

Operations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 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 with our partners to discuss the 5-year O & M plan for the Wanhoo Wildlife Areas will take place Thursday, January 15 at 9:00 here at the NRD office.
3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
The O & M crew finished cutting & mulching trees with the new mulcher at Homestead Lake. We have moved to Czechland Lake. We are cutting trees on Rawhide Ditch 8, burned tree & wood debris in our pit and doing regular maintenance on equipment.
 - 3.A. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A, NRCS & HDR
The NRCS did one last review and analyzed HDR's design cost estimate. We have asked HDR to sharpen their pencil a bit on their design proposal estimate. If HDR's new cost estimate isn't satisfactory, we could advertise for new RFP's for other firms.
 - 3.B. Wanhoo Basin Damage & Repair, FEMA, & Houston Engineering
After researching Mitigation Benefit Cost Analysis, Mike Sotak emailed FEMA questions regarding mitigation on the Wanhoo Dam damage. Mike also reached out to colleges within his company for assistance with mitigation.
As of December 15th, FEMA is evaluating Mike's questions and comments.
 - 3.C. NET Grant for No-Till Grass Drill
NET is meeting on Thursday, January 8 to approve grant applications. We have preliminary been notified that our grass drill application should be approved. If approved, this drill will replace the old drill at Rezac Seed here in Saunders County. We have an old drill from Platte County to sell. We sold our last drill for \$15,500.
 - 3.D. Stanley Keiser Dam Repair Request
Stanley Keiser, dam owner, and Harold Kolb, Clear Creek Drainage board member, were present to discuss what can be done with Keiser's dam, which is failing (see picture). It is also believed the water and sediment in the dam and stream bed are contaminated from the Alten plant at Mead. DWEE was on site last November to take water and sediment samples. DWEE and Dam Safety will be on site January 16 to discuss the sampling results and the deteriorating dam. Before any dam renovation can take place, the remediation of the contamination needs to be cleared up if necessary. An engineer's estimate would also be necessary for rehabbing the dam.
4. ROCK AND JETTY
Harold Kolb, Clear Creek Drainage member, asked if the District would assist with adding limestone to the top of the Clear Creek Levee. We could assist at 50% or greater since the District is the primary sponsor of the project. We have an Interlocal agreement

between us to assist in project O & M. The drainage members will line up the rock, hauling and leveling the rock. We could use Rock & Jetty funds, Project Repair — Other funds, O & M Sinking Funds, or District Wide Flood Reduction Sinking Funds. We have asked for an estimate.

Two Corps of Engineers representatives inspected Seth McGinn's jetty maintenance project and found it satisfactory.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

5.A. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales

For the month of November, the District received \$722.50 in park permit revenue.

5.B. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue

For the month of November, the District received \$11,062.81 in camping revenue.

5.C. Clint Johannes Education Building

The Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo was rented 16 times in November, with 2 NRD event. Revenue for the month was \$1,150.

5.D. Potential Amphitheater

The Chair-appointed Wanahoo Amphitheater sub-committee met in December and their remarks are as follows:

The subcommittee, while not unanimously in favor of an amphitheater on the Wanahoo property, if built, the subcommittee is unanimously in favor of the new Southeastern location.

This location will be very close to all needed utilities, reduce safety concerns by utilizing round-a-bout, not affect any existing Wanahoo trails or roads, allow for a potential separate access off hwy 109, be further from existing residential and camping and is not currently within any Wanahoo future development areas.

6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

6.A. Information

6.A.1. Radio & eAds

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, 2026: Tree orders

6.A.2. Analytics

Top Posts for Facebook and X during December included:

- December Coffee Lakeside flyer
- Natural Resources Grant December deadline
- Science and Scenes Event

- Lake Wanahoo Park Permits 2026
- January Coffee Lakeside

The main page, forestry and wildlife, and Lake Wanahoo page had the most views. Mobile and tablet usage went up and desktop viewing went down. 2,700 people visited our website which was up 0.5% compared to the last previous 28 days.

6.B. Education

6.B.1. Past events

- **December 4th**: Wahoo 5th grade - Ecosystems (90)
- **December 5th**: Survival club - Knot Tying (14)
- **December 10th**: Science and Scenes event (15)
- **December 11th**: Coffee Lakeside - Native Nook Program *first project signed up!* (15)
- **December 12th**: Bishop Neumann Garden Tour - NRD Grant recipient
- **December 15th**: Aquinas Catholic - Careers, Native Plants, Nebraska Prairies (22)
- **December 16th**: St. Wenceslaus Pre-K - Water and You (28)
- **December 17th**: East Butler - Senior Interviews (2)

6.B.2. Upcoming Events

- **January 8th**: Coffee Lakeside
- **January 13th**: Lindsay Holy family 2nd grade
- **January 15th**: David City Aquinas
- **January 16th**: St. Wenceslaus Pre-K

TBD classroom visits

6.B.3. Nebraska Alliance for Conservation & Environmental Education

Sponsorship Ask

An email I received:

"My name is Amber Schiltz, I'm the Program Director of the Nebraska Alliance for Conservation & Environmental Education, and right now we are planning for the fourth annual Nebraska Environmental Education Conference to be held February 6 & 7, 2026 in Kearney, NE - at both the University of Nebraska - Kearney & Rowe Sanctuary. This year our conference theme is "Rising Together: Building Belonging through Art, Ecology, and Stories of Place". This event brings together environmental educators, natural resource managers, and community partners from across the state who are collectively nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards in Nebraska.

Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts play an essential role in conserving and sustaining our state's natural resources, and your district has long been a leader in stewardship and conservation. I know you understand how vital environmental education is to achieving our shared conservation goals - especially as this work strives to deepen Nebraskans' ecological literacy and connection to the natural resources you work to conserve.

Because of this alignment, I'm reaching out to ask whether the Lower Platte North NRD would consider partnering with NACEE by sponsoring the Nebraska Environmental Education Conference this spring. We are inviting NRDs to support this effort with a suggested sponsorship level of \$500, or whatever amount may work for your district. Your support would make a meaningful difference in strengthening Nebraska's environmental education community and would highlight your district's ongoing commitment to conservation and public education. We would be honored to collaborate with you in this effort.

I've attached our official sponsorship packet, and have linked our sponsorship form here. You can also find more info about the conference here. Please feel free to look through either document and reach out if you have any thoughts or questions. We appreciate your consideration, and hope regardless of your sponsorship status you join us at the conference next February!"

Below are levels and benefits.

Sponsorship levels and benefits:

- **\$5,000 Sustainer**
 - Name & logo on website & printed event signage
 - Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
 - Five complimentary conference registration tickets & one exhibit space
 - Full page ad in conference program
- **\$3,000 Champion**
 - Name & logo on website & printed event signage
 - Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
 - One complimentary conference registration ticket & one exhibit space
 - Full page ad in conference program
- **\$1,500 Guardian**
 - Name & logo on website & printed event signage
 - Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
 - One complimentary conference registration ticket & one exhibit space
 - 1/2 page ad in conference program
- **\$750 Advocate**
 - Name & logo on website & printed event signage
 - Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
 - One complimentary conference registration ticket
 - 1/2 page ad in conference program
- **\$500 Friend**
 - Name & logo on website
 - 1/4 page ad in conference program
- **\$250 Supporter**
 - Name & logo listed in program

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

7.A. Colon System

Routine monthly sampling completed, meters read and bills mailed.

7.B. Bruno System

On 12/18 the NRD held a kickoff meeting with representatives from the Village of Abie, and JEO to discuss the potential of developing a rural water district with Abie (agenda attached)

The study is expected to take ~6 months, and once completed, the NRD and Abie will have to decide if we want to proceed with pursuing funding options to design/build the RWD.

7.C. Other





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2026



NACEE Conference Sponsor Packet

NEBRASKA ALLIANCE FOR CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Your sponsorship will directly support Nebraska's educators and their students as we work to advance environmental education and outdoor learning opportunities while inspiring the conservation of our state's precious natural resources.

The **Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environmental Education (NACEE)** is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting and advancing environmental education in the state of Nebraska, and serves as the state affiliate of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). NACEE aims to advance environmental education in Nebraska by providing resources, promoting professional development opportunities, creating a statewide network for environmental education providers, and facilitating an annual professional conference.

The 2026 Nebraska Environmental Education Conference will be hosted February 6 & 7 at the University of Nebraska - Kearney & Rowe Sanctuary near Kearney, NE. Last year's event brought together over 130 conservation and education professionals, and NACEE looks forward to similar attendance this year.

Conference participants represent a diverse group of early childhood educators, K-12 classroom teachers, museum/zoo/nature center educators, as well as state and federal agency natural resource professionals from every corner of Nebraska. Our conference attendees are educated consumers who are happy to support sustainable companies and industry, outdoor recreation, and educational organizations. We have a growing network of hundreds of individuals and dozens of organizations located all across the state.

www.nacee.org

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

FILL YOUR PIECE OF THE EDUCATION PUZZLE

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We are thrilled to bring back our silent auction, building on last year's success - all proceeds will go towards our conference & program scholarship fund for future attendees. Please let us know if you have any items or services you wish to contribute to the silent auction, in addition to or as part of your sponsorship!

SUPPORTER - \$250

- Name & logo on conference program

FRIEND - \$500

- Name & logo on website
- 1/4 page ad in conference program

ADVOCATE- \$750

- Name & logo on website & printed event signage
- Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
- 1/2 page ad in conference program

GUARDIAN - \$1,500

- Name & logo on website & printed event signage
- Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
- One complimentary conference registration ticket & one exhibit space
- 1/2 page ad in conference program

CHAMPION - \$3,000

- Name & logo on website & printed event signage
- Distribute swag or printed materials in welcome bag
- One complimentary conference registration ticket & one exhibit space
- Full page ad in conference program

SUSTAINER- \$5,000

- Name & logo on website & printed event signage
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- Five complimentary conference registration tickets & one exhibit space
- Full page ad in conference program



To complete your sponsorship, please visit www.NACEE.org/Conference/Sponsorship or contact us at admin@nacee.org.

We thank you for your support!

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Kickoff Meeting Agenda

2026 WATER SYSTEM PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT (PER)
LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT (LPNNRD).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time

December 18, 2025
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location

Lower Platte North NRD
1616 County Road 17
Wahoo, NE 68066

ATTENDEES

LPNNRD
Village of Abie
JEO

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Meeting Purpose & Objectives
 - a. Review Project Scope
 - b. Review Project Schedule
 - c. Communication Plan
 - d. Review NRD System
 - e. Confirm Preliminary Alignment
 - f. Data Requests
 - g. Open Discussion
3. Project Scope
 - a. Describe existing area served by the water system and review existing data from NRD.
 - b. Evaluate existing water system components' current condition and ability serve the Village of Abie.
 - c. Provide hydraulic evaluation of a water supply transmission line to the Village of Abie.
 - d. Develop opinions of probable cost for recommendations.
 - e. Compile Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) summarizing the evaluation and alternative analysis.
 - f. Submit PER to WWAC and funding agencies.
4. Project Schedule
 - a. Agreement Signed / NTP 11/14/2024
 - b. Kick-off Meeting 12/18/2025
 - c. 90% Draft Report 06/16/2026 (180 days from NTP)
 - d. Final Draft Complete 07/16/2026 (30 days from 90% Review Meeting)
 - e. Final PER Submission to NDWEE TBD (After NRD comments and approval)
 - f. Funding Applications TBD (2026)
5. Communication Plan
 - a. Meetings
 - b. Phone / email



2026 WATER SYSTEM PER – LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD

6. Review NRD System
 - a. Status of Supply Agreement with David City
 - b. Condition of:
 - i. Watermain (8" PVC SDR 21):
 - ii. Valves and Hydrants:
 - iii. Water Meters:
 - iv. Other components:
 - c. Any other concerns?
7. Preliminary Alignment Review
 - a. See attached map
 - b. Any concerns with landowners along the proposed alignment.
8. NRD Data Request (digital files)
 - a. Water Quality Reports
 - i. 13-parameter tests for source water quality
 - b. Water Meter Data (3 years, minimum)
 - i. Bulk water purchased from David City (monthly)
 - ii. Water volume sold to customers (monthly)
 - iii. Have the meters been calibrated?
 - c. Number and Classification of Water System Users
 - i. Size(s) of customer meters:
 1. 8 residential (3/4"),
 2. 1 commercial – Butler County Landfill (2"),
 3. Village of Bruno (4")
 - d. Financial Data (3 years, minimum)
 - i. Income and Expenses for Water System
 - e. Existing Water Rate Structure
9. Village of Abie Data Request
 - a. See questionnaire
10. Open Discussion
 - a. Future Operation of Village of Abie Water System
11. Site Visit (As Time Allows)
 - a. David City Connection Meter Pit
 - b.

NEXT MEETING(S)

- 90% Draft Report Review Meeting

May/June 2026

