

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, December 13, 2010.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our December board meeting was published on November 24, 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	Boyd	Casey
Eden	Hannah	Hilger
Johannes	Kavan	McDermott
Meduna	Pieke	Pollard
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Taylor
Veskerna	Vrana	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Renter
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Angle

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended (by Pieke), seconded (by Acklie), to add one emergency item to the agenda. Item 6.c.2. Small Watershed Flood Control Fund Agreement. Recommendation carried all members present voting aye.

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walenhorst updated the Board.

c. NARD Report

Director Kavan went over the NARD Financials and updated the Board on the Fall Conference.

d. NRC Report

Director Johannes reported that the Lower Platte Basin Caucus meeting will be January 13th, 5:30 p.m., Lower Platte South NRD.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Dr Chen gave the Board an update on the Platte River Groundwater Model.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve minutes from the November 8, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Basin Caucus - January 13, 2011 - Lower Platte South NRD - Update Given

2. Recognition Banquet - January 16, 2011 - Update Given

3. NARD Legislative Conference - January 24-26, 2011 - Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence - None

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

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

c. January Committee Meeting Dates - Update Given

d. Nebraska Board and Commission Vacancies - Update Given

e. Monthly Education Program - Update Given

f. New State Conservationist - Update Given

g. New District Conservationist - Update Given

h. Sub-District 2 Nominating Sub-Committee Report - Update Given

i. Officer Election - Update Given

3. Equipment - None

4. Personnel

a. Update To Flexible Benefit Plan

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the "NARD Flexible Benefit Plan Participation Agreement" changes as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes and authorize Chair Saalfeld to sign said agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find the Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes from the November 16, 2010 Meeting.

1. Conservation Technician Position

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Casey, to move Kelly Bartek from the "319 Sand/Duck Creek" grant position to our "Conservation Technician Position" effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, 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. Electronic Filing Software

As shown on the attachment from Nebraska Department of Revenue we now need to file our W-2 and 1099 forms electronically. To add the needed module to our accounting software will cost \$4,211. Staff is exploring other options and will have a solution to propose by Board Meeting.

e. Electronic Payment of Aflac Funds

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to authorize payment of the monthly Aflac bill electronically. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the December LPNRRD 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 -None

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given

b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Fremont 205 Feasibility Study which increases the study cost by \$60,000 (non-Federal) and authorize the General Manager to sign the document. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Boyd, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Sabatka, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

NAY: Taylor

c. Czechland and Homestead Rec Areas

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to budget \$10,000 next fiscal year for the installation of electrical hook ups on the camper pads at Czechland Lake. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Grass Drill Platte County - Update Given

e. Elkhorn Breakout

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay Midwest Dumpers \$5,975 for the completed job at the Elkhorn Breakout. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Tree Program

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to purchase 1,000 Arbor Day Foundation trees at .91/tree for Conservation Sensation, Fremont Eco-Fair and for schools. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Lower Platte Weed Management - Update Given

h. Hail Damage Office & Out Buildings - Update Given

j. Bellwood Dam 3-A

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to contact landowner Dwain Schmit informing him that NDNR insists on restoring the outlet channel to the original design dimensions and elevations. It was further recommended to place a July 1, 2011 deadline on this project. If he is not willing to cooperate, staff will contact the District's legal counsel to write a letter to Mr. Schmit. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

j. Financial Review - Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment Requests - Update Given

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. KTIC Ads - Update Given

2. Tree Website - Update Given

3. Viaduct - Update Given

4. NARD Displays - Update Given

5. Long Range Plan - Update Given

b. Education

1. Land Judging- Update Given

2. Butler County Government Day - Update Given

3. FFA Leadership Contest - Update Given

c. Computer - Update Given

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Update Given

b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to raise the Village of Colon Rural Water resident base rate by 8% from \$25.03 to \$27.03. The cost per thousand gallons will also increase by 6%. This would increase the rate from \$2.12 to \$2.25 per thousand. This rate increase will take effect 01-01-11. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Boyd, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

ABSTAIN: McDermott

c. Bellwood/Richland - Update Given

d. Mead - Update Given

e. Other

1. Czechland Lake Fish Restoration Grant - Update Given

2. Miscellaneous - Update Given

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the December 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. November Variance Requests - Update Given

b. Ranking Regions for Limited Development Areas

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following variance requests:

<u>Variance</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Field Legal Description</u>	<u>Well Legal Description</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>LPN-V-010-0051</u>	<u>Steve Callahan</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>SE1/4, S30, T17N, R7E</u>	<u>new well in SE1/4, S30, T17N, R7E</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>LPN-V-010-0052</u>	<u>Bruce Williams</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>SE1/4, S20, T16N, R7E</u>	<u>new well in SE1/4, S20, T16N, R7E</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>LPN-V-010-0053</u>	<u>Dick A. Schmid</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>NW1/4, SW1/4, S28, T16N, R1E</u>	<u>existing well in SW1/4, SW1/4, S28, T16N, R1E</u>	<u>Butler</u>
<u>LPN-V-010-0054</u>	<u>Craig Schmidt</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>NE1/4 & SE1/4, S30, T19N, R2W</u>	<u>existing well in NW1/4, S29, T19N, R2W</u>	<u>Platte</u>
<u>LPN-V-010-0055</u>	<u>John Becker</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>NE1/4, NE1/4, S22, T21N, R5W</u>	<u>existing well in NW1/4, NW1/4, S23, T21N, R5W</u>	<u>Boone</u>

and to transfer 139 acres from the Platte Valley ranking region to the Shell Creek ranking region, and to transfer 275 acres from the Platte Valley ranking region to the Todd Valley ranking region. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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
- 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
 - 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)
 - 4. Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping - Update Given
 - 5. Farm Process Package of MODFLOW - Update Given
 - c. Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given
 - d. Platte River Uplands Subarea - Update Given
 - e. Bruno COOP Clean-up Efforts - Update Given
 - f. Lower Platte River Basin Coalition (LPRBC) Meeting - Update Given
- 3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. Shell Creek Presentations - Update Given

4. OTHER

a. GMDA Annual Conference - Update Given

b. Air Emissions Requirements for Irrigation Equipment - Update Given

c. Butler County Projects Tour - Update Given

d. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the December LPNDRD 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 Pieke, to amend the SWCP policy to include cost share for waterways on 100% no-tilled fields as an approved practice and approve the following SWCP applications:

		75%	50%
Gregory Birkel	Flow Meter		\$678.00
Mike Dvorak	Waterway into 100% no-till	\$3,459.00	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following SWCP payments:

			Approved \$	Payment
09-Bo-30	Kent Lee	Planned Grazing	\$2,268.34	\$2,530.61
10-S-16	Brian Sanderson	Flow Meter	\$667.71	\$650.00
10-S-17	John Sanderson	Flow Meter	\$667.71	\$650.00
10-P-22	Eldon Mohrmann	W/S Basins	\$1,684.19	\$1,525.25
10-P-33	Pilakowski/Fogelman	Diversion	\$4,778.46	\$4,790.30

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - Update Given

d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following Sand/Duck Creek applications:

		25%	15% (SWCP)
Margie Vrana	Terraces/Tile w/basins	\$3,769.89	\$1,413.71
Brent Zakovec	Terraces/Tile w/basins	\$3,514.61	\$2,108.76
Gary Ladenburger	Terraces/Tile w/basins	\$2,685.29	\$1,611.16

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payment

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following Sand/Duck Creek payment:

		24%	15% (SWCP)	
10-S&D-3	James Vech	Terraces/Tile	\$10,595.26	\$4,876.41

Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek

1. Shell Creek Improvement Group - Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek

1. Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan - Update Given

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED - NONE

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment of the LPRCA \$84,211 invoice as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Boyd, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

NAY: Hilger

5. OTHER

a. Waterway Construction for Cuda Property in Coordination with Wahoo School Project

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve up to 75% cost share, up to a maximum of \$1,500 assistance, to Larry Cuda to establish a grass waterway located below the Wahoo School Drainage Project outlet. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

c. Shell Creek Levee Repair Project Proposal - Update Given

d. Hazard Mitigation Plan - Update Given

e. Review Projects Financial Statement - Update Given

f. Fall Projects Tour - Update Given

6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT

a. Lake Wanahoo - Sub-Committee Monthly Agenda/Report

1. Review of Final Design Quantities & Payment - Update Given

2. Wanahoo Construction Contract Update - Update Given

3. Inverted Filter Bid Results

Casey made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the low bid of \$192,720 from Kohl Construction for construction of the inverted filter in Lake Wanahoo's outlet channel. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Olsson's Design Fees - Update Given

5. Reimbursement Land Note Interest - Update Given

6. SRF Loan Payment Due

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the \$122,520.31 interest and administrative fee payment to NDEQ for the State Revolving Fund loan, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. COE Recreation Construction

1. Extension to Breakwater Around Boat Ramp - Update Given

2. Handicap Fishing Pier Update - Update Given

c. Sand/Duck Creek Upstream Structures

1. Valley Center Pivot Bids

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to accept the high bid of \$38,600 from Norm Kavan for the Valley Center Pivot and his high bid of \$1,150 for the irrigation well gearhead and pump which was purchased as part of the Sand Creek Upstream Dams as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Small Watershed Flood Control Agreement - Update Given

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the Small Watershed Flood Control Agreement Between the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Lower Platte North NRD and authorize Manager Miyoshi to sign said agreement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

a. Project Update - Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. SWCP Payments

Acklie made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

		Approved	Payment
10-S-6	Joe Vasa	\$7,647.75	\$7,645.80
10-C-25	Anderson/Roskicky	\$10,000.00	\$9,929.02
08-S&D-23	Robert Paseka	\$510.00	\$404.86

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. Sand/Duck Creek Payments

Acklie made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following Sand/Duck Creek Payment:

		Approved	Payment
08-S&D-23	Robert Paseka	\$1,709.09	\$674.78

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7c. Decommissioned Well Payment

Acklie made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following decommissioned well payment:

Kaye Lidolph	\$1,308.65
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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

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the December consent agenda as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 December 13, 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.

Robert Hilger, Secretary