

Operations & Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. Shell Creek Scholarship
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4. WILD NE/CREP REPORT
Nothing to report.
5. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS
 - 5.A. O & M Crew
The O & M Crew have been planting trees, building maintenance items, staining the shelters at Czechland Lake and shredding areas of the Wanahoo Recreation area. We will start watershed dam inspections soon.
 - 5.B. Tree Program
Tree planting was completed in between all rain days. Staff planted 8,345 trees and shrubs. There are some remaining conifers in the tree cooler.
 - 5.C. Wanahoo SRA
Operations at Wanahoo are going well with new superintendent Jason Gabel. The Memorial Day weekend was very good with camping income at \$2,938 and visitation at 1,783. Informational signs/boards were installed near the boat ramp, shower building and east entrance.
 - 5.D. National Guard Camp Flooding
Heavy rainfall in the Lincoln area May 6th & 7th caused the Salt Creek watershed to flood. Heavy flooding occurred in the Ashland area causing action to take place at the Fuse Plug levee on the south end of the National Guard Camp. Clark Construction was notified to be on location in case the sand levee needed to be excavated to allow flood water into the Platte River. Clark did remove the sand levee at the end of the day. An invoice of \$4,107.50 from Clark Construction is attached for the removal of the sand levee at the National Guard Camp.
 - 5.E. Haying of Wildlife Areas/Recreation sites
There is approximately 195 acres to be hayed on the Wanahoo property starting July 16th and completion date of August 30. The District would advertise for three weeks with bids due June 30. Staff intends to skip a year on the Czechland and Homestead sites as they have been hayed the past three years.

5.F. FY 2016 Budget Review

A first glance at the 2016 FY Budget, please review.

6. ROCK AND JETTY

6.A. Payments

There are no request for payment this month. To date we have spent \$2,627.50 from the Rock & Jetty budget line.

7. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

7.A. Erosion Sediment Complaint

A potential complaint has arose in Platte County just south of Newman Grove. Heimann and Schomer will investigate this complaint this summer. The complainant Kenny Nelson is concerned about sediment coming from Barry Johnson's property.

8. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

8.A. Information

8.A.1. Radio & Web Ads

We have been running ads promoting outdoor recreation areas & the improvements at Czechland Lake.

8.A.2. Recognition Banquet

The 2015 Recognition Banquet will be held June 7 at Czechland Lake. The schedule is:

- 5 pm - Social Hour
- 6 pm - Dinner
- 7 pm - Awards

8.A.3. ThinkTank Workshop

Thompson attended a one-day workshop on social media and communications at UNL on May 19.

8.B. Education

8.B.1. Spring Conservation Sensation

The Spring Conservation Sensation was held May 6 with ~390 students attending. Due to weather, we had to move to the Saunders County Fairgrounds. Despite the weather and tight quarters, evaluations were very good. "Favorite activity" and "learned the most at" questions on the evaluations got a large variety of responses, which showed that we had a very good mix of activities this year. Two stations were substitutes for activities that only work well outside, and they were rated so highly we will likely add them to next year's event.

8.B.2. St. Wenceslaus Field Day

Because registration filled up so quickly for Spring Conservation Sensation this year, St. Wenceslaus was not able to attend. We helped them organize a Field Day at Lake Wanahoo on May 12 instead. With the number of students and

parent volunteers, we were able to do "live" fishing and students had very good luck catching bass and bluegill. NRD staff also did "Lake Ecosystems" and geocaching activities with the students. Teachers said they may make this an annual event.

8.B.3. David City Award

The LPNNRD received an award from the David City FFA for supporting ag education. The plaque will be displayed in the office.

8.B.4. Shell Creek Scholarship

We have one application for the Shell Creek Scholarship from Parker Wallin.

8.C. Computer

8.C.1. Board Room Computer Replacement

Our current board room computer is a "hand-me-down" and is near the end of its useful life. We are looking at low-cost replacement options.

9. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- Read meters and collected samples for May - Should have results by Board Meeting
- Printing and sending current billing statements
- Tyler Benal attended Water Operators 4 course in Beatrice last week
- Submitted State required Rural Water Current Operating Budget
- Submitted State required Rural Water Department audit
- Updating Rural Water Dept. inventory

10. Adjournment

Clark Construction Company, Inc.
17770-250th Street
Ashland, NE 68003
(402) 944-7614

To: Lower Platte North-NRD, 511 Commercial Park Rd, Wahoo, NE 68066

Dates: 5-7-15

Machine	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total
D6T Dozer	6.50	\$210.00	\$ 1,365.00
320LC Excavator	10.50	\$185.00	\$ 1,942.50
Mobilization for two machines (In & Out)			\$ 800.00
Total			\$ 4,107.50
Please Pay This Amount			
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!			

Date rec'd 5/20/15

Approved by _____

Date approved _____

Expense acct. _____

Funding source _____

% (amount) _____

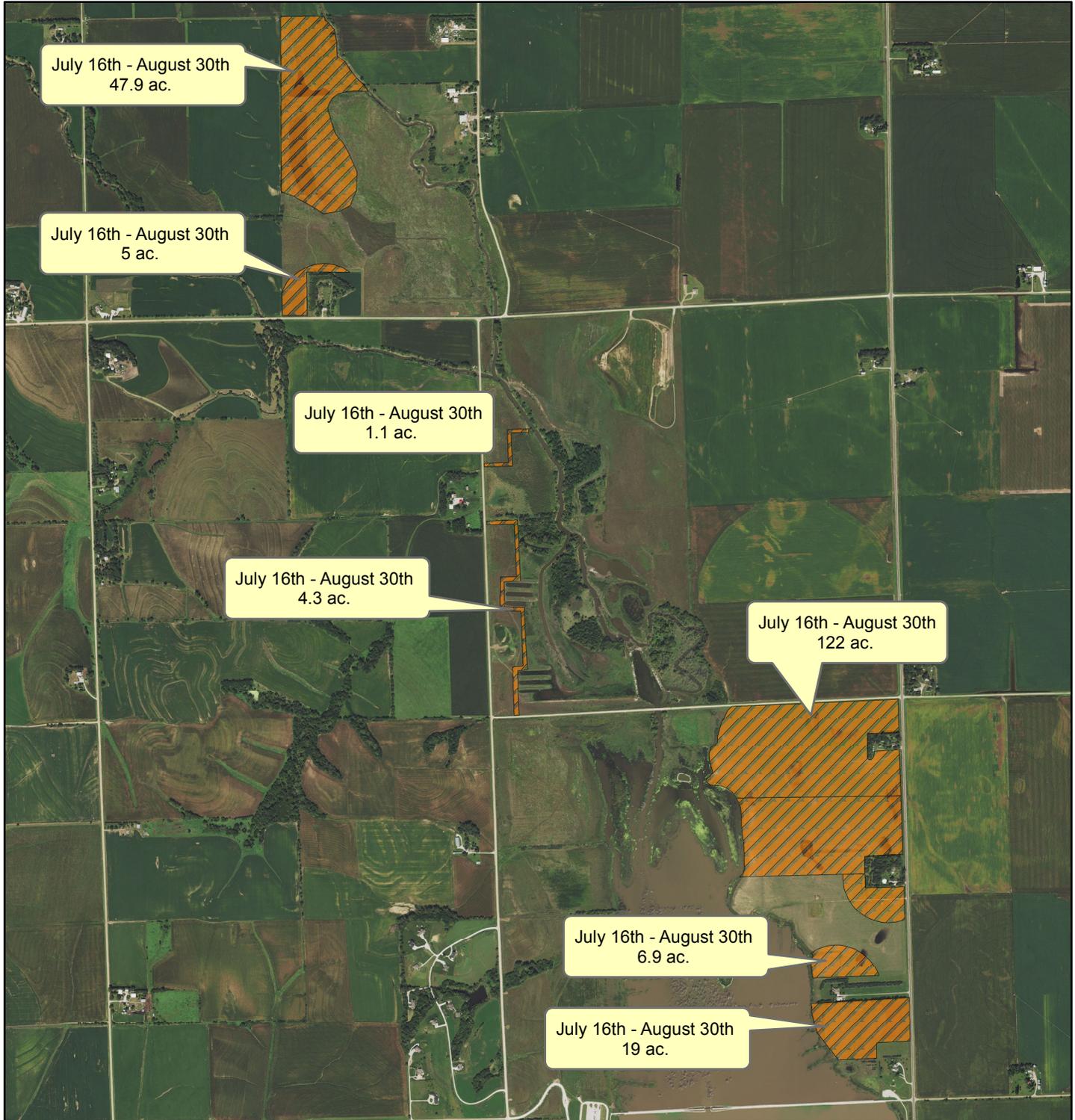
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Lake Wanahoo 2015 Haying

Date: 2/17/2015

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District: LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
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Field Office: SCHUYLER SERVICE CENTER
Agency: USDA-NRCS
Assisted By: Brian Teeter
State and County: NE, Saunders County, Nebraska



Legend

 2015 Haying

