

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2002

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:35 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, February 11, 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than February 1, 2002. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bull	Eden	Grueber (arrived 5:45)
Jedlicka	Johannes	Johnson
Kavan	Langemeier	Mastny
Nelson	Reitmajer	Sabata (arrived 5:45)
Sabatka	Sendgraff	Shelso
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DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Saalfeld
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		Grant Porter, Saunders County
Ron Larsen, Wahoo		Dan Crouchley, MUD
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Joe Proskovec

2.a. Report from Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Sabatka nominated Ron Larsen to fill Director Vacancy in Sub-District 8.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that Ron Larsen fill the Director vacancy in Sub-District 8. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time Ron Larsen took the Oath of Office.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

No report.

b. NARD Report

Don Kavan reported on the Legislative Conference January 29-30, 2002 held at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. And the NACD Annual Conference held February 3-6 in Reno, Nevada.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve minutes from the January 14, 2002 Board Meeting as amended. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings - Pending

a. MidAmercia GIS Symposium

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to send two staff people to the MidAmercia GIS Symposium April 14-18 in Kansas City, MO. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Employment Law Seminar

Shelso made the motion, seconded by 3, to send one management employee to Lorman Employment Law Seminar in Omaha on March 7th. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absence

None

b. Board Retreat Report

Discussion took place on the January 17th Board Retreat held in Schuyler. Generally comments were positive, further detailed discussion by Board Members is needed for each department. It was felt that these further discussions should take place during our regular Monthly Board Meetings with the first topic to be discussed, a presentation on Phase II Groundwater Management Areas. Miyoshi will put together a summary of the Board Retreat and distribute.

c. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

1. Monthly Report

Greg Fetterman's monthly report for the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

2. Retreat Report

Discussion took place on the Alliance Retreat held January 24th. Discussion centered on both the positive and negative aspects of the Alliance. Only two Directors from the LPNNRD were in attendance at the Retreat. The Executive Committee felt the Board needed to discuss the Alliance and decided the best time would be directly after the March Board Meeting and that we should invite Greg Fetterman to give us an overview of where the Alliance has been and what the future is for the Alliance, for the first 30 minutes and that we ask Greg to leave after that time and have Glenn Johnson present for discussion with the Board about where we see the future of the Alliance being.

d. NWRA Dues

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the National and Nebraska Water Resources Association dues in the amount of \$800 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Saunders County -vs- MUD

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that based on information received from Hearing Officer, Terry Schaaf, the LPNNRD follow the Saunders County -vs- MUD Sub-Committee recommendation that no further hearings be held on the Saunders County -vs- MUD case until the Court of Appeals makes a decision on the Appeal currently before it from the Nebraska Department of Water Resources decision. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Banking Resolution

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that Commercial Federal Bank in Fremont be added to the banks that have a relationship with LPNNRD for the purpose of handling a Certificate of Deposit. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition

Johannes made the motion, seconded Langemeier that LPNNRD become a member of the Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition and to authorize signing of the interlocal agreement and that dues be paid for the current fiscal year in the amount of \$5,000 realizing there is a commitment over the next two budget years of \$5,000 per year. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Langemeier, Mastny, Larsen, Nelson, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Bull, Johnson, Kavan, Reitmajer, Sabata, Sabatka

h. Pallid Sturgeon Meeting Report

The Pallid Sturgeon working group held a workshop on January 23rd and 24th which was attended by Angle. On January 30th the quarterly meeting of the Pallid Sturgeon task force was attended by Angle, Miyoshi and Mountford. Research work continues on identifying habitat areas for the Sturgeon within the Lower Platte River.

i. Legislation

Discussion took place on the recent NARD Legislative Conference which was held January 29th and 30th. Copies of decisions from the conference are in all Directors boxes. At this time the Board felt no need for the District to take a position on any particular bills or testify for any proposed legislation.

j. Bob Weaver Bill

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that the Bob Weaver bill be paid as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

k. 1986 Dodge Pickup

An offer has been received for \$1,900 to purchased the 1986 Dodge pickup the District is currently selling. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that the 1986 Dodge pickup be sold to Mike Miller for \$1,900. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

a. Postage Machine Lease

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to extend the lease on the Postage Machine for an additional 36 Months with the price to remain the same as it currently is. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Review of Accounts Receivable

None over 90 days over dues.

d. VISA Credit Cards

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to move the LPNNRD's Business VISA Accounts to First National Bank of Omaha through First National Bank of Wahoo and have six VISA accounts with an annual fee of \$30 per account. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments - WHIP

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve two WHIP/WILD NE contract payments for a total payment of \$1,005.

Frances Thompson \$385 James Greer \$620

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Bellwood Ditch 4 Drainage
- ✓ South Fremont Feasibility Study
- ✓ Tree Program

b. Vehicle

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to purchase a cab high aluminum topper not to exceed \$525 for the 93 Chevy. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve a bank stabilization payment for Ames Diking District in Dodge County on the Platte River for \$3,000 pending inspection by staff. 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:

- * Publications
- * I & E Staff Group
- * LPRCA Newsletter
- * Upcoming Festivals

b. Soil and Water Stewardship

Order forms have been prepared for Soil and Water Stewardship materials and will be mailed to schools and churches next week. Online ordering will also be made available through the district's web site. The theme of this year's observance is "The Gift of Trees" and the dates are April 28-May 5. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to provide free trees to students whose classrooms order Soil & Water Stewardship materials. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that the February 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. Well Permits

For 2002 the NRD has approved 9 new well permits.

2. Calibration Meters and Distribution Manifold Cost-Share Program

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve cost-share applications for Fertilizer Calibration Meters and Anhydrous Manifolds for the following: Husker Coop of Columbus for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter, to Justin Kavan for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter, to Randy Sukstorf for \$1,354.11 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Perry Mohrman for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter, to Steve Backes for \$1,400.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Jack Milliken for \$1,350.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Vaughn Gross-Rhode for \$1,400.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Circle E Farms (Burniel Ecklund) for \$1,400.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold and to Don Furasek for \$300.00 for a distribution manifold. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Newspaper Ad

A newspaper ad was placed in area newspapers listing the February training dates for the Nitrogen Certification classes. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve funding up to \$650.00 to place an ad in area newspapers announcing the Nitrogen Certification classes and our cost share programs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Delores/Gale Mares for \$353.44, an irrigation well for Mowers Partnership for \$423.44 and an irrigation well for Allan Krejci for \$417.75. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Well Registrations
- * David City Rural Water System
- * Wahoo Rural Water System

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to place the February Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Payments:

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	<u>75%</u>	<u>15%</u>	
<u>01-S-22</u>	<u>Greg Haskens</u>	<u>\$ 5,041.70</u>	
<u>01-S-39</u>	<u>Arnold Kaspar</u>	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
<u>01-S-56</u>	<u>Raymond Sedlacek</u>	<u>\$ 7,708.41</u>	
<u>01-D-26</u>	<u>Allan Meenen</u>	<u>\$ 730.05</u>	
<u>01-S-08</u>	<u>Richard Meyer</u>	<u>\$ 8,487.26</u>	
<u>01-S-43</u>	<u>Leona Stevens</u>	<u>\$ 5,295.86</u>	<u>\$ 1,059.17</u>
<u>EQIP</u>	<u>Roger Fujan</u>	<u>\$ 1,479.90</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Application Extensions

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to extend the following SWCP applications until May 1, 2002:

<u>01-B-12</u>	<u>Randy Fendrich</u>	<u>01-B-33</u>	<u>Joseph Shultz</u>
<u>01-S-23</u>	<u>Jerrold Jenkins</u>	<u>01-B-57</u>	<u>John Coufal</u>
<u>01-D-25</u>	<u>Duane Larsen</u>	<u>01-B-58</u>	<u>Fred Kadavy</u>
<u>01-D-27</u>	<u>Lorene Knapp</u>	<u>01-B-59</u>	<u>Frank Mastera</u>
<u>01-Bo-29</u>	<u>Ray Flood</u>	<u>01-B-60</u>	<u>Connie Bohaty</u>
<u>01-B-32</u>	<u>Ernest Yindrick</u>		

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to cancel the following SWCP application:

01-C-46 Hill Valley Farms \$ 10,000

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Approval Small Dam Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the following SWCP small dam applications for 2002 construction:

Robert Juranek (Butler County) \$7,000
Galen Pokorny(Butler County) \$4,000
Ron Sabatka (Saunders County) \$8,500

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. SWCP/EQIP Approvals

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the following SWCP/EQIP approvals for 2002 construction:

Dale Dicke - Platte (crop land conversion to grassland) \$5,094.94
George Cejka - (Low Pressure Conversion) \$1,343.00
Bob, Rich, Tim Bartek - EQIP \$225.00
Richard Bartek EQIP \$568.22

Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. CIP Approval

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the following Conservation Incentive Program application:

Dale Olnes Boone County \$ 250.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed

1. Site 55 (Homestead Lake) Recreation Construction

Additional fencing is now complete. Dock is at LPNDRD and awaiting water to raise to

a point that installation can be completed. The well and hydrants will be completed by spring.

2. Site 31 Dam Site Cultural Resource Investigation

Olsson Associates has contacted us regarding a Cultural Resource Management (CRM) survey to be conducted at the proposed dam site. Landowners have been notified and survey should be conducted in the next two weeks.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

No recommendation for plan approval was received this meeting.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign a contract (copy attached to Projects Committee Minutes) with Pheasants Forever to promote buffer strips and other conservation programs. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☼ Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners
- ☼ Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners
- ☼ Northwest Butler County Landowners

5. Other

a. RC&Ds

Director Sabata gave an update on the Great Plains RC&D. He said that now that the RC&D has been federally approved for assistance, the next steps will be to decide on an office location and hire a coordinator. Sabata made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to write a letter to Steve Chick supporting the David City office location for the Great Plains RC&D. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

An update was given by Murren at Board Meeting.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Bull, to authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment 2 to the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Limited Reevaluation Report Study with the Army COE of Engineers not to exceed \$15,375 for the local share. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

No new business to report.

9. ELKHORN BREAKOUT

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to accept the landowner steering committee's request to assist with obtaining a certificate of no-rise to reestablish the embankment on the Ron Bauermeister property. It was further recommended to contact IPA landowners by letter informing them of the possibility of using funds from the IPA trust fund for obtaining the certificate of no-rise. Motion carried on consent agenda. Staff will advertise for proposals which will be presented at the February 28th Projects Committee Meeting.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to place the February Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payments:

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP payments:

Bob-Rich-Tim Bartek \$225.00

Richard Bartek \$568.22

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the amended February consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2002. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Clint Johannes, Secretary