don't believe the smaller AC units will handle our needs and the gal also agreed. We will need a recommendation to accept a bid to proceed.

3.D. Hay Harvest Wanahoo Property

Meduna Family Farms hayed areas "A & B" on the Wanahoo property. They had a total of 514 bales at an average weight of 1,348.4 lbs. The total tons are 341.9 at \$41 = \$14,017.90.

Ken Cejka hayed area "C" on the Wanahoo property. He had a total of 129 bales at an average weight of 1,254.75 lbs. The total tons are 80.93 at \$68 = \$5,503.33.

3.E. Landowner Request to remove fence at Sand/Duck Dam 2

John Kasper is an adjacent landowner on the west side of Sand/Duck Dam 2 (see photo). He is requesting to take out the fence but leave the majority of the fence post to mark the boundary. He wants to control trees on the area and the fence lines are full of trees.

We have honored this request on one other Sand/Duck Dam.

3.F. Aging Dam Infrastructure

A reminder of our aging dams in our district, state and nation. Attached is a list of 25 dams in our district that have exceeded their planned service life of 50 years. In March, ASDSO released an update to its Cost of Rehabilitating Dams in the U.S. Current figures place the total cost estimated for non-federal dams at \$165.2 billion. Non-Federal, high-hazard potential dams are estimated at \$37.4 billion. ASDSO is always striving to secure federal funding for dam rehabilitation.

We do have an O & M sinking fund of \$300,000 and a District Wide Flood Reduction sinking fund of \$3M in case a dam is in need of rehab.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Seth McGinn has submitted an invoice for \$8,000 for jetty work on the Platte River in Dodge County. He is eligible for 50% cost-share. A representative from the Corps of Engineers will inspect it on November 26th because of a complaint by the next-door neighbor.

The Corps did an on-site inspection and the project is good.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of October, the District received \$2,332.00 in annual park permit revenue.

5.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of October, the District received \$13,335.73 in camping revenue.

5.C. Clint Johannes Education Building

The Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo was rented 16 times in November, with 1 NRD event. Revenue for the month was \$1,000.

Looking ahead at next year, many of the weekends were already booked as of earlier this month:

(Saturday or Sunday Availability 2026)

January: 1 date

February: 3 dates
March: 3 dates
April - June: 0
July: 1 date
August: 3 dates
September: 3 dates
October: 3 dates
November: 6 dates
December: 6 dates

5.D. Wanahoo Recreation Season Review and Budget

A 2025 Wanahoo Recreation season review and 2026 budget is being prepared and will be presented at the December 8th board meeting

5.E. Potential Amphitheater Project

There was no subcommittee meeting held this past week, but Mr. Hansen's had a survey crew out taking and staking elevations.

Patty Lindgren purchased a memorial bench and planted some trees several years ago on the east side of Wanahoo, and she contacted our office with several concerns. She was initially concerned with paint and stakes located on the concrete slab where her bench is located, as well as a rebar pin. She is also concerned about any proposed amphitheater location that could potentially interfere with her memorial bench. I explained to her no location has been determined for a potential structure and I would keep her informed as the planning proceeds. She also informed me, in the event the amphitheater is built near or on her current bench location, she would not be interested in moving she would want a refund for her costs.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. KTIC Radio & Display Ads

KTIC radio ads schedule:

November: water use reports due December 15

December: accepting tree orders

January: Water Management/Nitrogen certification classes

Digital display ad schedule:

September 8 - December 31, 2025: Environmental Education

October 22 - February 28, 2025: Tree orders

6.A.2. Analytics

Top Posts for Facebook and X during November included:

- November Coffee Lakeside flyer - Water Department
- Natural Resources Grant December deadline
- Water technician opening

- Shared article about the CEO program - <https://www.nebraska-advantage.org/place-come-back-inside-wahoo-high-schools-ceo-program-and-community-behind-it>
- Tree and shrub orders open

On the LPNNRD website, we received traffic from Facebook (23), NARD (17). Forestry page views are up (likely due to tree orders and KTIC digital ads, Education page views slightly down (KTIC digital ads).

The full reports are attached.

