

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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, February 8, 2010.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our February board meeting was published on January 21, 2010 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Vice-Chair Pieke 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	Hilger	Johannes
Kavan	Meduna	Pieke
Reitmajer	Renter	Sabatka
Taylor	Veskerna	Vrana

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Saalfeld	Hannah
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Angle
Oaklund	Becker	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

None

b. NRCS Report

Roger Reichmuth reviewed his written report.

c. NARD Report

Kavan commented on the Legislative Conference held January 26-27, 2010.

d. NRC Report

Director Johannes reported that the Commission Meeting was held in conjunction with the Legislative Conference.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Lisa Tholl gave a presentation on the history and local impacts caused by the Nebraska Ordnance Plant at Mead.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve minutes from the January 11, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Directors Workshop - Update Given

b. Reports - Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve Director Reitmajer absences from the October and November Board Meetings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment of \$2,750 to Bob Weaver for January services and bill LPSNRD and Papiro NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. NRCS Field Office Appraisal - Update Given

d. Monthly Education Program - Update Given

e. Election 2010 - Update Given

f. Committee Assignments - Update Given

3. Equipment - None

4. Personnel

- a. NRCS 319 Position - Update Given

5. Finance

- a. Approval of Financial Report

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

- b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the February LPNNRD 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 - Update Given

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given

- b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study - Update Given

- c. Czechland and Homestead Rec Areas - Update Given

- d. Invasive Weed Management - Update Given

- e. New Vehicle

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to purchase a 2010 Chevy Silverado 1500LS Crew Cab off of a State Contract for \$23,068 from Sid Dillon in Wahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

- f. Conservation Trees - Update Given

- g. No-Till Grass Drill Revenue - Update Given

- h. Other - Update Given

I. Financial Statements - Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. New Applications - Update Given

b. Payment Requests

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the City of North Bend \$500 for maintenance work completed on their levee pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. KTIC Ads - Update Given

2. Viaduct - Update Given

3. Long Range Plan - Update Given

b. Education

1. Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to authorize up to \$1,800 to purchase Soil and Water Stewardship materials for area schools and churches for 2010. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Computer

1. Windows 7 Upgrades - Update Given

2. New Computers - Update Given

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Update Given

b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to write off the \$79.44 due for water service for LPNRWD account number 63. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to require a \$100 deposit for all new customers and rental accounts before service is granted. This deposit will be held for two years, after which it will be returned or applied to a customers account. If, in the two year period the customer is late with a payment the two year time period starts over. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the attached invoice from M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,854.91 for repair work completed on the Colon Water System. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Abie - Update Given

d. Bellwood/Richland - Update Given

e. Other - Update Given

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the February 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 Area

a. Monthly Variance Requests

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the variance request for Irene Martischang for 75 new irrigated acres from a proposed new well in NE1/4, Section 4, T19N, R3W, Platte County and the variance request for Maynard Flamme for 62.9 new irrigated acres from a proposed new well in NE1/4, Section 34, T18N, R5E, Dodge County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Variance Request from the December 15, 2009 Deadline - Update Given

c. Variance Request from the September 15, 2009 Deadline - Update Given

2. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given

b. Water Use Reports

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that due to recent snow storms and the resulting snow drifts burying well heads or access roads that the LPNNRD allow a 45 day extension of the January 31st deadline to report water use reports. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given

c. Water Mark Sensors and ET Gauges

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to fund \$21,420 over a three year period (\$11,420 for year one) for the Extension education expenses for the Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Demonstration Network (NAWMDN). Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Bailey, Boyd, Casey, Eden, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Reitmajer, Renter, Sabatka, Veskerna, Vrana
ABSTAIN: Taylor

4. LPNNRD Certification Classes - Update Given

5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area- Update Given

7. Phase 2 Fertilizer Reports - Update Given

8. 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

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve cost share payment to decommission two domestic wells for Rudolph Svododa for \$423.00. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model - Update Given

2. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM)

3. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) - Update Given

4. Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping - Update Given

c. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead

3. OTHER

a. Senator Haar's Meeting - Update Given

b. December Water Programs Budget - Update Given

c. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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 Applications Approvals

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP application:

	<u>75%</u>
<u>Steve Gehring Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$ 595.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	<u>Approved \$</u>	<u>Payment</u>
<u>09-B-24 Eleanor Svoboda Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$ 9,592.47</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<u>09-P-44 Louis Welch W/S Basins & Tile</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals - None

e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payments - None

f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Locally Led Landowner Groups

1. Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group (SWIG)- Update Given

3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following conservation plan revision:

<u>County Office</u>	<u>Landowners Name</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>New -or- Rev.</u>	<u>Description Plan</u>
<u>Boone</u>	<u>Jeff Temme</u>	<u>NE 22-18-7</u>	<u>106.8</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>outdated plan</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve and budget \$22,046 over the next two fiscal years for the LiDAR Coverage of the Lower Platte River Corridor . Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. OTHER

a. Update on COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

b. District-Wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Boyd, to authorize the Chair to sign the resolution as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes allowing the Village of Richland to participate in our District Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT

a. Contract Payments

1. Commercial Contractors

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment request No. 14 to Commercial Contractors, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes for Lake Wanahoo Dam Construction in the amount of \$ 125,426.33 and use SRF funds to pay. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. NDEQ Grants Available for Recreation Components - Update Given

c. Appraisal Services for Seven Upstream Dams - Update Given

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

a. Project Update - Update Given

b. Appraisal Services for Western Sarpy/Clear Creek (WS/CC) Project - Update Given

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to accept and place on file the February Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Steam Gauge Payment to USGS

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to authorize payment of the USGS bill as attached for the Wahoo Creek Stream Gage, the Johnson Creek Gage, the Shell Creek Gage and the first quarter Shell Creek Sampling Gage in the amount of \$39,080. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. Wilke Variance Request

Tim Wilke has filed a variance for a new irrigation well and to expand irrigated acres. In the NW ¼ of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 1 East of Platte County. Tim is requesting to add a new well that will irrigate 130 total acres of which 15 would be gravity irrigated and 115 would be irrigated by a pivot. Of those 130 acres, 95 acres have been groundwater irrigated at least two of the last ten years, 18 acres have a current surface water appropriation, 4 have a separate surface water appropriation that is current but is currently in CRP, and 13 acres have not been groundwater irrigated and does not have a current surface water appropriation. The 13 acre portion that has not been groundwater irrigated and does not have a current surface water appropriation, did formerly have a surface water appropriation but was cancelled in 1992. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Vrana, to grant a variance for expansion of irrigated acres to Tim Wilke for 13 acres in the NW ¼ of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 1 East of Platte County. It was further recommended that he must relinquish his surface water appropriation as a condition of receiving this variance. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7c. Western/Sarpy-Thomas Lake Land Right Approvals

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve payment to Robin and Mary Jackson at the appraised price for easement acquisition as part of land rights needed for the WS/CC Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7d. Nebraska No-Till Financial Support - Attachment

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve supporting the Nebraska No-Till Conference, February 17th at the ARDC in the amount of \$1,200. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7e. Commercial Contractors Payment - Attachment

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to make payment #15 to Commercial Contractors in the amount of \$32,524.05 for work completed on the Wanahoo Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7f. Approval of Appraisal Services for 7 Upstream Dams

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve hiring the low bidder for obtaining appraisals for the 7 Upstream Dams who is Dwight Johnson Company (Gary Hassebrook) from Lincoln in the total amount of \$39,850 for the 36 tracts needed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7g. SWCP Payments

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve the following SWCP Payment:

09-B-03 Larry Walla Flow Meter \$ 667.71

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7h. Game and Park Sport Fish Restoration Grant Amendment - Attachment

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to amend the Lake Wanahoo Sport Fish Restoration Grant with Nebraska Game and Parks to include an additional \$75,000 (plus

\$25,000 local match) for the addition of two handicap piers, that Game and Parks designs be used and updated by Olsson Associates and that the project be let for bid under the normal LPNNRD bidding procedure. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the 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 Thursday, March 11, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 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 February 8, 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