

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, January 12, 2015.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our January 12, 2015 board meeting was published on January 1, 2015 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Hilger informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Birkel	Clausen (left 2:30 pm)
Gibney	Hagerbaumer	Hannah
Johannes	Kavan	McDermott
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Veskerna	Hilger

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Meduna	Ruzicka	Taylor
Veskerna		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Schomer	Almond
Gottschalk	Oaklund	Heimann
Thompson	Angle	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time Breunig administered the Oath of Office to Mark Seier.

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Jenna Kampschnieder reviewed the written report from Mark Walkenhorst.

c. NARD Report

Kavan reminded all the Directors of the upcoming Legislative Conference.

d. NRC Report

Johannes reported that the Lower Platte Basin Caucus will be held January 16, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. at Lower Platte South NRD and thanked the Board for their support while he was representing Lower Platte NRD on the Natural Resources Commission.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Meghan Sittler updated the Board on LPRCA activities and reminded them the next quarterly meeting will be held January 21st at the Lower Platte North NRD Office.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NARD Washington DC Conference

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve sending up to two directors and two staff to the NARD Washington D.C. Conference March 21-25. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

b. Reports – Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment of \$3,300 to Bob Weaver for December services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. CCEI Lawsuit – Update Given

e. Election of 2015 LPNNRD Officers

Director Kavan reported that the Nominating Sub-Committee met and would bring forth one candidate for each of the elected positions.

Hilger opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Chair for 2015.

Kavan on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Hannah for Chair.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Olson, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for John Hannah as Chair. ~~Motion carried by voice call~~ Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hilger opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Vice-Chair for 2015.

Kavan on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Olson for Vice-Chair.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lon Olson as Vice- Chair. ~~Motion carried all members present voting aye.~~ ~~Motion carried by voice call.~~

Hilger opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Secretary for 2015.

Kavan on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Birkel for Secretary.

With no further nominations Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Joe Birkel as Secretary. ~~Motion carried by voice call~~ ~~Motion carried all members present voting aye.-~~

Hilger opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Treasurer for 2015.

Kavan on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Hilger for Treasurer.

With no further nominations McDermott made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Hilger, Treasurer. ~~Motion carried by voice call~~ ~~Motion carried all members present voting aye.~~

Hilger opened the floor for nominations for NARD Delegate for 2015.

Kavan on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Hilger for NARD Delegate.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Hilger, NARD Delegate. ~~Motion carried by voice call.~~ ~~Motion carried all members present voting aye.~~

Hilger opened the floor for nominations for NARD Alternate for 2015.

Kavan on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Clausen for NARD Alternate.

With no further nominations McDermott made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Clausen, NARD Alternate. ~~Motion carried by voice call.~~ ~~Motion carried all members present voting aye.~~

At this time Hannah took over the Chair responsibilities.

f. eMeeting Software – Update Given

g. Accounting Software Upgrade

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a \$2,200 payment to Summit Group for our yearly accounting software upgrade. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment – None

a. Board Room Microphone System – Update Given

4. Personnel

a. Rural Water Manager Position

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve filling the Rural Water Manager position.

After much discussion Johannes made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to table the previous motion and have the Personnel Sub-Committee look further into filling the Rural Water Manager position. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Hilger

NAY: McDermott

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the November Financial Report as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve Manager Miyoshi's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Wild NE, WHIP, Contract

a. Payments - None

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given

b. Tractor Rental 2015 – Update Given

c. Czechland Lake Improvements

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka to accept the low bid of \$101,788.50 and approve Sibbersen Excavating to preform the work on the Czechland Lake Improvement Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study – Update Given

e. Grass Drill Saunders County – Update Given

f. Wanahoo SRA – Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment to the City of North Bend for their work on the North Bend Levee at 50% cost-share of \$3,435 or \$1,717.50 pending staff inspection. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Newspaper and Website Ads – Update Given

2. Long Range Plan

Olson made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the Long Range Plan as presented. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Education

1. Land Judging Contest - Update Given

c. Computer

1. eMeeting Invoice

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to make payment to NETS for the eMeeting service in the amount of \$2,500 for calendar year 2015, per invoice attached to the O, E, & RW Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Rec Area and Tree App Updates – Update Given

3. Great Plains Upgrade – Update Given

4. Computer Repair – Update Given

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Bruno/David City Rural Water – Update Given

b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to return the \$100 deposit for water and sewer service to John Ell, Dennis Else, and Brian Kucera all from the Colon rural water system. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Brainard and Dwight Study – Update Given

Saalfeld ~~Ruzicka~~ made the motion, seconded by ~~Pollard~~ ~~Clausen~~, that the January LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

2. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

3. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area - None

4. Well Permit Program

a. Supplemental Well Permit for Ralph Diffey

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the supplemental irrigation well permit for Harold Diffey and Ralph Diffey in the W1/2, SW1/4, Section 5, T17N, R6E Dodge County for 80 acres, pending completion of the NRD operator certification for Harold Diffey and/or Ralph Diffey. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

5. Potential Violation of Expanded Irrigation – Update Given

6. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

a. GWMA Rules and Regulations Changes

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the draft LPNNRD Ground Water Management Area Rules & Regulations as attached to the Water Committee Minutes, advertise in area newspapers for three weeks, and hold a public hearing beginning at 12:00 p.m. on February 9, 2015.

McDermott amended the motion, seconded by Birkel, to remove Rule 4.1(2) from the draft LPNNRD Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulation as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Amendment Passed.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier

NAY: Hilger

The amended motion passed.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier

NAY: Hilger

b. LPNNRD SQS Operator Certification Classes – Update given

7. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

8. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

9. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits – Update Given

10. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

11. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

12. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given

a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

13. Certifying Acres in Saunders and Dodge Counties – Update Given

b. Chemigation

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve changes (in draft form as attached to the Water Committee Minutes) to the LPNNRD Chemigation Rules and Regulations, to advertise for three consecutive weeks in area newspapers, and to hold a public hearing beginning at 12:00 p.m. on February 9, 2015. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve cost share payment to Don Yindrick to decommission an irrigation well for \$870.96 and to Jamie Yindrick to decommission two domestic wells for a total of \$854.59. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Elkhorn Loup Model – Update Given

2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment of ENWRA 2015 dues in the amount of \$30,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

3. OTHER

a. LPNNRD Long Range Plan – Update Given

b. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given

c. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the Herman Ostry NSWCP application for \$13,207.44 as presented. It is further recommended to approve exceeding the normal \$12,500 limit per

landowner project, based on the direct benefits the project provides to the Homestead Lake Recreation Area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve SWCP and Sand/Duck Watershed Payments totaling \$16,425.20 as listed below:

			<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>14-C-51</u>	<u>Shirley Johannes Rev. Trust</u>	<u>W/S Basins</u>	<u>\$ 10,337.86</u>	<u>\$ 10,329.00</u>
<u>14-P-5</u>	<u>Eugene Wiese</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>	<u>\$ 565.00</u>
<u>14-P-30</u>	<u>Roger Gehring</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>
<u>14-P-28</u>	<u>Wilma Loseke</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>	<u>\$ 575.00</u>
<u>14-S-45</u>	<u>BRT Farms/ Robert Bartek</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>
<u>14-B-37</u>	<u>Lloyd From</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>	<u>\$ 597.50</u>

SAND & DUCK PAYMENT:

		<u>15%</u>
<u>Jerry Soukup</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile w/Basins & Waterway</u>	<u>\$ 3,109.20</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Jones Family Trust Cost-Share Payment Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a \$2,051.73 SWCP project payment to the Jones Family Trust located in the Cottonwood Creek/ Miller Branch-Wahoo Creek sub-watersheds. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. SWCP Cancelations – None

e. Cottonwood Creek Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a \$7,211.62 Cottonwood Creek Watershed cost share payment to Kenneth Polacek for his completed Terrace/Tile/Basins project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None

g. Sand/Duck Creek Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a \$5,204.40 Sand/Duck Watershed cost share payment to Jerry Soukup for completion of his terrace/tile/basins/waterways project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Wahoo Creek Watershed Cost-Share Approvals – None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed Plan Payment – None

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase I

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment of JEO's December 29, 2014 invoice totaling \$7,650, for work completed on the Wahoo Creek Watershed Contract as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Kavan, made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve payment to JEO for \$10,849.50 for work completed on LPNNRD's District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Grass Waterway Stabilization Checks

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the purchase of two bulk 600 foot rolls of erosion control fabric (estimated total cost of \$300), for use on landowner grass waterway project establishment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Long Range Plan Review – Update Given

f. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given

5. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT

a. Lake Wanahoo

1. Lake Wanahoo Paving Project – Update Given

b. Upstream Structures – Update Given

6. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Annual and Sick Leave Payout to Mike Sousek

Olson made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to make payment to Mike Sousek in the amount of \$5,689.29 for leave balance payout minus tuition payments received in the past year, subject to tax withholdings. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that all bills be approved and warrants be drawn in payment of same. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the January consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have "Update Given" can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

The undersigned, the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on January 12, 201~~5~~⁴, that all of the matters and subjects discussed at the meeting were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the District during normal business hours, and except for items of emergency nature, the agenda was not altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the above minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurred earlier; and, that reasonable efforts were made to provide all news media requesting notification of the meeting and of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Lon Olson, Secretary