6.A.3. Water Department E-Newsletter

On November 12, 2025 at noon, the latest newsletter was sent out to producers. Topics included:

- Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act (NiRIA)
- looking for producers for demo fields
- meter usage/nitrogen report reminders - Due December 15
- UNL's recommendations of fall application
- TAPS information

The information was sent to 1261 emails. 93.34% delivery rate. 56.58% opens the email. 65 users clicked on information within the newsletter. We had many phone calls in the days following the email about producers wanting to sign up for the NiRIA or report their meter usage. The full campaign and report is attached.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Past events

- **November 13th**: Coffee Lakeside - Water Department (20)
- **November 18th**: Bishop Neumann Career Fair
- **November 19th**: David City HAL am (15) & Survival Club PM (16)
- **November 20th**: St. Wenceslaus Pre-k (30)
- **November 25th**: Aquinas Middle School (100)

6.B.2. Upcoming events

- **December 4th**: Wahoo 5th grade
- **December 5th**: Survival club
- **December 10th**: Science and Scenes event
- **December 11th**: Coffee Lakeside
- **December 15th**: Aquinas Catholic
- **December 17th**: East Butler

TBD: St. Wenceslaus, other classroom visits.

6.B.3. LPNNRD Grant

Please help share and promote the LPNNRD grant! December 19th is the deadline.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Colon System

On 11/7 the NRD was notified by the City of Wahoo that they were issuing a boil order for water due to multiple positive coliform tests during their monthly testing regimen. Due to the Colon RWD being a connected system, we had to issue a boil order and make a best effort to notify all customers within 24 hours. We posted a notice on our social media pages, as well as, posted flyers at public spaces within the village and hand-delivered notices to each residence. Wahoo chlorinated to disinfect the system, the RWD flushed hydrants in Colon to expedite chlorine entering the Village system.

Monthly sampling completed (NO coliform positive), bills to be mailed 12/1

7.B. Bruno System

The NRD and the Village of Abie both approved an interlocal agreement to study the potential of extending the Bruno RWD to include Abie. JEO is the contracted consultant that will complete the study which is expected to take ~6 months. Once study is completed we will determine whether, or not, to move forward with acquiring funding; USDA RD loan/grant, Neb SRF, e.g.

Monthly sampling completed, bills to be mailed 12/1

7.C. Other









Tech Masters, Inc.
 2024 SW 6th St
 Lincoln, NE 68522
 402-420-5050

Estimate 803398
 Estimate Date Oct 31, 2025
 Customer PO

| | |
|--|--|
| Billing Address Lower Platte North NRD | Job Address Lower Platte North NRD 1616 County Rd 17, Wahoo, NE 68066 |
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Estimate Details

Install refrigeration for walk-in cooler

Please Note: This doesn't include electrical.

Default Section **\$14,503.80**

| Material Description | Qty |
|--|--------------------|
| Refrigeration equipment for tree walk-in | 1 |
| Install Materials | 1 |
| Material Total | \$11,623.80 |

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| Labor | |
| Standard - Technician | |
| Labor Total | \$2,880.00 |

Sub-Total \$14,503.80
Tax \$0.00

TOTAL \$14,503.80

Pay your bill online: <https://securepayment.link/techmastersne/>

Going Paperless? Update your billing e-mail by contacting service@techmastersne.com

ESTIMATE PROPOSALS - Proposals valid for 30 days from the date of the proposal.

PARTS WARRANTY - All parts as recorded are warranted as per manufacturer specifications. If repairs later become necessary due to other defective parts we did not supply, they will be charged separately.

LABOR GUARANTEE - The labor charge as recorded here relative to the equipment serviced as noted, is guaranteed for a period of 30 days.

MANUFACTURERS' WARRANTY WORK - If Tech Masters is performing work for a Manufacturer under a Manufacturers' Warranty, any charges not covered by the Manufacturers' Warranty shall be the responsibility of the customer/part owner, including, but not limited to, freight charges, additional labor charges, overtime labor charges and travel charges.



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Sales Quote

| | |
|---------|------------|
| Quote # | SQ-001330 |
| Date | 11/06/2025 |

Billing Address **LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD**
 1616 COUNTY RD 17
 WAHOO, NE
 USA
 68066

Shipping Address **LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD**
 1616 COUNTY RD 17
 WAHOO, NE
 USA
 68066

Contact **BOB**

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Sales Rep | Payment Terms |
| JASON AUSTIN | Net 30 |

| Item | Description | Quantity | Unit Price | Sub-Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
| REFIGERATION EQUIPMENT | CONDENSING UNIT AND EVAP NO HEATERS | 1 | \$8,650.00 | \$8,650.00 |
| LABOR | LABOR | 1 | \$3,700.00 | \$3,700.00 |
| MISC SUPPLIES AND REFRIGERANT | MISC SUPPLIES AND REFRIGERANT | 1 | \$2,200.00 | \$2,200.00 |

Remarks

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| THIS QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE SALES TAX |
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| Sub-Total | \$14,550.00 |
| Total | \$14,550.00 |



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 Omaha, Nebraska USA 68137
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 Email billy@markingrefrigeration.com
 Tel 402-895-0255
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 Parts and Service for your Refrigeration needs!
 Full line of products to Purchase or Lease!

Sales Quote

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| Quote # | SQ-001331 |
| Date | 11/06/2025 |

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 1616 COUNTY RD 17
 WAHOO, NE
 USA
 68066

Shipping Address **LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD**
 1616 COUNTY RD 17
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 68066

Contact **BOB**

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| Sales Rep | Payment Terms |
| JASON AUSTIN | Net 30 |

| Item | Description | Quantity | Unit Price | Sub-Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
| REFRIGERATION | CONDENSING UNIT AND EVAP WITH HEATERS | 1 | \$9,400.00 | \$9,400.00 |
| LABOR | LABOR | 1 | \$3,700.00 | \$3,700.00 |
| MISC SUPPLIES AND REFRIGERANT | MISC SUPPLIES AND REFRIGERANT | 1 | \$2,200.00 | \$2,200.00 |

Remarks

THIS QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE SALES TAX

Sub-Total

\$15,300.00

Total

\$15,300.00

Kaar Sheet Metal

JOE KAAR

551 W. 1st St.
Wahoo, NE 68066

S 402-443-4224
H 402-443-1561

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|--|---|-------------------------|
| PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO Lower Platte North NRD | PHONE | DATE 11-05-25 |
| STREET | JOB NAME Lower Platte North NRD | |
| CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Wahoo NE 68066 | JOB LOCATION Wahoo NE 68066 | |
| ARCHITECT | DATE OF PLANS | JOB PHONE |

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

Installation of Condensing unit and Evaporator coil and startup for walkin cooler has defrost.

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum

dollars **\$16761.87**

Payment to be made as follows:

Due upon Completion

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature _____

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within **30 Days**

Acceptance of Proposal — The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature _____

Signature _____

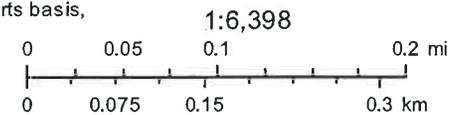
Date of Acceptance: _____



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DISCLAIMER: This map is not intended for conveyances, nor is it a legal survey. The information is presented on a best-efforts basis, and should not be relied upon for making financial, survey, legal or other commitments.

-  Parcels
-  Sections



Lower Platte North NRD – Dams exceeding planned Service Life of 50
years: December 2025

| <u>Watershed & Dam</u> | <u>NID No.</u> | <u>Year Constructed</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Swedeburg B-2 | NE00046 | 1954 | 71 |
| Swedeburg B-2A | NE00047 | 1954 | 71 |
| Swedeburg B-3 | NE00045 | 1954 | 71 |
| Swedeburg 2B-1 | NE00049 | 1957 | 68 |
| Swedeburg 2B-2F | NE00048 | 1957 | 68 |
| Bellwood 3-A | NE00016 | 1965 | 60 |
| Bellwood 4-K | NE00017 | 1965 | 60 |
| Bellwood 5-G | NE00015 | 1965 | 60 |
| Bellwood 3-C | NE00020 | 1966 | 59 |
| Bellwood 5-J | NE00019 | 1966 | 59 |
| Cottonwood 42-A | NE00054 | 1967 | 58 |
| Cottonwood 6-D | NE00053 | 1967 | 58 |
| Cottonwood 6-C | NE00056 | 1968 | 57 |
| Cottonwood 8-D | NE00057 | 1968 | 57 |
| Bellwood 4-L | NE00023 | 1969 | 56 |
| Bellwood 6-E | NE00024 | 1969 | 56 |
| Bellwood 5-H | NE00026 | 1970 | 55 |
| Bellwood 6-F | NE00025 | 1970 | 55 |
| Cottonwood 23-A | NE00058 | 1970 | 55 |
| Cottonwood 41-A | NE00059 | 1970 | 55 |
| Cottonwood 6-E | NE00060 | 1972 | 53 |
| Cottonwood 32-A | NE00253 | 1972 | 53 |
| Bellwood 5-K | NE01137 | 1974 | 51 |
| Bellwood 3-B | NE01138 | 1974 | 51 |
| Clear Creek 22-A | NE01532 | 1975 | 50 |



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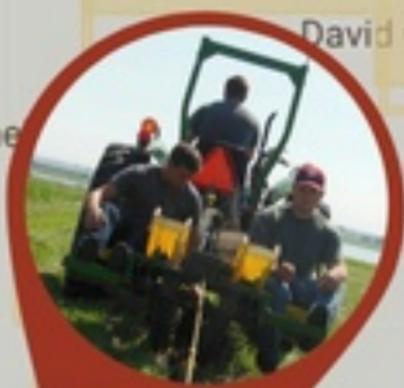


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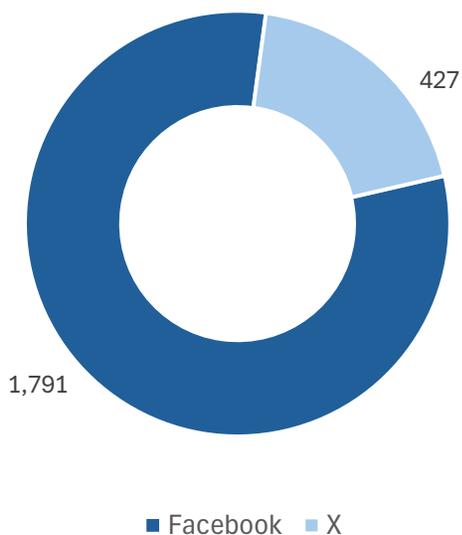


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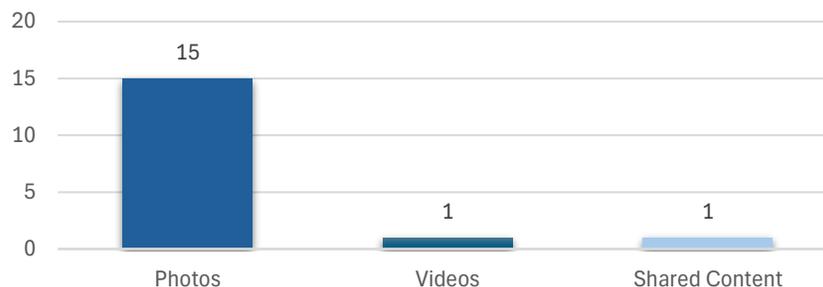


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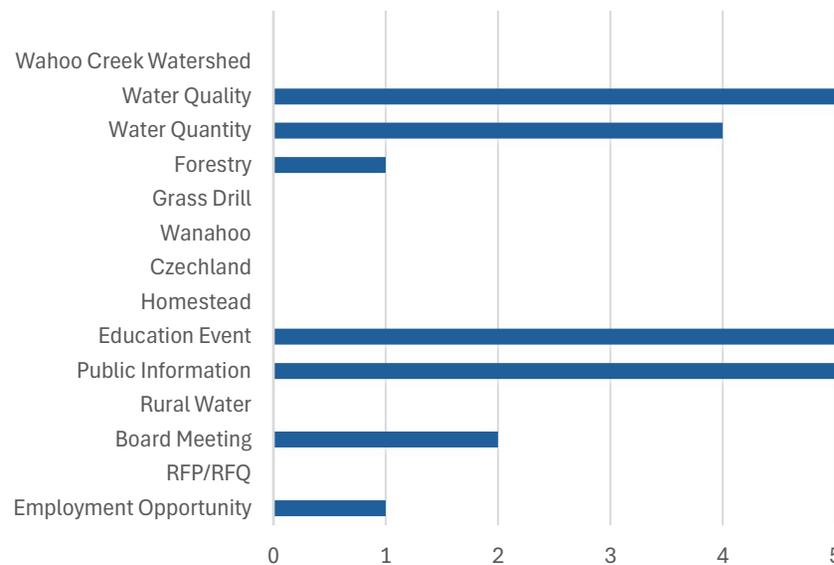
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Nov 1-23 Content



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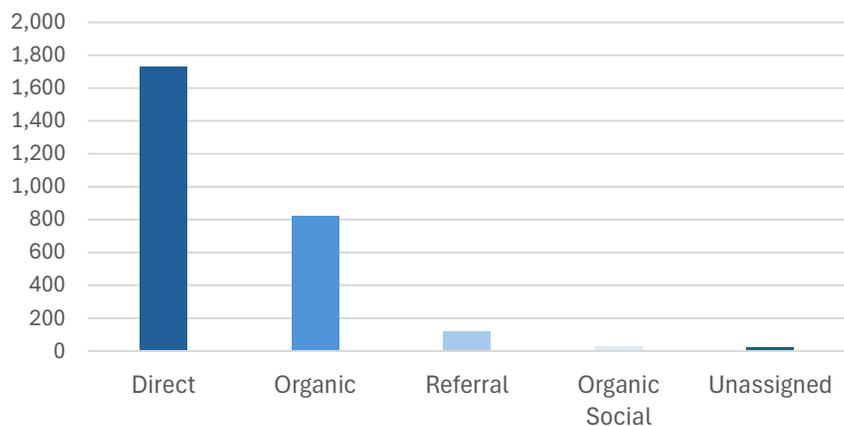
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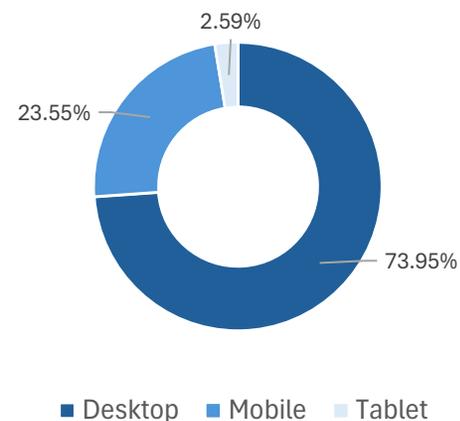
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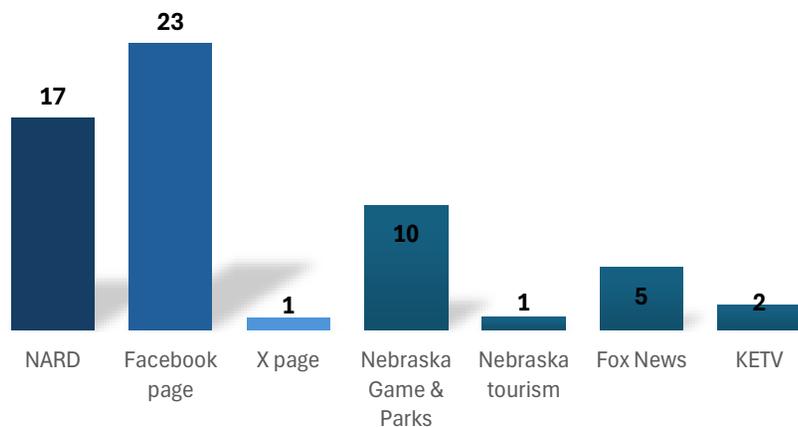
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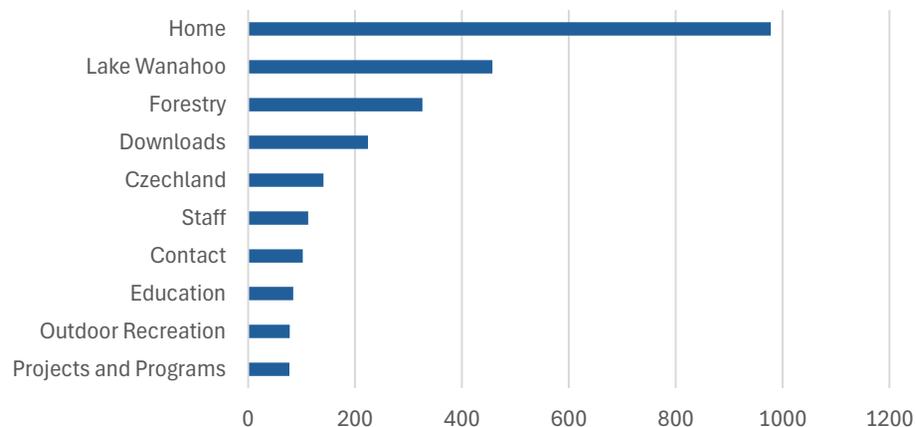
Devices



Traffic By Type



Website Top 10 Pages by Users





This newsletter is intended to keep you, our area's producers, knowledgeable about the latest developments, trends, and initiatives concerning water quality and quantity within the district. As the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting Nebraska's groundwater for future generations, this newsletter will provide you with straightforward, informative updates, relevant data, and valuable insights into the vital work being done to manage this critical resource.

Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act Deadline Quickly Approaching

Producers have until November 15th to apply for the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act (NiRIA), a state program offering incentives to producers for reducing the use of commercial fertilizers as the lesser of 40 pounds per acre or 15% of their baseline application rate. Priority A Area includes wellhead protection areas and phase II or higher phase areas established by the NRD. Priority B Area are areas certified to irrigate crops. Priority C Areas cover all other areas of the state, including dryland. Funding and partnership for the 2026 NiRIA program is provided by the Nebraska Corn Board. Additional information

can be found at: <https://dnr.nebraska.gov/lb-1368-nitrogen-reduction-incentive-program>

Submit Application by November 15

Questions about the program? Contact Daryl at the LPNNRD at 402-443-4675.

LPNNRD is looking for producers who are interested in using satellite imagery for nitrogen management. Contact LPNNRD Water Resources Manager, Daryl Andersen for additional information at 402-443-4675 or dandersen@lpnnrd.org

Meter Usage Reports

December 15, 2025 is the deadline for reporting water usage from flow meters. Reports can be submitted online at producer.lpnnrd.org (do not type "www." as this will bring up an error message).

If you have misplaced your username and password, please contact the Lower Platte North NRD at 402-443-4675.

Submit Flow Meter Reading

Need help with your Nitrogen reports for Schuyler-Richland and Bellwood areas or Water Use Reports?

LPNNRD staff will be available for assistance with nitrogen reports for the Water Quality Management Areas, along with water usage reports.

Schuyler Public Library
108 E 18th, Schuyler
December 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
and
December 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Submit Nitrogen Reports Online](#)

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Rethinking Your Fall Fertilizer Application - Is it still ok?

The best nitrogen management begins with timing. Learn why fall application is falling out of favor in Nebraska's updated recommendations from experts at UNL.

[Read Article on CropWatch](#)

Producers, are you interested in trying out new agriculture technology without the cost and risk? UNL's Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) might be the answer! Learn more at

TAPS Information

How did I get this? The Lower Platte North NRD Water Resources Department is working to ensure landowners and producers across our district are able to receive current news and updates as much as possible! We are testing a new email marketing system to assist in our communications. Stay subscribed for more updates coming soon!



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Healthy Water, Healthy Future #4

#5 • Sent on Nov 12, 2025 12:04 PM

- Apple MPP opens included.
- Bot opens and clicks included

Subject
Final Call: Nitrogen Incentive
Deadline & December Water
Reporting Assistance

From
Daryl Andersen
<dandersen@lpnrd.org>

Reply To
Daryl Andersen
<dandersen@lpnrd.org>

Deliverability

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| Sent to | Delivered | Delivery rate | Soft bounces |
| 1261 | 1177 | 93.34% | 82 (6.50%) |
| Hard bounces | | | |
| 2 (0.16%) | | | |

Opens

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| Opens | Open rate | Total opens | Apple MPP opens |
| 666 | 56.58% | 1055 | 339 |

Clicks

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| Clicks | Click-through rate | Total clicks | Click-to-open rate |
| 65 | 5.47% | 91 | 9.76% |

Unsubscribes

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Unsubscribe rate | Spam complaints |
| 0.42% | 1 |

Campaign audience

⊕ Included lists

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| Full Contact Set | 1260 contacts |
|------------------|---------------|

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| Directors | 18 contacts |
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