

Lower Big Blue
NRD Newsletter
 WINTER
 2011/2012

Lower Big Blue NRD Checklist

Order Trees The district is taking orders for spring planting. The last day to order trees is March 2, 2012. The trees will be sold in lots of 25 per species. **See back page for order form and pricing.**

Sign Up for Irrigation Scheduling Equipment
 February 1 - March 2, 2012

The Lower Big Blue NRD is offering landowners in the district cost sharing for irrigation scheduling equipment. The NRD will cost share 50%, up to a maximum of \$300, on the cost of Watermark Sensors, Data Loggers, Hand Held Readers, ET Gages, and Soil Probes to be used for the purpose of irrigation scheduling.

Comments from a University of Nebraska Extension survey of operators that used the irrigation scheduling equipment in 2010 are listed at right:

Savings - 30 responses
 Saving both water and dollars! Saving less water and fertilizers means crop per acre! Most people know that under-irrigating is a mistake, but many don't realize that over-irrigating is also a mistake!

Confidence - 19 responses
 Knowing how to use the equipment. People of mind and dollars in my pocket!

New Technology - 22 responses
 Information on what's new. Another tool!

Check for Beavers

Beavers continue to be a major problem for the District and in some cases have caused complete blockage of water flow out the primary overflow tubes. The district encourages landowner to continually monitor for beaver activity around watershed structures on their land and report any activity to the district office. The NRD has a special use permit to remove beaver if they are causing safety problems.



Comment & Make Suggestions for 2012 Camping Season

The staff of the Lower Big Blue NRD thanks all the campers who visited NRD recreation and wildlife areas last year for doing a great job of keeping the areas clean and looking good. We greatly appreciate it! We would also like your continued help in policing the lakes. There are those who deem it necessary to vandalize the recreation areas. If you see someone causing problems, please notify the NRD or your local sheriff.

Those of you who visited the Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area last year noticed the new electric hook-ups and a new well. In 2012 there will be a new warning sign and two new pole lights to help you navigate the campsite and restrooms after dark. Big Indian Recreation Area south of Wymore was also renovated last year with new camping areas, restroom, boat dock and many in-lake fisheries improvements. The lake did not receive enough rainfall in 2011 to refill but with Mother Nature's help we are anticipating a full lake in 2012!

The Lower Big Blue NRD Board of Directors will be reviewing the NRD Recreation Area camping rules and lake regulations for 2012. Directors will be discussing camping fees for all areas, continuing the no-wake boating restrictions at Big Indian and discussing other recreation area improvements.

Please contact the NRD with any comments or suggestions for the 2012 camping season by January 25, 2012!

Sign Water Line Easement

Sign Your Wymore Rural Water Easement!!!

We are nearing completion of acquiring easements by landowners along the water pipeline route. A map of the pipeline route can be viewed at the office. Easements and notary are available at the office. Please stop by at your earliest convenience so we can keep the project moving forward.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Congratulations 2011 Award Winners

Land Judging Contest: The winning team was Falls City, second place went to Palmyra and third place went to the Diller-Odeff team of Kolin Scheele, Colton Rupprecht, Derrick Meyer and Isaac Roells. Area contestants that received individual purple and blue ribbons included: purple ribbons—Derrick Meyer of Diller-Odeff; blue ribbons— Sarah Wollenburg and Cody Wollenburg of Tri County; and Joe Cox, Stetson Meyer, Colton Rupprecht and Isaac Roells of Diller-Odeff.



SE Region Land Judging

Contestants within the District that received red and white ribbons included: red ribbons—Jason Zimmerman, Tom Waldo and Sam Schmitz of Tri County; Michael Beall, Brady McMurrey, Kolin Scheele and Austin Vitosh of Diller-Odeff; and Connor Barr of Lewiston Consolidated; white ribbons— Patrick Dvorak of Lewiston Consolidated; Ely Hroch, Calvin Hennerberg, Shane Meyer and Zach Rash of Diller-Odeff; Kate Likens, Shelby Commack, Cole Welsch, Macey Walfke, Caitlyn Lijewski, Evan Brandt, Karinna Moreno and Jake Jizka all from Tri County.

The Land Judging Contest is sponsored by the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Southeast Community College staff and students assisted with the scoring.

Envirothon Award Winners: Eighteen teams competed in the Southeast Regional Envirothon. The overall regional winner was the Norris High School team. The second place team was from Willard High School Team 3. The high scoring teams in the following sections were: Aquatics – Norris High School; Forestry – Norris High School, York Team 2; Policy – Milford High School Team 3; Range – Central High School, Milford Team 3; Soils – Norris High School; Wildlife – Norris High School; Special Topic – Mead High School

The winning Norris High School Team competed at the Nebraska State Envirothon at The Trails West YMCA Camp near Scottsbluff May 7, 2011.



Fishing Derby Award Winners: 5 and under: Most Fish-Fletcher Morris, Elkhorn, 2 fish. Largest Fish – Kelsey Zoubek, Western, 17 inch bass. Smallest Fish-Jeanna Wollatewicz, Western, 6 inch crappie. Casting Contest – Kiera Papik, Exeter, Ages 6-9: Most Fish-Rique Kistner, Wilber, 5 fish. Largest Fish-Erin Kujath, Fairbury, 16 1/2 inch bass. Smallest Fish-McKenna Skala, Geneva, 5 inch crappie. Casting Contest – Payton VanWeston, Tolles, Ages 10-12: Most Fish-Wendell Haufler, Crete, 5 fish. Largest Fish-Breanna Zoubek, Wilber, and Carlos Dimas, Ohiowa, 16 1/2 inch bass. Smallest Fish-Frederick Kujath, Fairbury, 7 inch bass. Casting Contest – Breanna Zoubek, Wilber, Ages 13-18: Most Fish-Spencer Papik, Exeter 3-fish. Largest Fish- Austin Jackson, Wymore, 21 1/2 inch catfish. Smallest Fish – Rozlyn Cole, Wymore, 7 1/2 inch bluegill. Casting Contest – Michael Hulse, Filand.

Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

LBBNRD 2012 Tree Program

The district is taking tree orders for spring planting. The last day to order trees is March 2, 2012. The trees will be sold in lots of 25 per species and will not be reserved until payment is received. Hand plant orders will be taken until trees are gone.



GOLDEN CURRANT

Machine plant orders require full payment and will be taken until March 2nd or 25,000 trees are ordered. Must call office for machine plant orders.

Trees:	Minimum order 25/species	\$0.85 each Hand Plant
Machine Planting: (Must contact NRD)	Minimum order 200 trees	\$1.00 Per Tree
Mechanical Site Preparation:	\$30/tractor hour	Minimum 2 Hrs.
Weed Barrier Squares:	\$1.00/package	Pkg. = 1 (1x1) Square & 5 pins
Tree Tubes:	\$1.25 each Stake and tie included	2' (use with deciduous trees/shrubs)
Mesh Tree Protectors:	\$0.50 each One bamboo stake included	2' (use with evergreen)

9 conifers, 17 deciduous trees, and 24 shrubs (small trees) available.



RED MAPLE



HONEYSUCKLE



PONDEROSA PINE

Orders must be in multiples of 25 per species

EVERGREEN - QUANTITY

AUSTRALIAN PINE	
BLACK HILLS SPRUCE	
COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE	
CONCOLOR FIR	
EASTERN WHITE PINE	
JACK PINE	
PONDEROSA PINE	
SOUTHWESTERN WHITE PINE	
RED CEDAR	

DECIDUOUS TREES

BLACK CHERRY	
BLACK WALNUT	
BUR OAK	
COTTONWOOD (SEEDLESS)	
COTTONWOOD (SEEDLINGS)	
HACKBERRY	
HONEYLOCUST	
KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE	
LITTLE LEAF LINDEN	
LAUREL LEAF WILLOW	
NORWAY POPLAR	
RED MAPLE	
RED OAK	
SHAGBARK HICKORY	
SILVER MAPLE	
SUGAR MAPLE	
SWAMP WHITE OAK	

SHRUBS/TREES

AMERICAN PLUM	
AMUR MAPLE	
BUFFALOBERRY	
CARAGANA	
CHOKEBERRY	
CHOKECHERRY	
COTONEASTER (PEKIN)	
GRAB APPLE	
CRANBERRY HIGH BUSH	
DIAMOND WILLOW	
ELDERBERRY	
GOLDEN CURRANT	
HARDY APRICOT	
HONEYSUCKLE	
JUNEBERRY	
LILAC (COMMON)	
LILAC (LILLOSA)	
MCDERMID PEAR	
NANKING CHERRY	
RED OSIER DOGWOOD	
SAND CHERRY	
SERVICEBERRY	
SKUNKBUSH SUMAC	
WASHINGTON HAWTHORN	

TOTAL TREES ORDERED (0.85¢ ea):	
WEED BARRIER SQUARES (\$1.00 ea):	
TREE TUBES (\$1.25 ea):	
MESH TREE PROTECTORS (0.50¢ ea):	
TOTAL FROM ABOVE	
ADD 7.0% TAX	
ADD HANDLING	\$2.20
TOTAL DUE:	

REMEMBER THE LAST DAY TO ORDER TREES IS MARCH 2, 2012



HAND PLANTS 2012

Return Your Order To:
Lower Big Blue NRD
P.O. Box 826
Beatrice, Ne 68310
Phone: 402-228-3402

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CELL: _____
MEMO: _____

Please mark where you will pick up your trees:

- BEATRICE
 FAIRBURY
 WILBER

You will receive a phone call when trees arrive. Order in Multiples of 25 only. Payment required when order is placed. Last day to order is March 2, 2012.

TREES ARE NOT GUARANTEED

WEED BARRIER SQUARES: \$1.00 EACH
3X3 Square & five 9-Gauge Pins

TREE TUBES: \$1.25
2' (Use with deciduous trees/shrubs)

MESH TREE PROTECTORS: 50¢
2' (Use with evergreens)

PAID BY CHECK # _____
CASH: _____
PREPARED BY: _____
DATE: _____



SHAGBARK HICKORY



SWAMP WHITE OAK

The Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District's Directors and Staff wish you all a

Safe and HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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1,075
pieces of litter
collected

Thank You Girl Scout Troops!

Local Girl Scout Troops cleaned Big Indian Recreation Area and Bear Creek Wildlife Management area for the international Coastal Cleanup. Venita Hosenkamp, Troop Leader of 20054, and Stacey Edeat, Troop Leader of 20018 picked up 726 pieces and 249 pieces of litter for a total of 1,075 from the areas.



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