

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2003

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 14, 2003

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than April 1, 2003. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Holstine	Jedlicka (arrived 7:20)
Johannes	Kavan	Langemeier
Larsen	Mastny	Pieke
Reitmajer	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Shelso	Johnson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Breunig	Murren
Mountford	Sousek	Gottschalk
Kenneth Kuncel		Otis & Connie Seals
Steve Walkowiak		Char Cada
Shawn Randall		Elaine Alm
Kirk Sharp		KC Engdahl
Jim Chvatal		Kenny Chvatal
Dan Cady		Larry Johnson
Brad Soncksen		Sandy Sullivan
Jason Brabec		Rosalie Frana
Carol Brabec		Lisa Brichacek
Kevin Brabec		Richard Verna
Steve Brabec		Rodney Verhoof
Jeff Rawlinson		Troy Cada

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Brad Soncksen was present to update the Board on the CREP Program the Federal Budget and outsourcing of technical assistance. Langemeier gave the NARD report and told the Directors that the NARD Budget was attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

Item 6.A.2.g was taken.

Johannes reported for the Director Vacancy Sub-Committee that their selection to fill the vacancy in sub-district 5 is John Hannah from Columbus. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to appoint John Hannah to fill the NRD Director Vacancy in Sub-District 5. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time Director John Hannah took his oath of office.

Item 6.D.7.a. was taken

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to take off the table the following motion made at the 3/10/03 Board Meeting: that the NRD accept and approve the Youth Outdoor Skills Facility and Shooting Range Project Proposal and Interlocal Agreement as presented to the Board. Motion carried with Hannah abstaining.

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to amend the previous motion, that the NRD accept and approve the Youth Outdoor Skills Facility and Shooting Range Project Proposal and Interlocal Agreement dated 4/1/03. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Jedlicka, Johannes, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso,

NAY: Johnson, Kavan

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the amended motion, that the NRD accept and approve the Youth Outdoor Skills Facility and Shooting Range Project Proposal and also approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Facility both dated 4/1/03. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Holstine, Jedlicka, Johannes, Langemeier, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso

NAY: Alm, Johnson, Kavan, Larsen

ABSTAIN: Hannah

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve minutes from the March 10, 2003 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## 6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### 1. Meetings

#### a. Reports

1. NARD Washington, DC Effort

A brief report was given on the recent lobbying trip to Washington. Copies of individual reports are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

2. Management

a. Director Absences

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Rodney Verhoof has been hired as the new Alliance Coordinator. Rodney was previously the Coordinator for the Niobrara Scenic River Council.

c. MUD Wellfield

Several Directors and Staff met with a group of landowners, MUD Officials and Saunders County officials over mitigating losses that will be caused by pumping at the proposed wellfield. The NRD will take a lead on assisting Landowners with blanket coverages to make recommendation on deepening of wells, loss of sub-irrigation and other conflicts which may arise.

d. Pallid Sturgeon Task Force

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is funding update on the Pallid Sturgeon Task Force Study.

e. Cumulative Impact Study and Addendum "A"

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the Cumulative Impact Study and Addendum "A" to the study and authorize signing of the agreement. The agreement has a \$2,000 cash payment cost to the Lower Platte North NRD. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Legislative Update

Legislative Updates were in Directors boxes at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

g. Report from Director Vacancy Committee

This item was already taken.

h. NARD F.Y. 04 Budget

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is the F.Y. 04 draft budget for NARD.

i. ESRI Products from NRCS

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of ESRI products which include Arc 8 and Arcview 3.2 that the District can receive at no charge from NRCS.

i. Bob Weaver Bill

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to pay the Bob Weaver bills of \$1,808.33 for January and \$1,983.34 for February. Motion carried on consent agenda.

k. Limiting Discussion at Board Meetings

The Executive Committee discussed a potential policy for limiting discussion at Board Meetings. Several Districts currently have policies in place, Staff is directed to review these policies and present a potential policy for future discussion. Currently the Board Chairman has discretion over limiting discussion.

3. Equipment

a. F.Y. 03 Computer Purchases

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to make the F.Y. 03 Computer purchases as outlined in the Executive Committee Minutes at an estimated cost of \$4,368.95. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Cell Phone Hands Free Addition

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the NRD use Motorola V60i cell phones with hand free units at an estimated cost of \$679.89. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Statement

No Financial Statements were approved.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the Manager's expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable over 90 days

The accounts receivable over 90 days were reviewed.

d. Renew Line of Credit

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the District renew its line of credit with Wahoo State Bank in the amount of \$400,000. Motion carried on consent agenda. With Director Sabatka abstaining.

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve seven WHIP/Wild NE contracts for a total payment of \$3,433.80.

<u>DeLores Meysenburg</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>\$465.00</u>	<u>Tony Divis</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<u>Carolyn Dannelly</u>	<u>Madison</u>	<u>\$82.50</u>	<u>Edith Trawicke</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>\$1277.50</u>
<u>Cihacek Bros.</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>\$374.40</u>	<u>George Menke</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>\$134.40</u>
<u>Gertrude Lechtenberger</u>	<u>Dodge</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>			

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

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

b. 3100 Loader

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to accept an offer of \$2,350 from Guy Jones for the 3100 DUAL Loader. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Loseke-Frese Dam Platte County

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to allow the 4' pipe extension on the Loseke-Frese road structure dam put on by landowner Gary Mueller and that Mr. Mueller contact the Platte County NRCS for potential sites within the watershed for another flood control dam. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Vehicles

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase a Ford Escape XLS through the State of Nebraska Purchasing Department at a base price of \$20,299 and to wait and sell the 1996 Jeep in the Fall because of an expected heavy work load for the Water Department this summer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. No-Till Grass Drill

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to renew the two Grass Drill agreements for another year with Dave Rezac and Gayle Goering as attached to the Operations and Education Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Community Forestry

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve cost-share assistance, at 50% to the City of Newman Grove for planting of 24 trees around a ballfield and golf course.

The NRD's share is \$804, the site will be inspected by staff after the planting is completed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve a rock and jetty application for Justin Jancek, Saunders County on Otoe Creek. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- \* Education Activities
- \* Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- \* Spring Conservation Sensation

b. NACEE

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to provide \$300 to NACEE for conference support. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to renew LPNNRD's NACEE membership for one year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. National Land Judging

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to provide \$150 to Schuyler High School to attend the National Land Judging Contest. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. State Envirothon

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to provide \$100 for Mead's registration to the State Envirothon. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, 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

Well Permits were approved for 2003 is 40

2. The Following Updates Were Given:

- Nitrogen Certification
- Bellwood Phase 2 Area
- Chemigation

3. Cost Share Programs

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve payment to Jim Poulas for \$1,100 and to Lawrence Zimmer for \$1,100 for fertilizer calibration meters. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to not approve cost-share funding at this time for Lawrence Styskal and Dean Bell but carry these application over to 2004 as originally intended. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve cost share payment to decommission the domestic well for Rose Hirsch for \$190.88. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- \* Wellhead Protection Areas
- \* Livestock Monitoring Wells
- \* Ground Water Quality

c. Ground Water Energy Levels

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve obtaining construction prices and contractor schedules on the proposed Wann basin monitoring well. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, 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. Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the following payments:

		<u>75% Payment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>02-S-43</u>	<u>Heidi Vana</u>	<u>\$297.96</u>	<u>\$297.96</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Cancellations

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the following cancellation:

02-S-46 Linda Schultzkump Small Dam \$6,900

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Approvals

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve SWCP applications total \$22,892.33 for spring and summer completion as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Payment of Approved EQIP Application

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to pay \$11,728.88 of cost-share assistance to Dale Wilson and Duane and Kay Pavlik for completing nonpriority area EQIP conservation practices, as previously agreed upon by the Board. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Site 31 NDNR Application

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the Skull Creek Dam Site 31 resolution as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. EPA Grant Opportunity

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to participate with NDEQ on obtaining an EPA Wetland Study/Inventory grant, provided the District receives 100% reimbursement for the total costs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the conservation plans as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ⊛ Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners
- ⊛ NW Butler County Landowners Committee

b. Shell Creek - No-Till Program

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to have staff prepare revised guidelines for a no-till incentive program in the Shell Creek Watershed for FY 2004. Motion carried on consent agenda.



