

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

1.A. Wildlife & CREP Payments

There are no CREP payments.

We have not heard if the Federal Grant Funding through NE Game & Parks for projects at Homestead and Czechland Lakes has been approved.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

2.A. O & M Crew

The O & M crew have completed burning all tree piles at Czechland and Wanahoo. Prepared Czechland for the contractor to start the rock project. The crew help load 4 of the 6 docks sold from Czechland.

2.B. Equipment

Heimann looked at a Turbo Tree Saw at Benes Service. Their price is \$6,150. The saw has 15 four sided cutting teeth, each side should last approximately 100 hrs. Today, those teeth cost \$30/piece to replace.

2.C. Tractor Rental

The State of Nebraska is currently reviewing a new contract for tractor rental through John Deere. Various tractor sizes are available and the rate is \$13.25/hr, with a minimum usage of 300 hours. The review and acceptance to this contract may take up to two weeks.

Platte Valley will rent the District a JD 8245R tractor for \$1,100 a month. The District would use this tractor from July 15 - October 15 which would equal \$3,300.

Benes Service will not commit a rate or type of tractor until we are closer to the time of need.

2.D. Czechland Lake Improvements

The contractor has started hauling the type-C rip-rap to Czechland Lake, they have not started placing the rock. Staff has prepared the area by moving the docks, trimming trees and moving trash barrels. Four of the six docks have been sold.

2.E. Wanahoo SRA

Staff met with Game & Parks officials regarding the use, revenue and expenses at Lake Wanahoo SRA on Feb. 17. The usage of the park and revenue did increase in 2014 and expenses declined. NGPC expenses are beyond income and legislative subsidy so the deficit of \$8,045.17 be subsidized by the District. Two spreadsheets from each agency are attached.

The NARD and Lower Platte North NRD are organizing a 5K and 1 mile run/walk at Lake Wanahoo on Saturday, April 11. The Run-a-Hoo at Wanahoo is to benefit the NARD Foundation. The cost to run the 5K is \$35 and \$20 for the 1 mile walk. Bring your shoes for the start at 8:30 a.m.

2.F. Bellwood Watershed Dam repair request

Jamie Yindrick the tenant for Sean McFadden (Zeppelin Farms) is requesting to repair a watershed dam which is directly above the District's Bellwood Dam 5-H. The pipe in the dam is rusted through and eroding around the pipe. This dam was originally designed by NRCS and built in 1956, modified in 1983. This dam directly benefits Bellwood 5-H (road structure). The replacement pipe is 30" and 48' in length which cost \$1,658.29. Yindrick has contacted the NRCS for advice. The site is located in Butler County SE Section 10, T-15, R-2.

2.G. Ice Jam Expense

An ice jam in the Platte River occurred January 25 - 29 approximately 2 miles south of Hwy 92. When the tie back levee on the north end of the Clear Creek Levee was about to fail, Clark Construction was mobilized to the National Guard Camp near Ashland in anticipation of removal of a fuse plug if the Clear Creek Levee failed. In case of a failure, the plug is removed to allow water back into the Platte River. Clark Construction submitted an invoice for the use of his excavator, 21 hours at \$185.00 which comes to \$3,885.00

2.H. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study

A meeting with the COE and the Non-federal partners was held at the NRD office on Feb. 12. The Corps stated they have approval to transition the 205 Study into a General Investigation Study and the funds are available at \$425,000. The COE covers the first \$150,000 leaving the study at \$275,000. The Non-federal partners have to provide \$137,500 or 50%. An Amendment has been developed for the partners as to what percentage each will pay when a formal request is received by the COE. This will begin in 2015 rather than being split up between 2015 and 2016. An estimated construction cost by the Corps is \$50-55 million.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

There are no request for payments.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

5.A. Information

5.A.1. Newspaper and Radio Ads

This month we are running ads on the National Water Quality Initiative signup and the remaining Water Certification classes.

5.A.2. Spring Viaduct

The spring issue of the Viaduct will come out in March. This is one of our two printed issues of the year distributed in area newspapers.

5.A.3. NWQI 2015

Wahoo Creek was again chosen as a target watershed for National Water

Quality Initiative funds from NRCS. We are running ads and have updated the poster from last year to help promote the signup, which ends March 20.

5.A.4. SCWIG Signs

Thompson will be helping the Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group with a design for new road signs. The signs will focus on the "Slow the Flow" slogan used for last year's open house. The grant has \$10,000 budgeted for signage.

5.B. Education

5.B.1. Soil & Water Stewardship Week

Soil & Water Stewardship Week orders are due March 6. Orders have been slow to date, we will send a reminder message next week.

5.B.2. Earth Wellness Festival

Thompson will present at the Earth Wellness Festival in Lincoln in late March.

5.C. Computer

5.C.1. New Projector

We purchased a new projector for the office - a ViewSonic model PJD5533W for \$438.99. It is significantly brighter and sharper than our old projector, which was more than 10 years old.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- February water samples were taken on the 24th, results should be available by Board Meeting

- I am working with Troy to assess our System's need for new/upgraded meter reading/billing equipment and software. We are gathering information and will bring to March Committee meeting.

- We will be adding a new customer to the Colon line this month - Bob (Toby) Malousek, 3914 Browning Drive

- Meeting with Brainard/Dwight is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm.

- Over the next few months I will be developing a comprehensive inventory of the Rural Water Dept's parts, tools and equipment.

- Tyler Benal is enrolled in the May Grade IV Water Operator course.

- We have replaced a damaged meter radio reader on the Colon system caused by snow plow.

7. Adjournment



The Torque Models are designed to operate on the hydraulic system of a standard flow skid steer. This is the perfect tool as a tree cutter for invasive trees such as Red Cedar, Mesquite, Salt Cedar, Osage Orange, etc. They will cut a 10" tree in under 8 seconds and comes equipped with bolt on TS3 cutting teeth for low maintenance. These units are the #1 attachment for tree removal in their class.

The High Torque Fixed Boom is designed with the landowner in mind. Like all Turbo Saw models this unit has excellent visibility and with the hydrostatic drive on the skid loader this unit is excellent for selective cutting. The High Torque Fixed Boom saw is a both economical and versatile solution the your tree clearing needs.

- Safety Features

Safety is a primary concern of Dougherty Forestry Mfg. Each turbo saw has more standard safety features than the competition. The operator's manual is contained within a waterproof canister on the skid steer for easy access.



Ben's \$6150.⁰⁰
MSRP 5950.⁰⁰

Blade Shield

A shield behind the blade prevents sawdust from being directed towards the operator

Wanahoo Recreation Area
Proposed Annual Operating Budget
2014 Season

After 2/18/14 Mtg with NRD and Board Input

Budget Item	Category Description	Orig Estimated Need	2013/2014 Budget Adjustments	NGPC 2014 Portion	NGPC 2014	NRD 2014 Portion	NRD 2014
Staffing	FT/PT wages, benefits & taxes	73,425	73,425	52,345	55,125.79	21,080	
Communication	Phone, Fax, Internet	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,060.92	-	
Mail & Freight	Delivery costs, stamps	200	200	-	10.72	200	
Printing	Camp Env. brochures, misc.	1,500	3,000	3,000	1,843.72	-	
Utilities	Campground, area lights, H2O	22,000	20,000	16,800	12,975.78	3,200	
Motor Veh & Equip Rep/Maint/Supplies	Fuel, Oil Change, tires, repairs	9,500	7,500	6,000	7,698.02	1,500	
Road Maint	Grading, Snow Removal (Mach Time)	1,500	500	-		500	
Misc Repair/Maint	small equip repair, misc.	400	400	200	159.11	200	
Office Supplies	Print cart, paper, env., copy	1,000	400	200		200	
Clothing & Care	Uniform shirts, hats,	200	200	200	113.00	-	
Janitorial Supply	Restrooms, Clean Supplies	3,000	2,000	2,000	1,310.94	-	
Agricultural Expenses	Seed, Chemical, flowers	1,000	1,600	600	198.88	1,000	
Constr/Maint Supplies	Lumber, nails, gravel, misc.	9,000	11,500	4,000	3,529.26	7,500	
Law Enf /Safety Supplies	1st aid kit, fire ext. - signs	200	500	500	34.34	-	
Non-Expendable Property	small equip under \$1500; computer	2,000	2,000	2,000		-	
Lab	Water Sample Fee	200	-	-		-	
Pest Control	Wasp Spray, varnrit removal	300	300	300		-	
Garbage / Pump Restroom	via contract for dumpsters RR	6,500	3,000	-	1,680.00	3,000	
Weed Control	via contract	500	500	-		500	
Insurance & Dues, permits	Trucks, mowers, State owned	2,000	3,500	1,000	1,206.34	2,500	
Total	Projected Budget	135,825.00	131,725	90,345	86,945	41,380	
	If split 50/50 each partner contributes Expenditures over/under	67,912.50	65,862.50	24,482.50		(24,482.50)	(67,912.50)
	2014 Income to NGPC				\$ 61,899.65		
	Legislature Subsidy (1/3) FINAL				\$ 17,000.00		
	NGPC Expenses beyond Income & Subsidy Deficit to be subsidized by NRD				8,045.17		\$ 8,045.17

