

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2001**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, April 9, 2001.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than March 1, 2001. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bailey | Bull (arrived 7:15) | Daufeldt |
| Eden | Grueber (arrived 7:02) | Jedlicka (arrived 7:25) |
| Johannes | Johnson | Kavan |
| Langemeier (arrived 7:16) | Mastny | Nelson |
| Saalfeld (arrived 7:02) | Sabata (arrived 7:25) | Sabatka |
| Sendgraff | Shelso | Wilke |

DIRECTORS ABSENT

McDermott

STAFF AND GUESTS:

| | | |
|---------|------------|---------|
| Miyoshi | Mountford | Breunig |
| Murren | Gottschalk | Angle |
| Axmann | | |

Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Brad Soncksen briefed the Directors on Carbon Sequestration and Natural Resources Conservation Activities.

b. NARD Report

Don Kavan reported that the State Envriothon will be held May 5 in Cozad.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve minutes from the March 12, 2001 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are expenses and reports from GMDA and NACD.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absences

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the absence request received from Sabata for the December Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bob Weaver Billing

Shelso made he motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the Bob Weaver bill as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes in the amount of \$2,286.66. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Sand Creek Project

1. The Following Updates Were Given:

✓ **Project Management Plan**

✓ **Nieveen Case**

✓ **Additional Wetlands**

d. Platte River Corridor Alliance

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is an Alliance program entitled Pride of the Platte River. This is a public information program to be ran on channel 10/11 Television. Eden made the motion, seconded by Daufeldt, to cost share with the LPRCA on the Pride of the Platte promotion series at a cost to our District of \$1,616.67. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Grueber, Jedlicka, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld

e. GIS Public/Private Information

Discussion took place on NRD coverages in our GIS system and how much of that information can and should be made public. Before any personal digital information collected by the NRD is put on the Internet Map Server (IMS), Board approval is required.

f. Legislation

The main NRD legislative activity late in March turned to replacement of the fertilizer tax. Senator Schrock is working diligently to see that at least a portion of the 2½ Million dollars is replaced.

3. Equipment

No new business

4. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the February Financial Statements as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the Managers expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. New Lines of Credit With Wahoo State Bank

The NRDs two line of credit totaling \$600,000 expire on April 15, 2001. Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that the NRD renew its two lines of credit with Wahoo State Bank. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

ABSTAIN: Sabatka

d. Director Expense Discussion

Discussion took place on expense reporting while on out of state trips concerning NRD business. Staff was instructed to contact accountant Ron Ecklund to see if the procedures can be streamlined.

Director Johannes reminded the Board that his duties for the State Envirothon will include two out of state trips plus several in state trips, which in the past have been paid by the NRD. The Executive Committee informed Johannes that this item will appear in the Board Minutes and it is considered normal procedure to support these types of events.

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve five WHIP contracts at a total payment of \$2,925.

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| DeLores Meysenburg | Butler | 31 acres | \$ 465.00 |
| Tony Divis | Butler | 40 acres | 600.00 |
| Carolyn Dannelly | Madison | 5.5 acres | 82.50 |
| Edith Trawicke | Butler | 73 acres | 1,277.50 |
| Gertrude Lechtenberger | Dodge | 20 acres | <u>500.00</u> |
| | | | \$2,925.00 |

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities

- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Tree Program
- ✓ Homestead Lake
- ✓ Platte River Boat Ramp Access

b. Equipment

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase a 3 point attachment for the Posi-Track at a price of \$1,200. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Langemeier, Saalfeld, Wilke

3. ROCK AND JETTY

None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * Festivals
- * Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- * Annual Report
- * GMDA Newsletter
- * Spring Conservation Sensation

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the April LPNNRD Operation and Education Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

One new permit request since the last Committee Meeting.

| Landowner | Number of wells | Type of Well | County |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| Charles Karloff | 1 | Irrigation | Saunders |

For 2001 the NRD has approved 7 well permits. This time last year we had 17 permits.

2. Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve payment to Dennis Snitily for \$1199.75 for

a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Eugene Siroky for \$1225.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Janak Farms for \$367.85 for a calibration meter and to Doug Romshek for \$1225.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☞ Chemigation
- ☞ Nitrogen Certification Classes
- ☞ Vadose Zone Sampling
- ☞ Well Registrations
- ☞ Livestock Waste Permits

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Decommissioned Well Program
- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Groundwater Quality - Platte Valley
- * Mead NOP
- * Ground Water Energy Levels

b. Monitoring Wells

The District is looking at placing a cluster of monitoring wells in the central part of Platte County (T19N, R1W, S29) for long term monitoring of ground water levels. Due to separate aquifers in this area, two or three wells will be needed. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to request bid proposals for the drilling of two or three monitoring wells to be located in Platte County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. FORMER ORDINANCE PLANT - MEAD

Steve Frahm has been working on designing an irrigation piping system to provide water to two additional fields located east of the COE treatment plant, as well as, two existing fields next to his house. It was not cost effective for him to tie into the return line flowing to Clear Creek due to the high cost of a booster pump. Mr. Frahm is very interested in using this water and presented his cost figures to establish this system. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to consult with District legal services and the Department on Natural Resources on the possible necessity to establish an Irrigation District for the NRD and for the NRD to establish a physical connection between the COE pipeline and Steve Frahm's system. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the April LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Spring Approvals

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP application: John Walker

Luedtke \$252.99 - NC-10: Converting crop-land to pasture - Spring planting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Summer Approvals

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to recommend approving SWCP summer applications (up to our \$10,000 limit per landowner) as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, after favorable review/inspection by staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. CRP Incentive Program (CIP) Application Approvals/Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following CIP applications:

Rod Julsen - Boone County \$ 250.00 Filter Strip

Lynn Wondercheck - Boone County \$ 239.49 Filter Strip

Lynn Wondercheck - Boone County \$ 176.50 Grassed Waterway

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Irrigation Practice Application Approval for 2001

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP irrigation practice applications:

Eugene Ramaekers \$1,721.49 (Conversion Nozzles, 8" Flow Meter)

James Gerrad Jr. \$ 2,200 (Conversion Nozzles, Flow Meter)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Cancellations

No cancellations this month.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed

1. Site 55 (Homestead Lake) Construction Progress/Plans

Gottschalk gave an update and showed recent pictures of the construction area.

2. Homestead Lake - Let Bids for Recreation Development

Olsson Associates is finishing the final Plans, Specifications and bid documents for the recreation development. It is anticipated that we will advertise for bids before the next committee meeting.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following conservation plans:

David Kment - Butler, William Macholan - Butler

Herman Ostry - Butler, Janak Farms x 7 - Butler

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Elkhorn Breakout Improvement Project Area (IPA) Assessment Hearing

Landowners were notified by mail on the public hearing for the next Operation and Maintenance Assessment at 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 2001, at the LPNNRD headquarters. There is one more proposed

assessment needed for the Elkhorn Breakout IPA to bring the landowner Trust Fund to approximately \$100,000, as originally planned.

5. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

a. The following Reports Were Given:

- 📎 Northwest Butler County Landowners Meeting
- 📎 Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners
- 📎 Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Additional NET Funds for Sand & Duck Creek

Mountford reported that he submitted paperwork required to accept the next \$400,000 approved by the Environmental Trust in April. Also submitted was a budget showing how we intend to use these funds was a request to use a majority of these funds for land purchases associated with the seven upstream dam sites. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to authorize Mountford to sign the final contract amendment to accept the 2001 Environmental Trust Funds. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the April LPNDRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Czechland Lake - Tax Abatement Fund

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to contribute \$333.60 to the NE Environmental Trust Tax Abatement Fund for payment of taxes for 15 years on 4.79 acres purchased for the Czechland Lake Sediment Removal Structure. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Wild Nebraska Contract

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve a Wild Nebraska contract for Cihacek Brothers Farms in Saunders County. The contract is a native grass establishment on 6 acres for a term of 10 years. A transition payment of \$374.40 will be paid annually for the first five years of the contract. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c Wellhead Protection Interlocal Agreement

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Wellhead Protection Area Management Assistance with Lower Platte South NRD and authorize Manager to sign said agreement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.d. SWCP Summer Approvals

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the Following Summer Application Approval:

Oliver Maurer Platte County Sediment Control Basin \$1,800

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. Wanahoo Items

X PMP Plan Approval

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the Project Management Plan for Design of the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project and authorize Manager to sign after COE has supplied the NRD with a summary of project study expenses complete through 12/31/00. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

X Tree Nursery

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to authorize staff to locate areas for the Wanahoo tree nursery and negotiate terms with current tenants starting at \$115/acre plus rental fees, not to exceed a total of \$225/acre. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the April consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to go into Executive Session at 9:30 to discuss potential wetland purchase above Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Daufeldt, to go out of Executive Session at 10:17 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to authorize staff and a special committee to pursue the purchase of wetland area above the Lake Wanahoo Project. Motion carried. The Special Committee will consist of Directors Wilke, Langemeier and McDermott.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Johannes, Johnson, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Jedlicka, Kavan, Langemeier

ABSTAIN: Sabatka

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2001. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

4/9/01

Page 9

Dean Johnson, Secretary