

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 9, 1999**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, August 9, 1999.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than July 29, 1999. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Daufeldt
Grueber	Jedlicka	Johannes
Johnson	Kavan	Lallman
Langemeier	Nelson	McDermott
Saalfeld	Sabata	Sabatka
Shelso		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Vasa	Murren	

Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper
Bill Petersen, David City
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Johannes gave a report on upcoming NARD activities.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the minutes from the July 12, 1999 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

There are no payments for the month of August.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

✓ Farmland, Fremont & Railroad Drainage District

- ✓ Czechland Wetland Grants
- ✓ Public Boat Ramp
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North and West Branch Studies
- ✓ Grass Drill Revenue

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment of \$1,000 to Bob Foral, \$1,000 to Dr. James Drahota and \$1,000 to Ermin Snitily for work completed on Platte River Jetty Projects, pending staff inspection on each site. 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:

- ✓ Master Plan
- ✓ Festival of Color
- ✓ Recreation Brochure
- ✓ Thanks You from Range Camp Participants and Groundwater Foundation

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the August LPNNRD Operation and Education Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

A. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ☞ Well Permits
- ☞ Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share
- ☞ Manure testing and Software Cost Share
- ☞ Sample Kits
- ☞ Livestock Water Complaint
- ☞ Chemigation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

A. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ★ Decommissioned Well Program
- ★ Ultrasonic Flow Meter Program
- ★ Groundwater Quality - Todd and Platte Valley

3. SURFACE WATER

A. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Sand and Duck Creek Study

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

C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Approve SWCP Payments

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve SWCP payments as follows:

99-S-21	<u>Norm Lindgren</u>	<u>\$3,271.31</u>	
	<u>Norm Lindgren</u>	<u>\$654.26</u>	<u>Wahoo Creek Local Funds</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Central Butler - NW Drainage Project

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to authorize the Chairman to sign the NW Drainage Project agreement amendment with the Upper Big Blue NRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Skull Creek Watershed Appraisals

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the low bid from Agri-Plex Appraisal, \$5,200 and, have staff prepare and execute a contract with them. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Lake Wanahoo

Murren reported on the following:

1) The final COE Project recommendation for the Sand/Duck Creek Watershed should be final within the next week. It is anticipated that Lake Wanahoo will be a major part of the project recommendation, but nothing is for sure until then. 2) A proposed resolution which would commit the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to take Wanahoo as a state recreation area after completion is being considered. 3) The COE requested \$100,000 more funds into the established escrow account to keep on track with the Wanahoo feasibility study. Our participation in this study has been previously approved by the Board and costs will be shared with the City of Wahoo and Saunders County. Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve submitting \$100,000 into the escrow account for the COE Lake Wanahoo feasibility study, provided that this expense plus any interest is shared equally with the City of Wahoo, Saunders County and LPNNRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ELKHORN RIVER BREAKOUT IPA

No new business this month.

4. FSA & CRP PLANS

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following conservation plans:

Butler County: William Dubs, Duane Svehla, Dennis Dostal, Alan Zavodny, Frank Eckstein





Dodge County: James Wesch, Ed Moser, Ruzicka Bro. (3) Emil Ruzicka, Marie Ruzicka, Bill Ruzicka, Ruzicka Farms (2) Ed Moser, Lavon Hansen, Loye max Steinbach, William Taylor

Colfax County: Dean Bell, Luke Lutjelusche, Arlo Hoppe, Louis Lutjelusche, Viola Lutjelusche

Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

-  Livestock Waste Permits
-  Nebraska Buffer Strip Program
-  Locally Led Conservation CORE Group
-  Larry Ohnoutka/Saunders County Special Project

b. Platte Center Project Payment Request

On July 12, the Board passed a motion to make a \$1,721.50 cost share payment to Platte Center for tree removal from Elm Creek. The \$1,721.50 was the total project cost and the LPNNRD's approved cost share should have been 50% of this total or \$860.75. On July 14, Mountford inspected the completed work and submitted Platte Center with a \$860.75 check. Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to clarify the record by rescinding the July 14, 1999, motion to pay Platte Center \$1,721.50 and approve the corrected cost-share amount of \$860.75. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the LPNNRD August Project's Committee Meeting Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Dam Safety Conference

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Lallman, to have Heimann attend the Dam Safety Conference September 13-15 in St. Louis, Missouri. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Alliance Golf Tournament

The LPRCA golf tournament will be on September 16th. Any Directors or Staff wishing to attend needs to register for the tournament. Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the NRD pay ½ of the registration fee for any Director or Staff wishing to participate in the Alliance golf tournament. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Lallman, Langemeier, Sabata, Sabatka, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Jedlicka, Nelson, Saalfeld

3. Web Design Conference

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to have Thompson attend the web-design conference September 14 and 15 in Omaha at a cost of \$295. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Reports

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

-  Alliance Stakeholder Meeting
-  Pallid Sturgeon Meeting
-  Alliance Meeting for NRD Directors

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

No requests have been received.

b. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ◆ Saunders County Complaint Update
- ◆ Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Update
- ◆ Congressional House Funding - Lake Wanahoo
- ◆ Groundwater Management Area Enforcement Steps
- ◆ Annual Insurance Update
- ◆ Appointment of Prairie Land RC&D Director

c. Fremont Trail Planning Request

The NRD received a letter from the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce requesting funding assistance on a comprehensive plan for trails within and around the City of Fremont. The City is completing a comprehensive plan, the trail portion would be added to this comprehensive plan and is being completed by Marty Shukert of Omaha. Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that the NRD participate in the Fremont Trail Plan paying for 50% of the cost up to \$5,000 from the NRD. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Daufeldt, Grueber, Johannes, Johnson, Nelson, Saalfeld, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Bull, Jedlicka, Kavan, Lallman, Langemeier, Sabata, Sabatka

3. Equipment

a. Lights

The City of Wahoo has an energy efficiency program for businesses. Breunig explained that one item which is eligible is installing energy efficiency lights in the NRD office. The total cost of the conversion is \$4,280. The City is offering a 0% loan for doing the conversion which is amortized over a 72 month period. The cost to the NRD for the program is \$50.39 per month which will be added to the electricity bill. The more efficient lights will save \$37.81 per month so the increase cost to the NRD over the 72 months is \$12.58 per month. Daufeldt, made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the NRD take advantage of the electrical efficiency program offered by the City of Wahoo and install the lighting retro-fit as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Nleosl, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Bailey, Lallman

4. Personnel

a. Hiring of Cameron Conrad

Cameron Conrad will be filling the GIS Specialist position his starting date is August 23, 1999.

b. Funeral Leave Policy

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to amend the funeral leave policy as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Approval of June Financial Statement

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve the June Financial Statement as distributed at the July Board Meeting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the Manager's expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Banking Resolution - American National Bank Fremont

Sinking fund dollars were recently bid for a CD. The high bid was received from American National Bank of Fremont for 5.27% for a 9 month deposit. A banking resolution with American National is necessary. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that a banking resolution be approve with American National Bank of Fremont following normal district criteria. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. F.Y. 00 Budget

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the NRD set their property tax rate different for F.Y.00 than the .0414 rate in F.Y. 99 and approve the F.Y. 00 Budget as presented which includes total expenses of \$7,077,447 and property tax requirement of \$1,282,641 Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following payments:

99-B-27 Wm. Marushak \$2,395.92

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Saunders County Road Structure

Bull made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to pay \$1,804.94 to Saunders County for the Malousek Road Structure. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. RC&D Support

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that LPNNRD support the formation of an RC&D south of the Platte River which includes Butler, Cass, Lancaster, Saunders, Seward and York Counties. Motion carried all members present voting aye. Our commitment would be similar to that given to the Prairie Land RC&D.

7.d. Czechland Wetland

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the LPNNRD accept an Engineering Services Proposal on the Czechland Lake Wetland/Sedimentation Project from Kirkham Michael in the amount of \$38,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. Boat Ramp

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that LPNNRD pay Tom Sawyer \$7,600 for completion of the Hormel Park Public Boat Ramp on the Platte River. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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 Sabatka, to approve the August consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Bill Peterson informed the Board on an upcoming tree care workshop that was going to be held in Omaha.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 1999. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary