

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2001**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:40 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, January 8, 2001.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than December 28, 2000. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

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| Bull | Daufeldt | Grueber (left 6:20) |
| Johannes | Johnson | Kavan |
| Langemeier | Mastny | Nelson |
| Sabatka | Sendgraff | Shelso |
| McDermott | Wilke (arrived 5:55) | |

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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| Bailey | Jedlicka (GMDA) | Saalfeld (GMDA) |
| Sabata | | |

STAFF AND GUESTS:

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| Miyoshi | Mountford | Breunig |
| Murren | Gottschalk | |
| Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper | | |
| Loren Lindahl | | |
| Scott Daniel | | |

2.a. Oath of Office

The following Directors read the Oath of Office: Dave Shelso, Greg Wilke, Ron Sabatka, Jim McDermott and Ervin Bull.

2.b. Election of Officers

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Grueber nominated Greg Wilke as Chair of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2001.

Grueber made the motion, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Greg Wilke. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Grueber nominated Jane Daufeldt as Vice-Chair of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2001.

Johannes made the motion, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jane Daufeldt. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Grueber nominated Dean Johnson as Secretary of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2001.

Grueber made the motion, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Johannes, Kavan, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, McDermott

ABSTAIN: Johnson

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Grueber nominated Clint Johannes as Treasurer of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2001.

Sabatka made the motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Clint Johannes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, McDermott

ABSTAIN: Johannes

Director Kavan stressed the importance of each Director to make it to Committee and Board Meetings. He reminded them that they were elected by the public to represent that area.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Attached to the Board Packets was the NRCS Report by Brad Soncksen.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve minutes from the December 11, 2000 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NACD National Convention - attachment

NACD has informed the LPNNRD that we have won a "District Outreach Award" for our Wellhead Protection effort in Schuyler. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve expenses as

attached to the Executive Committee Minutes, for McKenzie Barry to attend the Annual NACD Conference to receive the District award. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absences

None Received.

b. Platte River Corridor Alliance

The following Platte River Corridor Alliance Updates were given:

- Quarterly Meeting
- Herbicide Study Meeting Minutes
- Inter-Governmental Meeting

c. Integrating Surface Water Data

The District in cooperation with the GIS Steering Committee, is preparing an application to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission for funding hydro logic unit mapping for Salt/Wahoo Creek. The Salt Creek portion of the new HUC codes is completed for that portion residing in Lancaster County. The draft copy of the project summary is attached. The full application will come before the entire Board for consideration in February.

d. Lake Wanahoo Update

1. Study Review

The Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project application has been signed in Washington DC by General Flowers. A flurry of activity took place in late December, Murren and Miyoshi spent many hour working with the COE in Omaha, Portland and Washington as well as the Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, Denver and Washington and the Regional EPA office in Kansas City. COE Headquarters have asked for an optimization of the Environmental Benefits to the project. This should be completed within the next 4 - 6 weeks.

2. Nieveen Case

Miyoshi and Murren gave depositions in December concerning the Nieveen case.

3. Shooting Range Petition

The District has received a petition signed by thirty-two landowners in the area of the Sand Creek Project. The petition urges the District to not allow the shooting range to be constructed as part of the Sand Creek Project.

e. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project Update

The Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project was signed by General Flowers authorizing the project to be constructed. There are some items that still need to be decided before the project will be fully funded. The Omaha COE office will be working on those necessary items.

f. Legislation

1. Sales Tax Proposal

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of the sales tax proposal for conservation in Nebraska. The proposal will dedicate one quarter cent of sales tax and divide it among different conservation needs and interest across the state.

2. WRDA Project Funding

State funding for the three Nebraska WRDA projects is being sought. Representatives from the LPSNRD, PMRNRD and LPNNRD are meeting with State Senators to put together a funding package for the State needs.

g. Bob Weaver Bill

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of the September billing from Bob Weaver. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay the Bob Weaver bill in the amount of \$2,479.17. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Sponsorship of GMDA Break

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the LPNNRD sponsor a break at GMDA at a cost not to exceed \$100. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

a. Director Computer Project

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are quotes to complete the Director Computer Project for hardware needs. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to set up a sub-committee to work with staff to develop final specifications for the Director Computer Project. Motion carried. Chairman Wilke appointed the following Directors to serve on the Sub-Committee: Johnson, Shelso and Langemeier

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Mastny, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke, McDermott

NAY: Nelson

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the November Financial Statements as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Authorize Current Treasurer to Sign Checks through 1-31-01

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize Dean Johnson to remain as Treasurer of District until the bonding can be changed, it is anticipated that this will be in place by approximately January 31, 2001. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the January 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

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve five WHIP contracts at a total payment of \$2,885.

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| <u>Scanlon Bros.</u> | <u>Saunders</u> | <u>56 acres</u> | <u>\$980</u> |
| <u>Roger Nelson</u> | <u>Colfax</u> | <u>25 acres</u> | <u>\$375</u> |
| <u>Herb Syring</u> | <u>Butler</u> | <u>47 acres</u> | <u>\$705</u> |
| <u>James Chambers</u> | <u>Butler</u> | <u>40 acres</u> | <u>\$600</u> |
| <u>Layton Anderson</u> | <u>Madison</u> | <u>15 acres</u> | <u>\$225</u> |

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Czechland Silt Dam and Sediment Removal System
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North and West Branch Studies
- ✓ Southeast Fremont Drainage
- ✓ Tree Program
- ✓ No-Till Grass Drill

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to allocate \$2,000 to the City of North Bend for assistance in their repairs to the North Bend Dike. 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:

- * Wellhead Protection Award
- * Fall Viaduct
- * Public Service Announcements
- * Envirothon Website

b. Annual Report

Bull made the motion, seconded by Johnson, Grueber, to allocate \$6,500 for printing of the 2000 annual report. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the January LPNNRD Operation and Education Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☞ Manure Testing and Software Cost Share
- ☞ Well Permits
- ☞ Nitrogen Certification Classes
- ☞ Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-Share
- ☞ Chemigation
- ☞ Livestock Waste Permits
- ☞ N-Serve Demonstration Plot

b. Vadose Zone Sampling

Staff proposes that this year's sampling be done on manured fields as part of a University Study. The NRD has budgeted \$4900 for this project. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to request bid proposals for vadose zone sampling to be opened at 1:00 pm on February 12th, 2001 the day of the Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve cost share payment to decommission the domestic well for Lorene Sullivan for \$312.11, a domestic well for Campbell Family Farms for \$122.74 and a domestic well for Edward Koutny for \$153.00. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Groundwater Quality - Platte Valley
- * Mead NOP

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the January LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Approve SWCP Payments

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

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| <u>75%</u> | <u>15%</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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Sinking Funds:

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| 00-S-46 Mark Kaspar | \$9,193.71 | \$1,838.74 | \$11,032.45 |
| 00-S-49 William Sedlacek | \$9,905.69 | \$1,981.14 | \$11,886.83 |
| 00-S-48 Tom Sedlacek | \$9,593.52 | \$1,918.70 | \$11,512.22 |

State Funds:

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| 00-B-64 JMV Farms | \$2,062.72 | | \$ 2,062.72 |
| 00-C-74 Jerome Herink | \$5,340.18 | | \$ 5,340.18 |
| 00-C-86 Jim Spale | \$5,915.06 | \$1,183.01 | \$ 7,098.07 |
| | <u>(Above Camp Luther)</u> | | |
| 00-S-20 Jerry Newsham | \$4,629.56 | | \$ 4,629.56 |
| 00-S-25 Tom Sherman | \$154.34 | | \$ 154.34 |

Payments to those w/signed letters:

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| 00-S-54 Don Chvatal | \$9,262.37 | | \$ 9,262.37 |
| 00-S-53 Leonard Chmelka | \$11,000 | | \$11,000.00 |
| 00-S-52 Joe Vrana | \$2,404.00 | | \$ 2,404.00 |

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Camp Moses Merrill Small Dam Application final approval: \$8,500

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Camp Moses Merrill small dam application for up to 75% cost-share and \$8,500 maximum assistance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Pat Shanahan Small Dam Application Extension Request - Dave Shanahan

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to grant an extension to Pat Shanahan (Contract 97-S-01) until July 1, 2001, to complete construction of his dam. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Extensions/Cancellations of SWCP Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to cancel SWCP contracts 00-Bo-92 (Lee), 00-B-18 (Homan) and to allow extensions until May 1, 2001, on remaining projects as listed on the SWCP report as attached to the projects Committee Minutes. Recommendation carried on consent agenda.

e. Application approvals:

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following CIP and SWCP applications:

CRP Incentive Program:

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| George Menke - Platte | \$ 25.06 |
| Herbert Luchsingen - Platte | \$ 39.60 |
| Richard Brock - Platte | \$183.93 |

SWCP - Planned grazing system:

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| Fred Benesch - Butler | \$ 725.00 |
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

✂ Homestead Lake

✂ Skull Creek Dam Site 31

3. FSA, EQIP and CRP PLANS SIGNED

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following signed conservation plan:
Jerry L. Barger - Saunders Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

a. Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to administer funds for the promotion of conservation practices and programs.
Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ✓ Colfax County Road Dam Request
- ✓ RC&D Minutes

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Update on the January 3 Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting

Murren gave a report on the January 2, 2001 Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the January LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Approval of Addendum 1 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement - GIS System

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve Addendum 1 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for creation and maintenance of a NRD Regional GIS System for the purpose of education and public information in the areas of land use, water quality, flood management and inter-governmental cooperation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Director Vacancy - Sub-District 1

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Bull, to declare a vacancy for in Sub-District 1. Motion carried all members voting aye. Ken Thomson was elected to fill the position in sub-district 1, but due to a job conflict he will be unable to fill this position. Chairman Wilke appointed the following Directors to serve on Search Committee to recommend qualified candidates to the Board: Shelso, Johnson and Sendgraff.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Johnson 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

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the January consent agenda as amended.

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

At this time the Board took a recess. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Sendgraff, to go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss the Nieveen case. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Bull, to go out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2001. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary