

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2004

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, February 9, 2004.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than January 29, 2004. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Eden
Hannah	Holstine	Johannes
Kavan	Langemeier	Larsen
Mastny	Reitmayer	Saalfeld (arrived 5:40)
Sabatka	Shelso	Johnson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bull	Jedlicka	Pieke
Sabata		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Gottschalk
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		
Rodney Verhoff, LPRCA		
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Soncksen gave the NRCS Report.

b. NARD Report

Director Langemeier updated the Directors about the NARD Legislative Conference.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmayer, to approve minutes from the January 12, 2004 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. MAGIC (Mid America GIS Conference)

Sabatka made the motion, seconded Reitmajer, to send two staff members to the Mid America GIS Conference to be held April 18-22 in Kansas City as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Water Conflicts - March 4-5 Lincoln

As previously approved the Water Conflicts conference will be held March 4-5 in Lincoln. The following Directors are registered: Johnson, Holstine, Johannes and Hannah.

b. Reports

1. National No-Till Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

2. GMDA Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes

3. NARD Legislative Conference

The NARD Legislative Conference was held January 27-28 in Lincoln. The most important item discussed was the report and subsequent bill from the Water Policy Task Force. Numerous bills were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting. Copies of outcome will be placed in all Directors boxes along with the Legislative Updates.

2. Management

a. Directors Absences

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are absence requests from Bull for November and Hannah for September, no action was taken.

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Rodney Verhoeff was present to highlight the January Alliance Report.

c. Bob Weaver Billing

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the Bob Weaver bill in the amount of \$1,195.83 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Election Filing Date Reminder

All Directors are reminded that they must file for reelection by February 17th. Non-incumbents have until March 1st to file. At this time all Directors have filed for reelection with the exception of Sabata.

e. 2004 NWRA Dues

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to pay the \$800 NWRA dues for 2004. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. University Lecture Series

A copy of the topics for this years University Lecture Series are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Any Director wishing to attend any of these Lectures is welcome to do so.

g. Dolezal Case

Recent action on Dolezal case:

- 1) The City of Wahoo and Saunders County have been released from the case,
- 2) The third amended complaint has been filed, and
- 3) A motion has been filed by Legal Counsel, Lindahl to dismiss Miyoshi from the case.

h. NRD Logo Coats

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that once again the District purchase jackets and pay 50% of the cost for any Directors or Staff wishing to have an NRD logo jacket. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

a. Resignation of Shaula Ross

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a resignation letter from Shaula Ross announcing she will be leaving the District as of February 6, 2004. The Board reviewed the position and agreed to promote Sousek to the vacant Water Resources Position and reallocate duties to see that all areas are covered. The Executive Committee will review this position in 60 days to determine if this change will work adequately for the District, rather than hire another employee at this time. The Board discussed for this situation to work the District may need to hire additional summer help, contract for additional assistance for the water department or hire part-time help to assist with Water Resources duties in the District. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to temporarily fill the vacant Water Resources Specialist position by promoting Mike Sousek and adjust the salary as recommended by Management. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Finance

a. Approval of December Financial Statement

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the December Financial report as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

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

B. OPERATION-EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve two Wildlife Habitat contracts for a total payment of \$1,005.

Frances Thompson	Saunders	22 acres	\$ 385	Expires
James Greer	Saunders	38 acres	\$ 620	Expires

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
Tree Program

b. Vehicle Replacement

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Holstine, to purchase a 2004 Chevy Tahoe off the State contract at a base price of \$27,997. It was further recommended to sell the 1998 Ford Expedition XLT. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve payment of \$3,000 to Ames Diking District for work completed on the Dike costing \$6,024.05. The work was recommended by the COE and FEMA. Staff has inspected the site with Mr. Grant Hansen. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education Activities

1. The Following Updates Were Given:

Mead Wildlife Class
NACEE
Shell Creek Brochures & Letterhead
Tree Brochure

b. Information Activities

The Following Updates Were Given:

Web Site Update
David City Wellhead Protection

6. TECHNOLOGY

No new business.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the February LPNNRD Operation-Education and Technology 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. The Following Reports Were Given:

Well Permits
Bellwood Phase 2 Area
Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area
Gary Prochaska Complaint
Livestock Waste Permits

b. Cost Share Programs

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve pivot conversion incentive payment to Dwaine Schmit for \$2,500.00 and to Harry Schmit for \$2,500.00. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Plugged Wells

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve cost share payment to decommission the four irrigation wells for Nancy Watters / Jim Poulas for \$516.72. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

Decommissioned Well Program
Wellhead Protection Areas
Rural Water Systems
Czechland Well
Livestock Well Sampling

3. OTHER

None

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Approval

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the following SWCP funding requests and payments:

EQIP Match (15%) on existing 1999 EQIP contracts:

<u>Dave Vrana</u>	<u>\$1,074.56</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile outlets</u>
<u>James Fujan</u>	<u>\$ 822.73</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile outlets</u>
<u>Tom Smaus</u>	<u>\$ 1,190.62</u>	<u>Terrace /Tile outlets</u>

Trees:

<u>Kevin Clark</u>	<u>\$ 425.60</u>
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Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. SWCP Cancellations

None

c. SWCP Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Approved</u>	
<u>Kevin Clark</u>	<u>\$ 425.60</u>	<u>\$ 425.60</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>03-S-20 Cihacek Bros. Farms</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,574.18</u>	<u>-\$ 2,425.82</u>
<u>03-S-19 Tony Divis (90%)</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,137.56</u>	<u>+\$ 137.56</u>
<u>03-S-18 John Brtek Trust(90%)</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>03-S-24 Joe Cihal</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,464.48</u>	<u>+\$ 464.48</u>
<u>03-B-42 Connie Bohaty</u>	<u>\$ 6,081.20</u>	<u>\$ 6,550.15</u>	<u>+\$ 468.95</u>
<u>03-S-15 Mark Kaspar (90%)</u>	<u>\$ 8,580.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,796.55</u>	<u>+\$ 216.55</u>
<u>03-S-26 David Sloup</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,591.71</u>	<u>+\$1,091.71</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Dam Deposit Return

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to return the \$500 small dam deposit to Tom Smaus (project complete). Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

Ne new business.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

None

4. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

None

5. OTHER

a. The Following Updates Were Given

- Pheasants Forever Banquet
- Wahoo Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee Meeting Update
- Update on Proposed COE 205 Studies
- Update on Newman Grove Science Club Grant

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

No new information.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Eden, to advertise for bids on the Phase I Fisheries component of the Sand Creek Project. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Johannes, Langemeier, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso, Johnson

NAY: Alm, Kavan

ABSTAIN: Larsen

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Murren reported that Papio/Missouri River NRD held two public hearings on landrights appraisals involved with the proposed levee project. There are 11 cabins on the LPNNRD side of the river and a like number on the PMRNRD side .

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, that the February LPNNRD Projects Committee 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 Shelso, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

		Payment	Approved	
03-S-27	Joe Kavan	\$6,874.93	\$6,976	-\$101.07
03-S-37	Dennis Brabec	\$1,306.62	\$2,772	-\$1,465.38
03-D-32	Lee Camenzind	\$2,404.70	\$2,104.74	+\$299.96

Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Johannes, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso, Johnson

ABSTAIN: Kavan

7.b. Abandoned Well Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve the following abandoned well payment:

 Kay Spencer \$248.20 Domestic Well

Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Johannes, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso, Johnson

ABSTAIN: Kavan

7.c. Accept Environment Trust Grant

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to accept Environment Trust Grant for Groundwater Quality and Quantity Protection Project and authorize Assistant Manager, Tom Mountford to sign all grant documents on behalf the District. Total equipment cost is \$14,915 with \$12,000 being reimbursed from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Johannes, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso, Johnson

ABSTAIN: Kavan

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Shelso 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2004. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary