

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, March 10, 2016.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our March 10, 2016 board meeting was published on February 26, 2016 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Hannah 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
Feala	Gibney	Hagerbaumer
Hilger	Kavan	McDermott
Meduna	Olson	Pollard
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Seier
Sobota	Veskerna	Hannah

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Murren
Oaklund	Heimann	Benal
Gottschalk	Deerson	TePoel

Angle

Legal Counsel Lausterer

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst present and gave the NRCS/NRD March report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on the recent Board Meeting held on Monday, March 7th.

d. NRC Report

None

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Dr. Ferguson gave an update on the Project Sense Program.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. UNL Water Tour

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to send up to two directors and two staff to the UNL Water Tour. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Water for Food Conference – Update Given

b. March Board Meeting – Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the absence of Frank Pollard from the February Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve payment of \$3,400 to Bob Weaver for February services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. LB 876 Passed by Legislature – Update Given

e. Nominating Committee Policy

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the amended LPNNRD Policy for District Operation of the Officer Nominating Sub-Committee. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Discussion with Steve Oltmans – Update Given

g. March Board Meetings

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, beginning in 2017 the starting time for the March Board Meeting shall be 1:30 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Game and Parks Letter – Update Given

i. Addendum to Agreement – Wahoo Sign

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve Addendum “A” to the “Commercial

Lease Agreement” with the City of Wahoo to allow electrical hookup and authorize the board chair to sign the addendum. Motion carried on consent agenda.

j. 2016 Election – Update Given

k. Lickteig Property – Update Given

3. Equipment - None

4. Personnel

a. Mitch O’Reilly

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to allow staff to donate up to 59 hours of additional leave time to Mitch O’Reilly. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the December and January Financial Reports as distributed to all board members. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, 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 Hagerbaumer, that the March 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/CREP Report – Update Given

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. O & M Crew – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Fishery – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo SRA

1. Playground Proposals

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to accept the Playground Proposal from Outdoor Recreation Products of Elkhorn at \$175,000 with the option to expand the playgrounds by an additional \$40,000 if the Kiewit grant is successful, the playgrounds will be developed on the west and east sides of the Lake Wanahoo SRA. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, McDermott, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna

NAY: Birkel, Hilger, Kavan, Meduna, Hannah

2. RV Dump Station

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve JEO's Engineering and Design proposal to add a RV Dump Station at Lake Wanahoo SRA at a cost of \$25,920 (this scope of services takes us all the way through the post construction phase/warranty) Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, McDermott, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna

NAY: Hilger, Kavan, Meduna

3. Game and Park Budget – Update Given

d. Eagle Scout Proposal at Lake Wanahoo – Update Given

e. District Park Regulations – Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY - None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

2. 2016 County Fairs

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve LPNNRD exhibiting at up to 6 county fairs in our district during the Summer 2016. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Long Range Plan-Fiscal Year 2016

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 Long Range Plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Education

1. Fertig Prairie Acquisition Project

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve pledging \$8,839.50 to the Wachiska Audubon Society for the purchase of the Fertig Prairie contingent on the project receiving full funding and the land being purchased by the Society. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Project WILD and Aquatic WILD – Update Given

3. Lower Platte South Test Your Well Night – Update Given

c. Computer - None

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, that the March 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, that unapproved Variance Requests for new irrigated acres in any given year will automatically be carried over to subsequent years provided the applicant wishes the variance request to be carried over, the information on the original variance request is still current or the Board of Directors has not rescinded this motion. Motion carried on consent agenda.

1. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. Fremont Family YMCA Dewatering Well – Update Given

2. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

a. Butler-Saunders SQS – Update Given

b. Platte-Colfax SQS – Update Given

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

4. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hilger to acknowledge that the Steve Semin and Gary Kreikemeier fertilizer reports were received after March 1 as they have been in the past and that their future fertilizer reports are due on December 31st of each year or a cease and desist order will be issued at the next LPNNRD Board Meeting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. Richland-Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

8. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

9. LPNNRD Certification

a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

10. Certifying Acres – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program – Update Given

b. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve payment of \$243.75 to Rita Divis to decommission a domestic well. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment – Update Given

2. Water Conveyance Study

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to state that Lower Platte North NRD is interested in Lower Platte South NRD pursuing a grant request to the Water Sustainability Fund to address the ability of water from other portions the Lower Platte River Basin to convey water to the lower reaches of the basin, contingent on the overall cost of the study. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Potential Reservoir Siting in LENRD

Olson made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve a “Joint Agreement” between LPS, LPN, Papio, and LE NRD's to evaluate reservoir potential within the LENRD for later release of water to benefit the Lower Platte River Basin with LPNNRDs portion being \$5,000 and authorize the general manager to sign the agreement. Lower Elkhorn NRD is the lead agency. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Former Ordnance Plant Near Mead – Update Given

3. OTHER

a. GMDA Summer Session – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, that the March 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 – None

b. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the SWCP payment to John Schultz for \$4,795.59 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancelations - None

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments – None

e. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None

f. Sand/Duck Creek Payments – None

g. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the \$1,366.42 Wahoo Creek Cost Share payment to Curtis Havelka as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve eleven Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation applications totaling \$47,904.40 as shown in the Projects Committee minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. SWCP Policy Review & Input – Update Given

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Grant – Mainelli Invoice Payment – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Grant – Cover Crop Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to pay ACC Farms (Platte County) \$3,200 for their 2015 cover crop payment as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan – Update Given

4. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan Goals & Objectives – Update Given

5. Newman Grove Water Testing Supplies

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve financial assistance of \$1,028.50 to the Newman Grove School toward purchasing water testing supplies, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes for their 2016 Shell Creek Water Quality Sampling Program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Water Quality Plan (PIP) Phase II – Update Given

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

b. Leshara USGS Monitoring Agreement

Hilger made the motion seconded by Feala, to budget a total of \$20,427 (\$6,809 average per year) over the next three fiscal years for our contribution for operation of the USGS water quality monitoring gauge near Leshara as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

c. LPNNRD District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update Given

d. Review of Projects Financial Statement - Update Given

e. Sand Creek

To offer tiling and Wetland Reserve Program options to landowners impacted by the Wanahoo Wetland contingent on receiving a hold harmless agreement before exploring other options.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Meduna to table the motion. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Wahoo Creek 319 Grant Lands for Conservation Cancellation

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to cancel David and Cynthia Hartman (\$13,768.72) Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation Cost-Share Application. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. Wahoo Creek 319 Grant Lands for Conservation Approvals

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve two additional Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation cost-share applications totaling \$12,512 (Tim Kastl \$5,152 and Steven Vasa \$7,360). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the March Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 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 March 10, 2016, 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.

Joe Birkel, Secretary