

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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, January 14, 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than January 2, 2002. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Eden
Grueber (arrived 6:00)	Johannes	Johnson
Kavan	Langemeier	Mastny
McDermott	Nelson	Saalfeld
Sabata (arrived 5:55)	Sabatka	Shelso
Wilke		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jedlicka (GMDA)	Reitmajer	Sendgraff (GMDA)
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		Brad Soncksen, Saunders County NRCS
Ron Larsen		Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper

2.a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Sabatka nominated Greg Wilke as Chair of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2002.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Chair - Greg Wilke. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Sabatka nominated Dean Johnson as Vice-Chair of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2002.

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Johannes, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Vice-chair, Dean Johnson. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Sabatka nominated Clint Johannes as Secretary of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2002.

Bull made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for

Secretary, Clint Johannes. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Sabatka nominated Lumir Jedlicka as Treasurer of the LPNNRD Board of Directors for 2002.

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that nomination cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Treasurer, Lumir Jedlicka. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Soncksen was present and gave a report.

b. NARD Report

Don Kavan reminded all the Directors of the upcoming Legislative Conference January 29-30, 2002 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

At this time Jim McDermott announced that he will be resigning his position with the Board effective January 31, 2002. His job has been interfering with his work as an NRD Director and felt he was letting down his constituents. The Board thanked Jim for his 19 years of service to the District.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept Jim McDermott resignation and declare a vacancy in Sub-District 8. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilke appointed a Search Committee which will include all the Saunders County Directors: Sabatka (Chair), Bull, Nelson, Kavan, Reitmajer.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve minutes from the December 10, 2001 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings - Pending

a. NARD Legislative Conference

The NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 29-30, 2002 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the District send up to 9 staff members to the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. NARD Washington DC Effort

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the District authorize two staff and two directors

to attend the NARD Washington, DC effort March 16-20. Motion carried on consent agenda. Those attending include: Wilke, Langemeier, Miyoshi and Mountford.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absence

None

b. Organizational Dues

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to pay dues to the following three organizations: NACD - \$1,750; GMDA - \$250; Great Plains RC&D - \$150. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

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

d. Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project

1. Update

Miyoshi gave an update on the recent trip to Washington, DC by himself and Murren to support the Sand Creek Project. Further details are attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

2. Amendment to Design Agreement

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Bull, to ratify signing of Amendment 1 to the Design Agreement for the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project at a total cost \$20,000. \$5,000 will come from local sources (to be paid by excess funds from previous portions of the study) and \$15,000 from the COE. It was further recommended to authorize signing of Amendment 2 to the Design Agreement, and authorize up to \$5,000 of local money again to be matched by \$15,000 of COE funds. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Option to Purchase - Scheerer Tract

The District has an option to purchase the Scheerer tract as part of the Sand Creek Project. Because construction has been delayed, a one year extension was agreed upon between Scheerer and the District. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to authorize signing of the extension for the "option to purchase" on the Scheerer Tract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Piping Plover Listing

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is an interlocal agreement for the Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition. This group made up of NRD's, Public Power and Irrigation Districts and other interested parties and its purpose is to oppose the blanket designation for the piping plover. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to inform the Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition of the Districts intent to be part of the group and that the completed interlocal agreement be presented to the Board for approval at a future date. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Recognition Banquet Date and Location

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the Recognition Banquet once again be held after the December Board Meeting and at the Fremont Golf Club and that the Board reconsider time and location again for 2003. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Review of Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable 90 days over due are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to write off the \$25 debt from Jim McDermott dated February 29, 2000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. IRS Mileage Rate

The IRS Mileage Rate changed to 36½¢/mile effective January 1, 2002.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, 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 - WHIP

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve five WHIP/WILD NE contract payments

for a total payment of \$2,885.

<u>James Chambers</u>	<u>\$600</u>	<u>Herb Syring</u>	<u>\$705</u>
<u>Scanlon Bros.</u>	<u>\$980</u>	<u>Layton Anderson</u>	<u>\$225</u>
<u>Roger Nelson</u>	<u>\$375</u>		

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Contract Request

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the cancellation request of Dennis

Holubar, contract 92-3-44. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. New Contract

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve a Wild NE contract for Wayne Loseke in Platte County for 1.5 acres and a transition payment of \$100.80. 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 Replacement

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to purchase a 2002 ½ Ton Chevy Silverado 4x4 pickup through the State of Nebraska's Purchasing Bureau Contract at an estimated price of \$18,652.77. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, McDermott, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Langemeier

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Applications

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve a bank stabilization allocation and payment for Nickolite Ranch Inc., Butler Co. Platte River for \$2,000 and a payment to Dean Arps, Dodge Co. Platte River for \$1,147.50 pending inspection by staff. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * Fremont Brochures
- * I & E Staff Group
- * LPRCA Newsletter
- * Viaduct

b. Annual Report

Costs for the 2002 Annual Report will be approximately \$5,500 for printing and \$1,500 for insertion in area newspapers for 30,000 copies. The format of the report will remain the same (four pages in color). Mastny made the motion, seconded by Bull, to authorize up to \$7,000 for printing and inserting the Annual

Report in area newspapers. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. NACEE Conference Request

NACEE (Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education) is holding its first conference on April 12-13th in Kearney. They are asking member organizations to provide financial support. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to provide \$100 in financial support to the NACEE Conference. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. No-Till Demonstration Program

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to provide funding for bringing Jim Kinsella to the ARDC using EQIP educational funds from the Wahoo Creek Watershed Project, up to a maximum of \$1,200. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, 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. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

For 2001 the NRD has approved 59 new well permits.

2. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ☞ Chemigation
- ☞ Saunders County -vs- MUD
- ☞ Livestock Waste Permits
- ☞ Nitrogen Certification Classes
- ☞ Calibration Meters and Distribution Manifold Cost-Share

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Greg Kriekemeier for \$330.12 and a irrigation well for Daryl Kallweit for \$537.23. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- ★ Wellhead Protection Areas
- ★ Well Registrations
- ★ David City Rural Water System

c. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

JEO is requesting initial payment of \$3,000.00 for their feasibility study of the Wahoo water system to determine if it can meet the demands as a water provider for a rural water system (see attached). Cost of the entire study is \$11,500.00. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve payment

of \$3,000.00 to JEO for the feasibility study for the potential Wahoo Rural Water System. Recommendation Carried.*

Hottovy & Associates is also requesting initial payment of \$2,400 and \$3,600 for their feasibility study of water usage of Weston and Malmo, and proposed pipeline routes Cost of the entire study is \$12,000.00. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve payment of \$2,400 and \$3,600 to Hottovy & Associates for their feasibility study of the potential Wahoo Rural Water System. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Payments:

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

		<u>75%</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>01-S-38</u>	<u>Delford (Gene) Brandt</u>	<u>\$ 10,904.22</u>	<u>\$2,180.84</u>
<u>01-C-28</u>	<u>W&D Wendt</u>	<u>\$ 1,018.14</u>	
<u>01-S-41</u>	<u>Mark Kaspar</u>	<u>\$ 5,690.65</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Application Extensions

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

<u>01-S-23</u>	<u>Jerrold Jenkins</u>	<u>\$1,700.00</u>	<u>Basin/ext</u>
<u>01-S-35</u>	<u>Doug Bartek</u>	<u>\$2,290.00</u>	<u>Pivot Conv</u>
<u>01-S-36</u>	<u>Richard Nygren</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>Pivot Conv</u>
<u>01-P-37</u>	<u>James Noonan</u>	<u>\$2,075.00</u>	<u>Pivot Conv</u>
<u>01-S-39</u>	<u>John Brk Trust (Site 2)</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-42</u>	<u>R & R Paseka (Site 3)</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-44</u>	<u>Joe Vrana (Site 15)</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-45</u>	<u>Larry Yost</u>	<u>\$9,500.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-47</u>	<u>Neil Schilke</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>Basins</u>
<u>01-S-48</u>	<u>James Brazda</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-49</u>	<u>Edensburg Lutheran Church</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-50</u>	<u>Arnold Johnson</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-51</u>	<u>Kenneth Johnson</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-52</u>	<u>Larry Johnson</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-53</u>	<u>Gary Ladenburger</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-54</u>	<u>Eugene McDaniels</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-S-55</u>	<u>Tom Roberts</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>Terr.</u>
<u>01-Bo-30</u>	<u>Dennis McCloud</u>	<u>\$1,255.00</u>	<u>Basin/riser</u>
<u>01-Bo-31a</u>	<u>Orrin Strand</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>riser</u>
<u>01-Bo-31b</u>	<u>Orrin Strand</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>riser</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed - Site #55 (Homestead Lake)

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve the \$13,762.45 fencing bill from Lacey Construction after a favorable staff project inspection with the contractor. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the following list of conservation plans:

<u>Norman Luetkenhaus</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>Gary Yindrick</u>	<u>Butler</u>
<u>Kenneth Rohwer</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>Doris Botsch</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>David Schmidt</u>	<u>Butler</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

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

5. Other

a. Request for Sponsorship/Assistance of Soil Quality Meeting

Mountford said that Steve Huber with the Butler County NRCS is requesting our help with a Soil Quality Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2002, at the First & Ten Lounge in Bellwood. Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to help sponsor the March 5, 2002, Soil Quality Meeting in Bellwood, by providing up to \$50 for coffee, pop and rolls. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

An update was given by Miyoshi at Board Meeting.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

An update was given by Miyoshi at the Board Meeting.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Miyoshi discussed the current activities.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payments:

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following SWCP payments:

<u>Mark Kaspar - Site 6</u>	<u>\$1,338.13</u>	<u>15% Sand/Duck Creek</u>
<u>Roger Fujan</u>	<u>\$1,479.90</u>	<u>15% EQIP</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

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

Dean Johnson, Secretary