

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2003

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, December 8, 2003.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than November 26, 2003. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Holstine
Johannes	Kavan	Langemeier
Larsen	Mastny	Pieke
Reitmajer	Sabatka	Shelso
Johnson		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jedlicka	Saalfeld	Sabata
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Angle
Gottschalk	Heimann	
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS
Rodney Verhoff, LPRCA		Kristin Uhing, Dodge NRCS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Soncksen reported that it has been a good fall for layout and terrace work. Kristin Uhing reported on activities at the Dodge County NRCS Office.

b. NARD Report

Director Langemeier reminded the Directors about the Legislative Conference the end of January.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve minutes from the November 10, 2003 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## 6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### 1. Meetings

##### a. Report on Out of State Travel for Past Three Years

The Committee reviewed the out of state travel for the past three years which is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

##### b. NARD Legislative Conference

The NARD Legislative Conference will be January 27-28 in Lincoln. Any Director wishing to attend needs to let Breunig know.

#### 2. Management

##### a. Directors Absences

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the absence of Director Sabata from the April Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are the following reports:

October Report

Monday Report from November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday Report from November 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday Report from November 24<sup>th</sup>

Coordinator Verhoeff gave the November report and reminded directors of the next Quarterly Alliance Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bull made the motion, seconded Larsen, to approve the Alliance bill for video duplication at \$333.33 and for the 2003 Airboat tour at a cost of \$1,200 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### c. 2004 Election

Directors are reminded they must file for re-election by February 15<sup>th</sup> with the County Clerk or Election Commissioner. Non-incumbents must file by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### d. Technology Responsibility to O & E Committee

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to add technology responsibilities to the O & E Committee with the Committee deciding their new title. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### e. Bob Weaver Billing

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the Bob Weaver bill in the amount of \$1,458.33 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Legal Counsel Sub-Committee Update

The Legal Counsel Sub-Committee met on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is looking at potential legal representation for the District. The Committee will meet again in January.

g. Newman Grove Science Club

Discussion took place on the District making an equipment purchase for the Newman Grove Science Club.

h. Recognition Banquet

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to hold the 2004 Recognition banquet at the Fremont Golf Club on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. Recommendation carried all members present voting aye.

3. Equipment

a. Projector Replacement

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to purchase an Epson 735C projector at an estimated cost of \$2,628. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Approval of October Financial Statement

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the October Financial report as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Adjustment to Mileage Rate

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a letter from the State Accounting Administrator reminding all political sub-divisions that the Federal mileage rate will increase 37.5¢ per mile effective January 1, 2004.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, that the December LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve five Wildlife Habitat contracts for a

total payment of \$1,713.80.

<u>Cheryl Goering</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>1 acre</u>	<u>\$ 68.80</u>
<u>Dennis Cippera</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>30 acres</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
<u>Donna Havlik</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>22 acres</u>	<u>\$ 385.00</u>
<u>Roger Nelson</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>40 acres</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
<u>Frank Hicken Jr.</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>14 acres</u>	<u>\$ 210.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

Operation and Maintenance Activities

Rawhide Creek North Branch

South Fremont 205 Study

Rawhide Ditch 8 Undercutting Banks

CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)

b. Community Forestry

The Village of Weston has submitted a cost-share request to help pay half of the local share of a Tree Planting Project in the Village of Weston. The local share is 20% (\$2,357.96), the NRD's share would be \$1,178.98. This request was received by the District after the project was completed and without prior application submission. The other 80% was covered by grants provided by: Department of Roads, NE State Forestry Department and the University of NE. The Board determined that the invoices and information came in after the fact and elected not to move on the issue.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

No new activity

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education Activities

The Following Updates Were Given:

Geo-caching Abie

Butler County Government Day

FFA Speech Contest

b. Information Activities

The Following Updates Were Given:

Web Site Update

David City Wellhead Protection

6. TECHNOLOGY

a. USDA Computers

We purchased and received 4 new Gateway computers through a federal USDA contract. Two of the computers were mid-range systems and the other two were high-end workstations.

b. Mail Server Plans

We obtained a free copy of Microsoft's Small Business Server with Exchange. We will be setting this up on a "Bare Bones" machine to serve our mail. We will be able to build this machine for about \$368.

c. MUD GIS Proposal

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the amended Interlocal Agreement with MUD entitled "Platte West Project Services" where by the District will provide GIS services to MUD pending Legal Counsel and Staff Review. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, that the December 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. Richland - Schuyler Phase 2 Area

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to designate the Richland - Schuyler area for the sections: T17N, R2E, Sections 1 - 30; T17N, R3E, Sections 3 -11, 13 - 22, 27 - 30; T17N, R4E, Sections 17 & 18 as a Phase 2 Ground Water Management Area to take effect on January 15, 2004. Motion carried on consent agenda

2. The Following Reports Were Given:

- Well Permits
- Nitrogen Certification
- Cost Share Programs
- Bellwood Phase 2 Area
- GWMA Sample Kits
- Chemigation
- Livestock Waste Permits

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Plugged Wells

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve cost share payment to decommission the 2 irrigation wells for Charlie Diers for \$1,046.18. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- Decommissioned Well Program
- Wellhead Protection Areas

Rural Water Systems  
Groundwater Energy Levels  
Groundwater Quality

Ross gave a presentation on the Fall Groundwater Levels and Groundwater Quality results from 2003.

3. OTHER

None

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, that the December LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Fall Approvals

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to adjust the additional cost-share approved on 11/10/03 for the Joe Kavan Fall application from \$3,303 to \$1,976. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Cancellations

None

c. SWCP Payments

None

2. WATERSHEDS

A. Skull Creek Watershed

Dam Site 31

Larsen made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that the LPNNRD not submit an application to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for project assistance for Skull Creek Dam Site 31 at this time, but retain it as a viable project for future consideration. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Final Reimbursement Request - Skull 55 Dam (Homestead)

We will soon be submitting our final reimbursement request to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on the Homestead Lake project. In the end, NDNR provided \$594,353.34 (75%) cost share assistance on the \$792,471.13 total project costs. Because of the excellent project bids received, there is \$18,409.66 of unexpended cost-share funds that were are not used and will be released to NDNR.

3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the list of signed conservation plans as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

a. 319 EPA Grant Application Update

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to support the Shell Creek EPA 319 grant effort and to also support this effort financially, subject to the availability of land treatment funds.

5. OTHER

a. The Following Updates Were Given on Proposed COE 205 Studies

Fremont South  
Schuyler  
North Bend

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

The NRCS is working through the administrative details so that we can obtain easement funds from both the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and the Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) on this property. Thus far all is going well and we anticipate receiving payment early in 2004. It was also reported that we have been in contact with Pheasants Forever who expressed interest in possibly paying the LPNNRD \$100,000 if we would retain the property for future Game and Parks Commission youth hunting/mentor programs. This amount would more than cover the remaining value of the property after the federal WRP & EWP easement payments are made.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Murren reported that the Energy and Water Bill which contained funding for Lake Wanahoo was passed by the House of Representatives, but stalled in the Senate. It will be up for discussion again after the first of the year.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Murren reported that we received good news that the recent Defense Bill passed with approximately \$3 million earmarked for the Army National Guard to construct their portion of the needed levy through Camp Ashland. This alleviates our previous concern that this expense may need to be paid locally.

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, that the December LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Payments Under Contract

The following are project payments being paid this month:

Western Sarpy Clear Creek	\$118,098.87
Sand Creek Fisheries	\$20,673.03
Sand Creek	\$10,594.89

All have signed contracts and no motion is needed. This is for your information only.

7.b. Decommissioned Well Payment

Bull made the motion, seconded Larsen, to approve cost share payment to decommission the domestic well for Michael Arps for \$245.29. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Bull made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the December consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bull, to send representatives to the National No-Till Conference in Iowa pending review and approval of Manager Miyoshi and Chairman Johnson. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2004. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary