

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2006

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, January 9, 2006.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than December 29, 2005. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm (left 6:50 p.m.)	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Hilger
Holstine	Jedlicka	Johnson
Kavan (left 6:45 p.m.)	Koertner	Larsen
Mastny	Pieke	Reitmajer
Sabatka	Johannes	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Saalfeld	Schmid
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Gottschalk
Angle		

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

None

b. NRCS Report

Soncksen reported while federal funding remains close to the same for conservation programs, funding has been cut from the F.Y. 07 Federal Budget for technician assistance.

c. NARD Report

Johnson reported on upcoming the Legislative Conference later this month.

d. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

e. Education Program

None

f. Report from Nominating Sub-Committee

Director Sabatka reported that the Nominating Sub-Committee met and recommends the current office holders be retained for one more year. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Clint Johannes, Chair; Lumir Jedlicka, Vice-Chair; Ted Bailey, Secretary; Ron Larsen, Treasurer and Dean Johnson NARD Representative. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve minutes from the December 12, 2005 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Item 6.D.6.a. was discussed at this time. Mike Sotak from Olsson and Associates was present to outline and answer any questions associated with the Sand Creek Design Contact.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. No-Till Conference - Salina, KS

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to authorize up to two Directors and one Staff to attend the No-Till on the Plain Conference, January 30-31. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. NARD Washington, DC Conference

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to authorize Miyoshi, Johannes, Mountford and Larsen to attend the NARD Annual Washington, DC Conference and allow Miyoshi and Johannes to attend two days prior to make necessary contacts with congressional staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports

None

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence - None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Monthly Report

Verhoeff was present to give his December LPRCA Monthly report.

Working Committees

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find a list of working Committees the

Alliance is setting up. If you have potential names to fill the positions, please let staff or Rodney know.

Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Summit - Update Given

c. Bob Weaver Bill

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve paying four hours of the Weaver bill which would amount to \$700. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. 2006 Election - Update Given

e. Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition (Piping Plover)

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve paying the Nebraska Habitat Coalition (Piping Plover) dues in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Nebraska Water Resources Association

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve paying the NWRA dues for 2006 in the amount of \$825. Motion carried on consent agenda..

g. National Association of Conservation Districts

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve paying the NACD dues for 2006 in the amount of \$1,775. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Procedure for Hiring Consultants - Update Given

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of the LPNNRD normal operating procedure for hiring consultants.

i. Board Size and Sub-Committee - Update Given

j. Technical Service Provider

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement to Administer USDA-NRCS Funds for Technical Service Providers among Participating NRD'S. Motion carried on consent agenda.

k. New Articles and Letters to the Editor

Dozens of news articles and letters to the editors have been printed this past month. Pressure is building on how the legislature will fund water deficiencies in the Republican basin and L.B. 962 activities. Staff will attempt to keep directors current on these articles.

l. January Education Program - Update Given

m. 2006 Annual Banquet Location - Update Given

3. Equipment

None

4. Personnel

None

5. Finance

a. November Financial Statements

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the November Financial Statements as distributed to Directors. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

None

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the January LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve two wildlife habitat contracts, Roger Nelson \$375, and Wayne Loseke \$100.80 at a total payment of \$475.80. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Report Given

b. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Report Given

c. South Fremont 205 Study

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to pay the NE Department of Natural Resources \$2,553.44 for contour mapping on the north and west side of Fremont as part of the Fremont South 205 contract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Rawhide Creek Ditch 8 at Diers - Report Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 Cleaning - Report Given

f. Grass Drill Platte County - Report Given

g. Conservation Tree Program - Report Given

h. Office Carpeting Cost

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve payment of \$4,637.43 for carpet, glue, cove, hardware and installation in the Board Room, Library and three offices. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Heimann has contacted the Mayor of Yutan and ask for assistance in finding the property lines associated with this complaint. The District is asking the City and the homeowners to hire a surveyor to find this boundary. Utilities will also have to be located. The landowner in violation is willing to work out a solution.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education

1. Land Judging Steering Committee - Report Given

b. Information

1. Recognition Banquet - Report Given

2. LPRCA Website - Report Given

3. NARD Displays - Report Given

4. Annual Report

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve up to \$1,500 for printing and distribution of the LPNNRD 2005 Annual Report. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Abie/Linwood - Report Given

b. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Report Given

c. Colon / Wahoo Rural Water System - Report Given

d. Richland / Columbus Rural Water System - Report Given

e. Cedar Bluffs - Report Given

f. Other - Report Given

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the January LPNNRD Operation-Education 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. Well Permits

The total number approved permits for 2005 is 209

2. Cost-Share Programs Reports

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given

3. Nitrogen Certification - Update Given

4. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

5. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Ground Water Management Area Options

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to start a LPNNRD Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Stakeholders Committee representing the following interests: surface water irrigators (1), ground water irrigators (3 with 1 to be from Turf Grass production), municipalities (2), counties (1), livestock producers (1), industries (1 from packing plants, 1 from ethanol plants), environmental interests (1), financial institutions (1), economic development (1), ranchers (1), well drillers (1), crop consultant (1) and farm manager (1) for a total of 17 members and to seek a representative from the Department of Natural Resources to attend these meetings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve cost share payment to decommission the domestic well for Wilbert Hohndorf for \$356.05, a stock well for Gary Proskovec for \$377.69 and a stock well for Mike Chvatal for \$315.72. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Well Head Protection Areas

1. Prague - Update Given

2. Ashland - Update Given

c. LPNNRD Monitoring Wells - Update Given

d. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead - Update Given

e. University Clean Up Efforts At ARDC

1. University Monitoring Wells - Update Given

2. University Nuclear Reactor - Update Given

f. MUD and Landowners Survey

1. MUD Monitoring Wells - Update Given

2. Landowners Survey - Update Given

g. Star Breeding livestock Monitoring Wells - Update Given

3. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public - Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Cancellations & Extensions

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following SWCP cancellation:

05-C-48 Mike Dvorak (Will re-apply for Summer '06 work.)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Approvals

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following SWCP approvals:

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>05-S-38</u>	<u>M. Swanson</u>	<u>\$ 2,700</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>+\$ 2,300</u>
<u>05-S-22</u>	<u>G. Chmelka</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>+\$ 4,000</u>
<u>05-B-43</u>	<u>J. Vandenberg</u>	<u>\$ 8,988</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>	<u>+\$ 2,512</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Payments

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>As Built</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>+/-</u>
05-S-29 Terry Kubik	\$20,000	\$20,660.16	\$20,000	-0-
05-S-24 Joe Cihal	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,537.30	\$ 4,537.30	(-\$ 462 .70)
05-S-37 R. Sedlacek	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,782 .05	\$ 8,782.05	+\$ 582 .05
05-S-23 Curtis Cihal	\$12,800	\$12,842 .71	\$12,842.71	+\$ 842 .71
05-DC-47 Larry Johnson		\$2,965.20	\$2,965.20	
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$49,126.55</u>		

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

None

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUPS

a. Shell Creek Improvement Group - Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Cedar Bluffs Drainage Improvement Project Request

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve a \$3,950 cost share payment (50% of \$7,900) to the Village of Cedar Bluffs toward their drainage improvement project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

3. North Bend 205 - Update Given

c. Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society Dues

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve paying dues at the \$250 benefactor level for our Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society membership. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. NARD Legislative Conference - January 24-25 - Update Given

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Project Design and Observation Proposal from Olsson Associates and Phase I

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the Board Chair to sign a \$1,750,000 contract with Olsson Associates for design and observation associated with construction and project observation of Lake Wanahoo and the upstream sediment/wetland structure components of the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration

Project. It was further recommended that Olsson's be approved to start with Phase I of the contract which includes preliminary design and preparation of the NRDF application at a cost of \$10,000. Each phase of this contract will be individually approved by the Board before funds may be spent on that phase. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Snitily Wetland Report

We have received the final \$32,000 payment from Pheasants Forever for retaining the former Snitily property for future youth hunting/mentor programs. We received a total of \$92,000 from PF for keeping the property for this purpose.

c. Final Landrights Option Payment on the Scheerer Tract

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the final option payment of \$88,004.36 for prior landrights obtained on the Scheerer tract associated with the Sand Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

a. Payment for Cabin Removals

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve paying Dave Rood \$18,000 for removing three cabins associated with the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payments

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

05-S-38	Mike Swanson	\$5,071.16	
05-S-43	John Vandenberg	\$11,415.95	
05-S-22	Geraldine Chmelka	\$13,798.62	
	Total	\$30,285.73	Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Holstine, Johnson, Koertner, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmayer, Sabatka, Johannes

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

7.b. Decommissioned Well

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmayer, to approve the following decommissioned well payments:

David and Janice Odvody	\$527.79	
Lumir Jedlicka	\$339.44	
Lloyd Konecky	\$337.07	Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Holstine, Johnson, Koertner, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Johannes

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the 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 13, 2006, 5:30 p.m. Lower Platte North NRD Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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 January 9, 2006, 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.

Ted Bailey, Secretary