Deficit to be subsidized by new general fund appropriation, NRD payment, or other external source / or offset by higher than projected revenues. Legislature awarded a subsidy of \$81,000 in 2012 to apply towards 3 - year agreement

Camping Fees	38,891.19
Tax Rate 9.502263%	-3,695.54
Net Camping Income	35,195.65
Shower Fees	1,074.00
Daily Permits	9,080.00
Duplicate Permits	2,600.00
Annual Permits	13,990.00
Total Permit Sales	25,630.00
Total Income	61,899.65

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
 GAME PARKS WANAHOO REC AREA EXPENSES
 FOR MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

BUDGET ITEM	DESCRIPTION	NRD ESTIMATE	NRD ACTUAL	OVER/UNDER
STAFFING	FT/PT WAGES, BENEFITS & TAXES	\$ 21,080.00	\$ 13,057.81	\$ 8,022.19
MAIL & FREIGHT	DELIVERY COSTS, STAMPS	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
UTILITIES	CAMPGROUND, AREA LIGHTS, H2O	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,476.74	\$ (276.74)
MOTOR VEH & REPAIR/MAINT.	FUEL, OIL CHANGE, TIRES, REPAIRS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,435.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE	GRADING, SNOW REMOVAL(MACH TIME)	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
MISC REPAIR, MAINT.	SMALL EQUIP REPAIR, MISC.	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	PRINT CART, PAPER, ENV, COPY MISC	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
AGRICULTURAL EXPENSES	SEED, CHEMICAL, FLOWERS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 444.00
CONSTR/MAINT SUPPLIES	LUMBER, NAILS, GRAVEL, MISC	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,253.93	\$ 4,246.07
GARBAGE	DUMPSTERS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,124.27	\$ 1,875.73
WEED CONTROL	VIA CONTRACT	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
INSURANCE	PROPERTY INSURANCE REC AREA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL		\$ 41,380.00	\$ 21,733.75	\$ 19,646.25
DEFICIT PAID	NE GAME & PARKS 2013 DEFICIT PD BY NRD	\$ 30,462.69		
	2014 OTHER EXPENSES PAID BY NRD	\$ 30,462.69		

SPECIAL CONSERVATION FUNDS AVAILABLE for WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED



**WAHOO CREEK
WATERSHED**
NWQI Areas 2015

For a limited time, increased funding is available to producers in the Wahoo Creek watershed for conservation practices such as cover crops, filter strips, terraces, no-till and other erosion control practices to improve water quality.

In addition to EQIP cost-share, producers who sign up for the NRCS National Water Quality Initiative by **March 20, 2015** may qualify for additional funding from the Lower Platte North NRD and Lands for Conservation for summer 2016 construction.

For more information, contact the Saunders County NRCS office or the Lower Platte North NRD.



SIGNUP ENDS MARCH 20 - CALL TODAY!
Saunders County NRCS: 402.443.4106 ext 3
Lower Platte North NRD: 402.443.4675

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