

*On Consent Agenda

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD
RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, OPERATIONS & EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 3, 2012**

The Operations, Education & Rural Water Committee met at the Lower Platte North NRD office in Wahoo on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Hagerbaumer, Ruzicka, Birkel, Sabatka, Olson, Veskerna and Clausen

Others Present: Miyoshi, Thompson, Sousek, and Heimann

1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

a. Payments & Information

Nothing to report.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE& OTHER ITEMS

a. Operations & Maintenance

The O & M crew continues to cut down trees around dams and also do maintenance on vehicles and equipment.

b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study

Nothing new to report since last month.

c. Rawhide Ditch 8

The 18" culvert with a flap gate was repaired and the other pipe across the way was rip-rapped, backfilled with dirt and supported. Papa Trucking did the work for \$2,900. Papa Trucking also fixed the beaver den and excavated the dam for \$800. It was recommended (by Ruzicka) seconded (by Hagerbaumer) to pay Papa Trucking \$2,900 for repairing the two pipes and \$800 for repairing the levee and extracting the beaver dam on Rawhide Ditch. Recommendation Carried.

d. Grass Drill Platte County

Mueller Sod Farm sent a check for \$936 to close out the year.

e. Tree Information

Tree orders have been coming in via the web site and mail.

f. Watershed Dams

Joe Proskovec's proposal on Bellwood 3-A is to extend the principle spillway pipe 300' downstream underground. DNR modified Joe's plan saying "the pipes cannot be connected directly, that there must be a space between the two for maintenance." The landowner has agreed. We will have further discussion with DNR before this is approved. Some of the toe drain and principle spillway pipe may have to be replaced because of damage and being plugged.

Lierman Excavating has opened the downstream channel of Swedburg dam B-1, the bill is \$1,170. His original quote was \$1,800. It was recommended (by Veskerna) seconded (by Sabatka) to pay Lierman Excavating \$1,170 for cleaning the downstream channel of Swedeburg B-1. Recommendation Carried. *

The downstream channel of Cottonwood 6-D has been opened. The silt and vegetation has been removed and a bill of \$2,300 was sent. It was recommended (by Ruzicka) seconded (by Birkel) to pay Johnson Trucking \$2,300 for opening the downstream channel of Cottonwood 6-D. Recommendation Carried. * The spoil piles will be leveled next spring and that billing will come later. Dennis Johnson's quote was \$2,500 - \$3,000 to clean out 1,100' of water way.

g. Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

The EAP is under review by DNR, we have not heard back from them.

h. Vehicle (attachment)

A list of SUV's and four door pick-ups on the State Contract was presented. It was recommended (by Ruzicka) seconded (by Olson) to purchase a 2012 Chevy half ton 4 x 4 Crew Cab pick-up off of the State contract for a price around \$23,500. Recommendation Carried.

i. Building Bids for Wanahoo Property (attachments)

The District received bids from three contractors with eight different pole and steel building proposals, they are listed on the attached sheet, also attached is the advertise specification sheet. It was recommended (by Ruzicka) seconded (by Sabatka) to accept the bid from Bob Sousek Construction for an Astro Building at a bid price of \$49,114. Recommendation Carried.

j. Financial Review

Staff reviewed the past months financial statements.

3. ROCK AND JETTY - (spreadsheet)

a. Applications - None

b. Payment Requests - None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Nothing to report.

5. INFORAMTION AND EDUCATION

a. Information

1. KTIC Ads

This month we will be running ads on certification classes.

2. Viaduct

The first issue of the Viaduct printed by SNI went out the last week of December.

3. Annual Banquet

The NRD's Annual Recognition Banquet will be held Sunday, January 22 at the Klein Center in Brainard.

4. NARD Calendars

The NARD 2012 calendars have been received and will be available at board meeting for any directors who would like a copy.

5. Long Range Plan

The district's long range plan for this fiscal year is completed and copies will be distributed to directors and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

b. Education

1. Schuyler Natural Resources Class

Thompson spoke to Schuyler students about the NRD and natural resources careers on December 20.

c. Computer

1. Antivirus/Antispam License Renewal

The district's licenses for Vipre Antispam and Vipre Antivirus have been renewed for 2012 for a total cost of \$393.25.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Bruno / David City Rural Water System

Coliform samples taken in December passed. Staff continues to work with the powers that be on coming to some sort of resolution dealing with the USDA RD loan that the Village of Bruno currently holds. Positive responses have been received from Union Pacific and the matter is back in the hands of USDA/FSA-CCC. Staff will continue to pursue the matter with our local contacts and Washington D.C. representatives.

b. Colon / Wahoo Rural Water System

Colon customers have been sent disconnection notices and staff will be visiting these people closer to the 10th of the month. As of December 29, 2011, six people currently remain on the disconnect list. Staff continues to work with new customer on connection date.

c. Mead

The Village of Mead is currently experiencing problems with arsenic. They are looking into possibly having the NRD provide water to the Village through a rural water system.

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Recently, JEO was hired to review the Nebraska Army Reserve National Guard water treatment plant and make recommendations to the NRD on if this would be a viable option for the Village of Mead.

d. Other

→ Staff has renewed multiple license with the Department of Health and Human Services.

→ Staff has serviced the Case 860 preparing it for upcoming work.

→ Financial review

With no further business, the Operation Education and Rural Water Systems Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Bob Heimann
& M Manager

Troy Thompson
I&E Specialist

Mike Sousek
R.W. Manager