

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2010**

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 12, 2010.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our April board meeting was published on March 25, 2010 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Saalfeld 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:**

Boyd	Casey	Eden
Hannah	Hilger	Johannes
Meduna	Pieke	Renter
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Taylor
Veskerna	Vrana	

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Acklie	Bailey	Kavan
Pollard	Reitmajer	

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Angle

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS**

**a. Guest Comments**

Steve Frahm addressed the Board on his variance which will be discussed later in the meeting.

**b. NRCS Report**

Roger Reichmuth reviewed his written report.

**c. NARD Report**

No Report.

**d. NRC Report**

Director Johannes reported that the Commission met March 24-25 in Lincoln.

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

The Directors watched a portion of video on the Republic River.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve minutes from the March 11, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. Water for Food Conference - Update Given**

**2. 2010 Summer Water Tour**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to send two staff and two directors to the 2010 Summer Water Tour. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. SWCS Annual Conference**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to send one staff person to the SWCS Annual Conference July 18-21 in St. Louis. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. GMDA Summer Conference**

Vrana made the motion seconded by Meduna, to send two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Conference June 6-8, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Reports**

**1. Washington DC - Update Given**

**2. Management Items**

**a. Directors Absence - Update Given**

**b. Bob Weaver**

**1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given**

**2. Monthly Bill**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment of \$2,750 to Bob Weaver for March services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Additional Work in February**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to authorize an additional \$2,000 payment to Bob Weaver for extra hours he worked in February and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. CNPPID Platte River Video - Update Given**

**d. Recognition on Rescue of Bob Heimann - Update Given**

**e. Monthly Education Program - Update Given**

**f. Update of 457 Deferred Compensation Plan**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Amendment No. One of the NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and authorize our Board Chair to sign the agreement as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes . Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Equipment**

**a. Laptop Purchase**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to purchase the Toshiba Qosmio x500 machine at a cost of \$1,500 plus shipping. It was further recommended that funds for this purchase come from the GIS budget line. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Personnel**

**a. Personnel Sub-Committee - Update Given**

**b. Barlean Leave Time**

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to adjust Barlean's annual leave hours 59.5 which represents hours of sick leave used for the job related injury in 2004. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the February Financial Report as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, 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**

**d. Quadis Technologies Project Estimate**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve having Quadis Technologies create an accrual to cash report at an estimated cost of \$500 - \$750. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the April LPNDRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**B. EDUCATION, OPERATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT**

**a. Payments**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to pay Glen Pfeifer in Platte County \$525 for his 35 acre Wild Nebraska contract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given**

**b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study - Update Given**

**c. Czechland and Homestead Rec Areas - Update Given**

**d. Invasive Weed Management - Update Given**

**e. New Vehicle - Update Given**

**f. Conservation Trees - Update Given**

**g. Trouble Creek Project Request - Update Given**

**h. Equipment - State Contract Tractor**

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to rent the State Contract tractor from Dinkel Implement this season at a cost of \$2,175. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. ROCK AND JETTY**

**a. New Applications - None**

**b. Payment Requests - None**

**4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given**

**5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. KTIC Ads - Update Given**

**2. Annual Report - Update Given**

**3. Website Redesign and Social Networking - Update Given**

**b. Education**

**1. Scholarship Request**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to provide \$175 for Shawn Barger to attend the ACE Camp in Halsey. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Spring Conservation Sensation - Update Given**

**3. Earth Wellness Festival - Update Given**

**4. Turning Point Quote**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to place \$3,000 in the FY11 budget to purchase the Turning Point "Audience Response System". Motion carried on consent agenda.

**5. Soil and Water Stewardship Week - Update Given**

**c. Computer**

**1. Shopping Cart Software Upgrade - Update Given**

**6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES**

**a. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Update Given**

**b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System - Update Given**

**c. Bellwood/Richland - Update Given**

**d. Other - Update Given**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the April LPNNRD Education, Operations 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 Request for Limited Development (Hydrologically Connected) Area**

**a. March Variance Requests**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the following variances requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of New Irrigated Acres</u>	<u>Water Source</u>	<u>Field Legal Description</u>	<u>Restricted Development Area (RDA)</u>
<u>Seier Bros.</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>Existing Well</u>	<u>NW1/4, S22, T22N, R5W, Boone Co.</u>	<u>does not apply</u>
<u>Steve Frahm</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>Existing Well</u>	<u>SW1/4, S8, T13N, R9E, Saunders Co.</u>	<u>does not apply</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Ranking Regions for Limited Development Areas - Update Given**

**c. Water Development Areas Pamphlet - Update Given**

**2. Well Permit Program**

**a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given**

**b. Water Use Reports - Update Given**

**3. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given**

**b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given**

**c. Water Mark Sensors and ET Gauges**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the purchase of an ET gauge, three watermark sensors, a data logger, and soil probe for \$1,355. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to make payment of \$45,628 to UBBNRD for ET Gauges and watermark sensors. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. LPNNRD Certification Classes - Update Given**

**5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given**

**6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area**

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to inform Carl Grotelueschen by certified mail that if his complete phase II reports are not received by April 20, a cease and desist order will be issued for the land he farms in the Richland/Schuyler phase II area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7. Certifying Acres - Update Given**

**b. Chemigation - Update Given**

**c. Livestock Waste Permits - Update Given**

**2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates - Update Given**

2. Plugged Wells - Update Given

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model - Update Given

2. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM)

3. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) - Update Given

4. Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping - Update Given

5. Farm Process Package of MODFLOW - Update Given

c. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead - Update Given

d. Ground Water Energy Levels

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Vrana, to pay the invoice from Grosch Irrigation for the entire \$1,758.00 bill for the a flow meter and its installation on a GWEL irrigation well owned by Culf Farms and then bill Culf Farms \$250.00 for the installation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Ground Water Quality

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. Precipitation Gauging Network

4. OTHER

a. Legislative Update - Update Given

b. GMDA Summer Session - Update Given

c. Comments from the Public - Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Applications Approvals

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the following SWCP applications:

			75%	50%	25%
Lazy K Feedyards, Inc.	Colfax	Flow Meter		\$678.00	
Seier Bros.	Boone	Flow Meter		\$678.00	
Irene Martischang	Platte	Flow Meter		\$678.00	
Maynard Flame	Dodge	Flow Meter x2		\$1,356.00	
		<i>TOTAL:</i>		<i>\$3,390.00</i>	

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Trees:

Penny Isabella	Dodge Co.	233 trees	\$209.62	
Zach Jelik	Colfax Co.	470 trees	\$441.80	
Robert Kerwin	Saunders Co.	229 trees	\$215.26	
Anthony Meister	Butler Co.	208 trees	\$195.52	
Brad Lemke	Saunders Co.	400 trees		\$124.00
Charles Schrad	Saunders Co.	200 trees		\$62.00
Marge Lodl	Saunders Co.	1,075 trees		\$333.25
<i>TOTAL:</i>			<i>\$1,062.20</i>	<i>\$519.25</i>

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Summer Approvals:

Jerome Slama	Butler Co.	Terraces/Tile	\$2,734.00	
Jerry Newsham	Saunders Co.	Terraces/Tile	\$10,000.00	
Janice Newsham	Saunders Co.	Terraces/Tile	\$10,000.00	
David Sousek	Saunders Co.	Terraces/Tile	\$9,600.00	
Joe Vasa	Saunders Co.	Terraces/Tile	\$7,650.00	
Frank Pleskac	Saunders Co.	Terraces/Tile	\$6,200.00	
<i>TOTAL:</i>			<i>\$46,184.00</i>	

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Motion carried on consent agenda.

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**b. SWCP Payments - None**

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**c. SWCP Cancellations - None**

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**d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals - None**

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**e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payments - None**

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**f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None**

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**g. SWCP Policy Review/Approval**

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Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the SWCP Policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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**2. WATERSHEDS**

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**a. Sand Creek – UNL Contract Extension Request**

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Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to not renew or extend our existing contract with UNL for continuing education activities in the Sand Creek Watershed, after June 30, 2010. It was further recommended to send UNL a thank you letter for their successful partnership in this Watershed and that we will consider a future agreement with them for conducting such educational activities in the Wahoo Creek Watershed as funding opportunities arise. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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**b. Shell Creek**



**1. Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group (SWIG)- Update Given**

**a. Newman Grove School Request for Water Testing Supplies Assistance**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve 50% cost-share assistance up to \$301.76 to Newman Grove High School for purchasing water testing supplies. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Newman Grove School Request for Funding Teacher Assistance for Water Quality Team - Update Given**

**2. USGS Water Quality Monitoring Proposal**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve a three-year agreement totaling \$83,450 with USGS as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes for conducting water quality monitoring on Shell Creek and to authorize the LPNNRD Board Chair to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

AYE: Boyd, Casey, Hannah, Hilger, Meduna, Pieke, Renter, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Saalfeld

NAY: Eden, Johannes, Vrana

**3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED - None**

**4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

**a. Monthly Report - Update Given**

**1. Cumulative Impact Study**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment to the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance for invoices totaling \$18,835 for expenses related to the Cumulative Impact Study – Phase III as attached to Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Boyd, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Johannes, Meduna, Pieke, Renter, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

NAY: Hilger

**2. Environmental Suitability Assessment - Update Given**

**3. Environmental Studies Seminar - Update Given**

**5. OTHER**

**a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies**

**1. South Fremont - Update Given**

**2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given**

**b. District-Wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve paying JEO's final contract payment of \$4,321.80, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, upon receiving FEMA's official approval of our District-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Nebraska Great Plains RC&D Membership Dues**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment of \$200 to the Nebraska Great Plains RC&D for 2010 membership dues. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Review Project Financial Statement - Update Given**

**6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT - Update Given**

**a. Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting Minutes - Update Given**

**b. Contract Change Order No. 4 - Update Given**

**c. Crop and Pasture Damage - Update Given**

**d. Lincoln Dog Club - Partnership Request on Wanahoo Lands**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to have staff work with the Lincoln Dog Club on a proposal to use the 18 acres of LPNNRD owned land south of the Wanahoo embankment. It was furthered recommended that the Club work with NDOR for using their property south of the embankment (34 acres) and with Nebraska Game & Parks for potential use of Wanahoo Lands north of the embankment, once the District turns the property over to them. However, before such use is allowed, planned activities must also be approved by the Army COE. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT - Mike Murren**

**a. Project Landrights - Update Given**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to accept and place on file the April Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7a. NSWCP Payments**

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to make the following SWCP Payments:

<u>09-S-28</u>	<u>Ray Kucera</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$454.29</u>
<u>09-B-24</u>	<u>Eugene Siroky</u>	<u>Tile into Terraces</u>	<u>\$6,406.18</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7b. Decommissioned Well Payments**

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following decommissioned well payments:

<u>Bruce Williams</u>	<u>\$343.13</u>
<u>Ernest Jambor</u>	<u>\$402.19</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the April consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

AYE: Boyd, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Meduna, Pieke, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

ABSTAIN: Casey

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 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 April 12, 2010, 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.

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Robert Hilger, Secretary