

*On Consent Agenda

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, OPERATIONS & EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 30, 2010**

The Operations, Education & Rural Water Committee met at the Lower Platte North NRD office in Wahoo on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 8:30 a .m.

Committee Members Present: Boyd, Renter, Eden, Sabatka, and Veskerna

Others Present: Thompson, Miyoshi, Mountford, Sousek and Heimann

1. WILD NE/WHIP/CREP REPORT

a. Payments

Nothing to report.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE& OTHER ITEMS

a. Operations & Maintenance

The O & M crew temporarily relocated the docks at Czechland Lake because of high water. We have been inspecting all our dams because of high water levels, all are holding up well. We also cleaned debris from the Rawhide Ditch berm after the Elkhorn River flooding. We continue to spray noxious weeds and trees from our structures.

b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study (Map Attached)

Our meeting in Fremont on May 28th went very well. The information given by the COE on possible levee placement from just east of the Burlington Northern Railroad to the Fremont State Lakes area was very informative. There are a couple different options to consider east of Hwy 77 and in the Inglewood area. The Corps will accept all comments from partners and the public regarding these alignments. The next meeting will look at levee placement in and around the State Lakes to the cut-off ditch west of Fremont.

c. Czechland and Homestead Rec Areas

Hay bids for the two recreation sites were due by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 29th. Two bids were received, Daniel Ourada, Prague bid \$46.25/ton for Czechland only and Sillivans Cattle & Custom Haying, Malmo bid \$48.50/ton for both Czechland and Homestead. It was recommended (by Renter), seconded (by Sabatka) to accept the bid of \$48.50/ton from Sillivans Cattle & Custom Haying to hay Czechland and Homestead Lakes open land areas. Recommendation Carried.*

d. Invasive Weed Management

Nothing to report.

e. Flood Damage Report on Rawhide Ditch 8 & Elkhorn Breakout

Elkhorn flood water from the Folsom/Diers area overtopped Ditch 8 for a quarter of a mile. Damage was minimal, but some rip-rap and dirt will be needed.

The Elkhorn Breakout area has not yet been totally evaluated.

f. No-Till Grass Drill Platte County

The grass drill in Platte Co. generated \$1,461.60. Fifty percent (\$730.80) was sent to the District.

g. Financial Statements

Staff reviewed the financial statement through May for each department.

h. FY 2011 Budget Review

Staff reviewed each Committee Department's budget.

3. ROCK AND JETTY - (spreadsheet)

a. Application Request - None

b. Payment Requests

Roy Papa, Butler County has submitted a bill of \$212.50 for work accomplished for Platte River jetty and bank maintenance. It was recommended (by Boyd), seconded (by Renter) to pay Roy Papa \$106.25 for bank stabilization on the Platte River pending staff inspection. Recommendation Carried.*

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Nothing to report.

5. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

a. Information

1. KTIC Ads

This month we are running ads on acre certification and the flood protection provided by Lake Wanahoo during the recent heavy rains.

2. County Fairs

The schedule for 2010 county fairs is below. We have received our registration info from all four counties.

Boone County: July 10-14

Platte County: July 14-18

Colfax County: July 22-25

Saunders County: July 27-August 1

3. Viaduct

The latest Viaduct was sent out last week to subscribers.

b. Education

1. Land Judging Workshop

Thompson attended the state Land Judging Workshop in Kearney on June 8. The workshop was well attended but unfortunately rain forced it to be held indoors, so a mock contest could not be held.

2. PreK "Growing Up WILD" Workshop

Thompson attended a workshop for the new "Growing Up WILD" preK curriculum at Papio NRD on June 22. This is an early childhood add-on to the existing Project WILD materials.

3. GIS Activity at Wahoo Elementary

Thompson will conduct a "Habitat Scavenger Hunt" GPS activity for the Kids Summer Institute at Wahoo Elementary on June 30.

c. Computer

1. GIS Server

The GIS Server was installed in a new case but is still having problems, meaning that one of the processors must be defective. We are looking into options for replacements.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Bruno / David City Rural Water System

All samples taken in May passed. Consumer confidence reports have been sent to all rural water customers.

b. Colon / Wahoo Rural Water System

Seven Colon customers have been sent disconnection notices and staff will be visiting these people closer to the 10th of the month. As of June 24th, six people currently remain on the disconnect list.

The Village of Colon has been working with their lawyer to resolve the issue with John Murren. The lawyers are currently in the deposition stage of the process.

The sanitary survey for the rural water system was performed with the HHS field rep. on June 29. No deficiencies were found and we should be good for another three years. An official report and letter will be sent from DHHS stating this.

c. Bellwood/Richland

A whole new approach to this project is being studied. With a shove from USDA RD, a treatment plant near Bellwood is being considered. This treatment plant would be capable of providing water to Bellwood, Richland, and other communities in the future. Project cost will be in the 3 to 4 million dollar range. USDA RD will be offsetting this capital cost with low interest loans and large grants. Staff is currently working with JEO on O & M cost and design. Staff will be meeting with Richland on July 13th to discuss this new scenario.

d. Crop Damage guidelines/policy

Staff has in the past felt the need for some guidelines to follow while dealing with crop damage. While its understood that every project will have different circumstances that may require a different approach, a set of guidelines would be helpful in keeping all our different projects conformed in handling crop damage. See attached pamphlet.

e. Other

Barlean is making a career change and will be leaving the NRD. Staff reviewed the financial statements for the month ended May 31, 2010.

With no further business, the Rural Water Systems, Operations and Education Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Bob Heimann
O & M Manager

Troy Thompson
I&E Specialist

Mike Sousek
R.W. Manager