5. OTHER

a. South Fremont Platte River COE Study

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to contribute up to 50% of the non-federal funds toward the proposed Army COE Section 205 Feasibility Study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. No-Till Conference/Payment Request

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to pay the Agricultural Research & Development Center \$1,190 for expenses related to the No-Till Conference held on February 13, 2003. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported that the former Snitily property has been surveyed at 173.68 acres which are eligible for the federal Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) at \$2,037/acre. It was also reported that after the WRP contract is in place, Pheasants Forever has expressed the desire to acquire the property from us so they can develop it for a youth hunting education area. The Board discussed that selling the property was our initial goal and that selling it to Pheasants Forever would compliment other activities proposed on the Lake Wanahoo Property. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to enter into a Wetland Reserve Contract with the NRCS totaling \$353,786.16 (173.68 acres @ \$2,037/acre). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Proposed Contract to Design In-Lake Fishery Facilities

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve entering into a contract with Olsson Associates for the design of In-Lake Enhancement Facilities at Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

9. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Although this project has received earmarked federal construction money, some new developments are raising some concern. One area of concern is that cabin elevation is totally a local expense. This would mean since we have 7 to 11 cabins on our side of the river, elevating these structures could cost \$280,000 - \$440,000 (\$40,000 each). An even more important area of concern, is the fact that the proposed levee system for the Ashland National Guard Camp, is not a priority with the new Nebraska National Guard General. If this remains the case, then the Camp's levee system would also become a "local" expense and would greatly jeopardize our continued involvement with the project. Larsen made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Army National Guard for proceeding with Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Project providing Federal cost-share dollars are available for construction of the entire levee length located on Federal property. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Jedlicka, Johannes, Larsen, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso

NAY: Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier

Bull made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the NRD not sell any more land that was purchased for the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Johnson, Kavan, Larsen, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld,

NAY: Jedlicka, Johannes, Langemeier, Sabatka, Shelso

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

## 7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

### 7.a. Approval of Western Sarpy Clear Creek Payment

In November 2002, Papio-Missouri NRD billed us for \$179,432.01 of work completed on the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project as was previously agreed upon. At the November 27 Projects Committee Meeting, the committee discussed our commitment and the General Manager was to follow up with PMRNRD about submitting the payment later in the fiscal year. This was done and we ended up paying the bill on March 10. It was recently discovered that while we are committed to the payment, a specific Board Motion should accompany the payment. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Holstine, to ratify the District's March 10, 2003, \$179,432.01 payment to Papio-Missouri River NRD for work completed on the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

### 7.b. Olsson Associates Normal Contract Payment - Skull Creek Site 31 Application

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Holstine, to approve the \$1,786.42 payment to Olsson Associates for work completed in preparing the Skull Creek Dam Site 31 Application to be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

### 7.c. Bruno Rural Water Meetings Assistance Request

A request has come from Snyder Engineering Company and Jacobson Helgoth Engineering, the contractors on the Bruno Water Study, for the NRD to allocate extra funding to pay for anticipated meetings and work. This addition will allow the firms to work with David City to supply the water needed by Bruno. At this time it appears that Bruno does not wish to partner with the NRD on serving rural customers. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to allow NRD staff to facilitate any Bruno Water meetings and have the engineering services be the responsibility of the Village. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Pieke, 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 Reitmajer, to approve the April consent agenda with Sabatka abstaining on item 6.A.5.d. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2003. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary