

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2002**

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 8, 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than March 28, 2002. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Eden	Jedlicka (arrived 7:23)
Johannes	Johnson	Kavan
Langemeier	Larsen	Mastny
Nelson	Reitmajer	Saalfeld (arrived 7:12)
Sabatka	Sendgraff	Shelso

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bull	Grueber	Sabata
Wilke		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Heimann	Angle
Gottschalk		
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		
Doug Wagner, Saunders NRCS		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Doug Wagner reported on conservation technical assistance and the 2002 Farm Bill.

b. NARD Report

Don Kavan reported that the most recent Legislative Update was in each Directors mailbox.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve minutes from the March 11, 2002 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings - Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find reports from GMDA, NACD Annual Meeting and NARD Washington, DC Annual Meeting.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absence

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

1. FY 03 Membership

Much discussion took place on the District remaining a member of the Alliance. Wilke and Langemeier attended meetings in Washington and saw the effectiveness of the Alliance for bringing outside dollars into the three NRD areas. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the District remain a member of the Platte River Corridor Alliance for FY 03. Motion carried.

AYE: Eden, Johannes, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Bailey, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Nelson, Reitmajer, Sabatka

b. FY03 Budget

Discussion took place on the FY 03 Alliance budget. The Executive Committee felt the full Board should discuss the proposed budget with Alliance Coordinator Greg Fetterman.

c. Office Cleaning Bids

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the District accept the low bid and approve a contract with Juniors Floor Care for cleaning of the District Office twice per week at a cost of \$65 per week. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Terry Schaff Bill

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment of the Terry Schaff bill for \$540 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Bob Weaver Bill

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the Bob Weaver bill for January of \$1,172.50 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Skull Creek Motion

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to correct the November 12, 2001 Board Meeting Minutes by inserting the following motion: Sabata made the motion, seconded by Mastny to approve the





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signing of \$77,700 contract with Olsson Associates for the completion of the project application to NDNR for Skull Creek Dam Site 31 and to complete work needed for future site 30. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. The Following Reports Were Given:

-  COE 205 Study Budget
-  **Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition**
-  **World Herald Flood Plain Article**
-  Nieveen Lawsuit Update

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the February Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Review of Accounts Receivable

None over 90 days over due.

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

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments - WHIP

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve six WHIP/WILD NE contract payments for a total payment of \$3,299.40.

<u>DeLores Meysenburg</u>	<u>\$ 465.00</u>	<u>Tony Divis</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
<u>Carolyn Dannelly</u>	<u>\$ 82.50</u>	<u>Edith Trawicke</u>	<u>\$1,277.50</u>
<u>Gertrude Lechtenberger</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>Cihacek Bros. Farms</u>	<u>\$ 374.40</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

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b. New Contract(s)

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a Wild Nebraska contract for George Menke and an application from Patrick Poehling. Motion carried on consent agenda.

George Menke Platte 2 acres \$134.40/yr

Patrick Poehling Dodge Cost Share on Timber Stand Improvement and wetland renovation, up to \$5,000.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Bellwood Ditch 4 Drainage
- ✓ South Fremont Feasibility Study
- ✓ Tree Program

b. Community Forestry Program

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to cost share \$542.50 to the Midland Lutheran College Arboretum planting at Augustine Hall. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Hormel Sign Project Request

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to assist the Blue Key National Fraternity of Midland College with \$500 for replacing and installing new signs in Hormel Park. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment

None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * Publications
- * Soil and Water Stewardship
- * Spring Conservation Sensation
- * I & E Staff Group
- * Career Fair
- * Upcoming Festivals

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Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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

For 2002 the NRD has approved 25 new well permits.

2. Calibration Meters and Distribution Manifold Cost-Share Program

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment to Vaughn Gross-Rhode for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Advisory Board and Phase II Management Areas

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to adopt the recommendations of the Advisory Board to:
1) Hold public meetings this spring before the start of irrigation season. 2) Mail letters to all landowners in the potential Phase 2 areas of Bellwood and Richland-Schuyler informing them of the meetings. 3) Emphasize the nitrate sampling kits and the importance of producers returning those samples to the NRD. 4) Outline the health risks of nitrates. 5) Continue NRD ground water sampling efforts in the Bellwood and Richland-Schuyler areas this summer. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- ★ Decommissioned Well Program
- ★ Well Registrations
- ★ David City Rural Water System
- ★ Wahoo Rural Water System
- ★ Former Ordnance Plant - Mead

b. Well Head Protection - 319 Grant

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve extension of the 319 Grant with the Department of Environmental Quality with NRD matching funds for the Well Head Protection position for the four year period of \$66,340. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Summer Approvals

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following SWCP Summer applications:

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<u>Freddie Siefken</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>Planned Grazing</u>	<u>\$8,250</u>
<u>Tom Smaus</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$3,900</u>
<u>Eric Nelson</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>Relay Exist Terr.</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
<u>Raikes Bros. Farm</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>Gary Mach</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<u>Richard Meyer</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>New & Relay</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
<u>Jerry Newsham</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>New & Relay</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Approvals

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following SWCP Spring Applications:

<u>David Hawley</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>Grass</u>	<u>\$373</u>
<u>William Lusche</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>Windbreak</u>	<u>\$351</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. EQIP Supplement Payments

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following EQIP supplemental payment applications:

<u>James Egr</u>	<u>\$751.20</u>
<u>Dave Vrana</u>	<u>\$1507.23</u>
<u>Dennis Fujan</u>	<u>\$475.80</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Sites 31/30 Contract Payment

On November 12, 2001, the Board approved a \$77,700 contract (2-2001-0133) with Olsson Associates to prepare a project application to NDNR on Skull Creek Sites 30 and 31. Mike Sotak with Olsson's was present to update the committee on how much has been spent under that contract and what has been accomplished. We have received a bill of \$8,066.02 for services completed under contract, which would leave a remaining balance of \$36,264.25. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to pay the \$8,066.02 bill to Olsson Associates (under contract 2-2001-0133) toward preparing the Skull Creek Site 31 & 30 application to NDNR. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Skull Creek Site 31/30 Aerial Photography & Mapping

We have had recent discussions with Olsson Associates about what engineering services have been performed under contract number 2-2001-0133 (see 2.a. above) and what work is regarded as design services outside this contract. Olsson's have indicated that a current bill of \$1,870 and a past payment of \$5,466.38, were for aerial photography and mapping that do not fall under contract 2-2001-0133. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with Olsson Associates, for preliminary and final design services on proposed Skull Creek Dam Site 30 and 31 (\$92,000 maximum) and to only authorize, at this time, the following service under the agreement: 1) Aerial photography (\$1,200), topographic mapping (\$2,100) and ground control (\$1,200) for Site 31 and 2)

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Aerial photography (\$1,200) and topographic mapping (\$2,300) for Site 30 for a grand total of \$8,000. It was further recommended to pay \$1,870 for aerial photography and mapping to Olsson Associates and to credit this amount and a previously payment of \$5,466.38 toward the new contract/agreement for such services as approved by the Board. Motion carried all members present aye.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following signed Conservation Farm Plans:

Kenneth Miller	Butler
FAR Enterprises, Inc.	Butler
Arlene Brezina	Butler
John Hein	Butler
Roland/Lloyd From	Butler
Butler County Landfill, Inc.	Butler

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

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

5. Other

a. Update on Elm Creek Study (Valley View Flood Protection) & Contract Payment

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize the first contract payment of \$415.50 to JEO (Project no. 078D41) toward conducting the Elm Creek watershed study/survey in Saunders County.

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Elkhorn Breakout IPA - No Rise Survey/Study Contract Payment

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to authorize the first contract payment of \$2,411.50 to JEO (Project no. 078D42) toward obtaining a certificate of no-rise for the proposed Elkhorn Breakout Project access road. Motion all members present voting aye. It was noted that this payment will be deducted from the landowner's IPA trust fund.

c. Payment Request on Clear Creek Dam Repair

On 8/15/01, the Board approved 50%-cost share up to \$4,000 to the Clear Creek Dike and Drainage District for repair of a 53-year old dam. The structure provides protection to the Clear Creek Dike project. We received a copy of a bill from Clark Construction totaling \$14,547.50 for work completed. Although not part of this bill, Saunders County contributed the pipe and engineering (\$5,000 est. value). The Clear Creek Dike and Drainage District approved \$5,000 toward the project, with the remainder to

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be paid by other partners (Saunders County, LPNNRD) and the cooperating landowner, Stan Keiser. Since the final cost to the Clear Creek D&D District was higher than originally anticipated, they are asking that the LPNNRD consider paying above our original maximum \$4,000 approval. Staff noted that if the LPNNRD would approve matching CCD&DD's monetary contribution of \$5,000, the total project cost would be about split equally four ways - with the landowner's share being \$4,547.50. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to not increase the original approval for repairing the dam on the Stan Keiser property and approve a \$4,000 cost-share payment to the Clear Creek Dike & Drainage District toward the repair costs.

Nelson made an amendment, seconded by Shelso, to increase the original approval for repairing the dam on the Stan Keiser property and approve up to \$5,000 cost share payment to the Clear Creek Dike and Drainage District toward the repair costs.

Amended motion failed.

A YE: Bailey, Eden, Jedlicka, Johannes, Nelson, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka

Original Motion Carried.

A YE: Bailey, Eden, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Sendgraff

NAY: Nelson, Saalfeld, Shelso

d. Saunders County No-Till Meeting

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, To recommend payment of \$1,190 to the Saunders County Extension for the no-till meeting expense, contingent on 100% reimbursement from federal EQIP educational funds. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported that it appears at least 42 acres will be eligible for the Wetland Reserves Program and is continuing to work with the NRCS on this. The Nebraska Department of Roads is continuing to evaluate opportunities for wetland banking.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

General Manager Miyoshi and Director Langemeier delivered the revised LRR report to the COE in Washington D.C. on March 19. They received very positive comments about the report and the outlook for eventual project approval. The report review period will occur until at least mid April. Miyoshi discussed that he, Murren and Olsson Associate representatives and COE in Washington will deliver the report and give a presentation to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works sometime in May. Murren and Miyoshi reviewed several Lake Wanahoo Committee items as discussed on March 27 as summarized in the attached Lake Wanahoo Committee Minutes.

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Murren also discussed the need to seed 47 acres to grass on the former Nieveen property. These acres are on highly erodible soils and not suited to crop production. The \$2,444 total cost will be shared equally with the City of Wahoo and Saunders County. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to seed approximately 47 acres of highly erodible land on the former Nieveen property at a maximum cost of \$2,444 (\$814.66 for each local partner). Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Murren reported that the COE has conducted soil borings on the proposed levy system.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Renewal of Line of Credit

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to renew the District's Line of Credit with Wahoo State Bank, which will remain at \$400,000. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka, Sabatka

7.b. GIS Position

Johannes, made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to start advertising GIS position, with Personnel Sub-Committee to review job description and need prior to May Board Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan, Langemeier, Saalfeld

7.c. Skull Creek Site 30 & 31

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve payment of \$7,711.01 to Olsson Associates on Skull Creek Site 30 & 31. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka, Sabatka

7.d. Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment

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Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve abandoned well cost-share payment to RBS Farms or Larry Ruzicka in the amount of \$336.25. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka, Sabatka

7.e. SWCP Tree Planting Cost-Share Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve fourteen SWCP tree planting cost-share applications:

<u>Mary Lou Adams</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>\$221.10</u>
<u>Bob Horner</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>\$148.50</u>
<u>Dave Morgan</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>\$224.40</u>
<u>Heidi Vana</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>\$726.00</u>
<u>Mike Woodward</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>\$363.00</u>
<u>Ray Chlupacek</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>\$531.30</u>
<u>Dan Wallin</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>\$196.02</u>
<u>Dale Dicke</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>\$257.40</u>
<u>Charles Becker</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>\$424.38</u>
<u>Lumir Jedlicka</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>893</u>	<u>\$589.38</u>
<u>Dean Svehla</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>
<u>Terry Wendt</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>\$181.50</u>
<u>Robert Healy</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>
<u>Ken Goff</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>

Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka, Sabatka

7.f. Czechland Lake Wetland Berm Repair - Agreement

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve a “Cooperative Agreement Amendment” between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and LPN NRD for reimbursement on work accomplished for the Czechland Lake Wetland Berm Repair and Stabilization. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka, Sabatka

7.g. No-Till Grass Drill Agreement

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the attached no-till grass drill agreement with Gayle Goering in Platte County. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Kavan

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka, Sabatka

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld 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

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the amended April consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2002. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Clint Johannes, Secretary