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Memorandum

Date: September 9, 2020
To: Platte River Subcommittee
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
Subject: September 2, 2020 Platte River Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The LPSNRD Platte River Subcommittee met on Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Lower Platte South NRD office. Members present included Don Jacobson, Milt Schmidt, Karen Amen, Gary Hellerich, Chelsea Johnson, Dan Steinkruger, and Ray Stevens. Members absent were Sarah Wilson. Others present included Paul Zillig, David Potter, and Mike Murren. Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. The two agenda items included:

Cost-share assistance for the repairs to the Guard Camp Fuse Plug Levee.

The NRDs (Papio-Missouri NRD, Lower Platte North NRD, and Lower Platte South NRD) are the local sponsors for the Corps' Western Sarpy Clear Creek (WSCC) Flood Reduction Project (see project map). The entities approved a Pre-Construction, Engineering, and Design (PED) agreement in 2001 for the project, at that point, Lower Platte North initially agreed it would be the responsible for the operation & maintenance for that portion of the project on the west side of the Platte River. As shown on the map, 99% of the 12 mile "Clear Creek" portion of the project is in Lower Platte North NRD.

As design progressed, the project became more complicated in the area of Camp Ashland/Guard Camp and this area was divided into sections called "Camp Ashland Levee", "NE-ARING Levee", and "Fuse Plug Levee" (see attached map). In 2003 the NRDs entered into an agreement with the Nebraska National Guard for the responsibilities related to the NE-ARING Levee.

The design of the Fuse Plug Levee was agreed upon, and the operation and maintenance responsibilities for these three portions was to be addressed once the Corps completed the Operation & Maintenance Manual for the project. We are still waiting for the O&M Manual from the Corps and we anticipate the Manual will be finalized in January 2021. Staff discussions between the NRDs, Corps and National Guard has resulted in a proposed agreement with Lower Platte North continuing to operate the Fuse Plug Levee and both NRDs sharing equally in the cost of the O&M of the Fuse Plug Levee.

The March 2019 flood event damaged many areas along the Platte River. Both sides of the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee were compromised. The flood also caused significant damage to the fuse plug levee, floodway, and threatened

the City of Lincoln's water main near the National Guard Camp at Ashland. The Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee and floodway were covered by the US Army Corps of Engineers through the PL84-99 program. The project sponsors for the USACE PL84-99 application included PMRNRD, LPNNRD & LPSNRD. The total construction cost was around \$9.2 million and there was no cost to the NRDs. The Fuse Plug repair was not part of the PL84-99 project since it's not considered part of the federal levee. FEMA assisted Lower Platte North NRD to rebuild the Fuse Plug Levee at 75%. The Fuse Plug repair included cost for engineering by FYRA (\$12,971.33) and reconstruction by Clark Construction \$104,162.00) which totaled \$117,133.33. FEMA reimbursed LPNNRD \$87,850 leaving a total local cost of \$29,283.33. See attached photos and documents showing location, flood destruction, plans, work completed, and costs.

An operation and maintenance addendum to the 2003 Interlocal Agreement for the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Control Project has been in the works for the last two years. It had been discussed and formulated in a draft agreement that LPNNRD is responsible for the Fuse Plug Levee and that LPSNRD would reimburse half of the reasonable cost and expense incurred by LPNNRD. This addendum has not yet been approved and the Fuse Plug Levee has been already repaired. LPNNRD is seeking reimbursement from LPSNRD for 50% cost-share assistance on the local share of \$29,283.33, or \$14,641.66. LPSNRD has \$50,000 in the FY21 budget for operation & maintenance of Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project.

The background information was provided to the subcommittee and discussed. Zillig and Murren answered questions of the project and of the Clear Creek Levee system. **It was moved by Steinkruger, seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 50% cost-share assistance on the local share of \$29,283.33, or \$14,641.66 from Lower Platte South NRD for the repairs to the Guard Camp Fuse Plug Levee.**

Measurable Goals.

As directed in the LPSNRD 2019 Master Plan, a list of measurable goals is to be developed for each subcommittee for the fiscal year and then those goals are to be reviewed each year to see what has been accomplished. A nine-month review was presented earlier to the subcommittees and now a 12-month review was completed. The measurable goal for FY20 was to hold one tour of the Platte River for LPRCA reps and/or LPSNRD and PMRNRD. Nothing was planned last fall and with the pandemic nothing had been planned for this summer. The district has discussed a possible tour with PMRNRD and we're hopeful we can get something scheduled for early next summer. The goal for FY21 is again to hold one tour of the Platte River for LPRCA reps and/or LPSNRD and PMRNRD.

Potter presented the background information and explained the status of the measurable goal. **It was moved by Hellerich, seconded by Schmidt and unanimously approved to accept the FY21 measurable goals for the Platte River subcommittee and submit the goals to the Finance & Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the FY2021 Long Range Implementation Plan.**

With no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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