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Monthly Report for August 2016

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Quarterly Meeting

The LPRCA Quarterly Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Mahoney State Park. The meeting was well attended with 33 people in attendance. Those in attendance heard a variety of presentations and updates. Those presentations included an update on the NGPC Venture Parks Program from Jim Swenson, an update on some of the recreation work and issues along the Lower Platte River, and update on citizen-led water quality monitoring along the lower Platte and Elkhorn Rivers by the Nebraska Watershed Network, an overview of the work and success of Keep Cass County Beautiful, and a presentation by Eric Williams on an Elkhorn River bank stabilization project that utilized a unique approach. The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Papio-Missouri River NRD office.

Events

- The Water Quality Open was held Thursday, August 25th at Quarry Oaks Golf Course. Dr. Elizabeth VanWormer of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources provided a very well received keynote presentation. Her presentation was titled, “We all live downstream: water quality and the health of people, animals and ecosystems” and was followed by a good amount of discussion. Dr. VanWormer is a veterinarian and wildlife epidemiologist who focuses on the interaction between humans, wildlife and domestic animals with regards to health and environmental stresses. One-hundred and thirty people participated in the rest of the day’s event. We had representatives of the Nebraska Watershed Network, the Tern and Plover Partnership, Nebraska Land Trust, USGS, and the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program. We thank our many sponsors and participants for making that event possible.
- We are partnering with Keep Cass County Beautiful and Platte River Rentals on a river clean up on September 8th. We will have people in canoes as well as support from local air boaters to pick up trash from the banks and sandbars between Schramm State Park and Louisville. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and instructions and then put the volunteers on the water between 12 & 1230. Volunteers will also be documenting how much trash and the type of litter they collect. The event is part of the Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Clean-up to divert trash out of our waterways and ultimately reaching our oceans. We look forward to being a part of this inaugural event and hopefully continuing this event each year on this segment as well as other parts of the Platte River in future years.

- A decision was made in August to change the timing of the LPRCA Summit from this fall until early spring of 2017. The LPRCA is in process of identifying dates and will get the updated information out as soon as possible. We look forward to having an outstanding event in the spring.

Upcoming Events:

River Clean Up: September 8th, Louisville

NARD Annual Conference: September 25-27th, Kearney

Nebraska Water Center Symposium. October 20th. UNL Innovation Campus.

LPRCA Quarterly Meeting: November 15th, 10:00 a.m.,