

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, August 9, 2010.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our August board meeting was published on July 22, 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:**

Acklie	Bailey	Boyd
Casey	Eden	Hannah (arrived 7:08)
Hilger	Johannes	Kavan
Meduna	Pollard	Renter
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Taylor
Veskerna	Vrana	

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Pieke

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Angle	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report**

Roger Reichmuth reviewed his written report.

**c. NARD Report**

Director Kavan reminded all Directors about the NARD Fall Conference.

**d. NRC Report**

Director Johannes reported that the Commission has not met since last meeting.

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program - None**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve minutes from the July 12, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. Nebraska Water Law Conference - Update Given**

**2. Platte Institute "Water Management Summit" - Update Given**

**3. Water Quality Open - Update Given**

**4. NARD Fall Conference - Kearney - September 27-28 - Update Given**

**5. September Executive Committee Meeting - Update Given**

**2. Management Items**

**a. Directors Absence**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the Excuse of Absence requests from Director Pieke and Taylor for the June Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Bob Weaver**

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

**2. Monthly Bill**

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

**c. Dean Johnson Selected for NARD Director of the Year - Update Given**

**d. NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan Update**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the resolution and "Amendment 1" to the "NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan" and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

f. NARD Foundation Fund Raiser - Update Given

**3. Equipment - None**

**4. Personnel**

**a. Barlean Request**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to deny the request from Sam Barlean to use paid sick leave due to the length of time that has transpired since the time of the injury occurrence plus the fact that a positive adjustment to Sam's annual leave time of 59.5 hours was made in April 2010 due to this claim. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report - Update Given**

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, 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. Budget Workshop -Update Given**

**e. Approval of Fiscal Year 2011 Budget - Update Given**

**f. Hearing to set the Property Tax Rate For F.Y. 2011**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve conducting a public hearing to set the F.Y. 2011 property tax rate at 6:00 p.m. on September 13. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**g. Accounting Software Update**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the bill from Quadis for the "Annual Enhancement Fees Renewal" in the amount of \$1,127.84. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**h. Annual Audit - Update Given**

**i. Budget Review - Update Given**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, that the August LPNNRD 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 - Update Given**

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## **2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

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

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

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

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### **d. Lower Platte Weed Management**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the Amended Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for the Lower Platte Phragmites Management Program (which now includes Colfax County, Shell Creek plus other noxious or invasive plants) and to authorize the General Manager to sign the document. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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### **e. Elkhorn Breakout - Elkhorn River - Update Given**

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### **f. No-Till Grass Drill Saunders County - Update Given**

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### **g. Trails Request City of Fremont**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve a \$10,000 payment for completed work on the Johnson Lake Trail to the City of Fremont. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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### **h. FY 2011 Budget Review - Update Given**

## **3. ROCK AND JETTY**

### **a. Application Request**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to allocate \$4,000 to James Drahota this fiscal year and to skip a year unless funds remain at the end of fiscal year 2011 -12. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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### **b. Payment Requests**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to make payment at a 50% cost-share rate to Ralph Romshek \$595, Bob Foral \$962.50 and Frank Stanek \$1,060 for bank stabilization on the Platte River pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

## **5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

### **a. Information**

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#### **1. KTIC Ads - Update Given**

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#### **2. County Fairs - Update Given**

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#### **3. Tree Booklet - Website - Update Given**

4. Fact Sheets - Update Given

b. Education

1. GIS Activity at Wahoo Elementary - Update Given

c. Computer

1. 2010/2011 Updates - 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. Crop Damage Guidelines/Policy

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the crop damage policy as it was presented in pamphlet form as attached to the Education-Operation and Rural Water Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Backflow License (Grade 6) - Update Given

f. Other - Update Given

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, that the August 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. July Variance Requests - Update Given

b. Ranking Regions for Limited Development Areas - Update Given

c. Variance Reviews - Update Given

2. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given

3. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

- b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given
- c. NAWMDN Water Mark Sensors and ET Gauges - Update Given
- d. Phase 2 Area - Flow Meter Cost-Share - Update Given
- 4. LPNNRD Certification Classes - Update Given
- 5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given
- 6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given
- 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
    - 3. Nebraska Water Well Decommissioning Fund - Update Given
  - b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies
    - 1. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model - Update Given
    - 2. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) - Update Given
    - 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 Quality - Update Given
  - e. Platte River Uplands Subarea
- 3. SURFACE WATER**
  - a. State Lakes

1. Bacteria Sampling - Update Given

2. Toxic Algae - Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Wahoo High School Project - Update Given

b. Water Programs Budget - Update Given

c. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, that the August LPNDR 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

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

				75%
Lyle Wurdeman	W&S Basins	Colfax	\$10,000.00	
Eldon Mohrmann	W&S Basins	Platte	\$1,684.19	
Jeff Muhle	W&S Basins	Colfax	\$5,229.71	
Rodney Scott	Terraces/Tile	Dodge	\$2,918.39	
Anderson/Rosicky	Terraces/Tile	Colfax	\$10,000.00	(\$20,000+ project-coordinating w/Shell Creek)
Total			\$29,832.29	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the following SWCP payments:

			Approved \$	Payment
09-P-45	Steven Gehring	Flow Meter	\$595.00	\$484.38
10-P-1	Lazy K Feedyards	Flow Meter	\$678.00	\$678.00
10-C-13	Sunnyhill Farms	Flow Meter	\$678.00	\$678.00
Total				\$1,840.38

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - Update Given

d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the following Sand/Duck Creek application:

			75%
James Vech	Terraces/Tile		\$10,595.26

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payments - Update Given

f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None

**2. WATERSHEDS**

a. Shell Creek

1. SWIG Meeting April 13, 2010 - Update Given

2. Continued Illegal Manure Dumping in Shell Creek - Update Given

3. USGS Shell Creek Water Quality Monitoring Payment

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to pay USGS \$5,250 for the first FY 2011 payment for water quality monitoring of Shell Creek as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

a. Monthly Report - Update Given

1. Kayak Tour - Update Given

2. Environmental Suitability Assessment - Update Given

3. LPRCA Summit - Update Given

4. River Obstruction Removal - Update Given

5. Quarterly Meeting - Update Given

6. Upcoming Meetings/Conferences/Events - Update Given

**5. OTHER**

a. Platte Center Elm Creek South Bank Stabilization Project Assistance

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to place \$9,650 in the FY 2011 Projects Budget for the Platte Center Elm Creek South Bank Stabilization Project. It was further recommended to wait until the September 2, 2010, Projects Committee to decide whether to actually approve funding for the project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

c. David City Northwest Drainage Project - Update Given



**d. Review Preliminary FY 2011 Project Budget**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to transfer \$5,000 of unused FY 2010 Inter-Governmental Emergency Repair (405-103) funds to the Inter-Governmental Emergency Repair sinking fund. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Projects Committee Meeting At Platte Center - Update Given**

**f. Future Projects Tour - Update Given**

**6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT**

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

**b. New Amendment with Olsson's on Handicap Fishing Pier Project**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the amended Professional Engineering Services Contract with Olsson Associates for construction of the two handicap fishing piers, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. This contract totals \$27,500 which is a \$2,050 reduction from the \$29,550 contract approved last month. The amended contract also includes construction inspection expenses. It was further moved to authorize the Board Chair to sign said amendment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Seven Upstream Sand Creek Structures - Update Given**

**7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT**

**a. Project Update**

Taylor made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to authorize staff to negotiate on the Marlene Thomas easement with the following conditions; the price per acre purchased cannot change, if Thomas does not want the planned fencing to occur there can be some compensation, however, if at some point in the future fencing is needed it must be constructed at the landowners expense. If an agreeable settlement cannot be reached by August 20 then staff is directed to begin condemnation proceedings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7a. Sub-District 8 - Vacancy**

Chair Saalfeld declared a vacancy in Sub-District 8 due to the death of Daryl Reitmajer. Chair Saalfeld appointed a "Director Search Committee" (Casey, Kavan, Meduna, Sabatka, Chair, Veskerna and Vrana), and tasking them to report back at the September 13 Board Meeting. Daryl had decided to not run for re-election in November. Jim McDermott is the only candidate who will appear on the November Ballot for Sub-District 8.

**7b. Monitoring Wells Platte River Uplands Area**

Attached to the Additional action items find two bids for drilling monitoring wells in the Platte River Uplands Area. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to accept the low bid of \$17,346.50 from Sargent Drilling to construct two monitoring wells in the Platte River Uplands Area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7c. KTIC Radio Ads**

Acklie made the motion, seconded by Casey, to renew our contract with KTIC Radio for a total cost of \$1825. For \$1825 the District will get the following:

\$5 a day LPNNRD gets a display ad that rotates throughout the website;

In addition to 156 :30 messages on both AM and FM (we also try to double these at no charge). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Eden, to approve the August consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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 August 9, 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