

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
JULY 12, 2004

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, July 12, 2004.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than July 1, 2004. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Eden
Hannah	Holstine	Jedlicka
Johannes	Kavan	Larsen
Pieke	Reitmayer	Saalfeld
Sabata (arrived 8:00)	Sabatka	Shelso
Johnson		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Angle
Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA		
Brad Soncksen, Saunders County NRCS		
Chuck Folsom, Fremont		
Kirk Brand, Nickerson		
Jack Mulliken, Nickerson		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Soncksen was present and updated the Board on EQIP.

b. NARD Report

No Report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve minutes from the June 14, 2004 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## 6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### 1. Meetings

##### a. Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a GMDA Summer Conference report from Johannes.

#### 2. Management

##### a. Directors Absences

None

##### b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

###### June Report

Verhoeff gave the June Report during the Board Meeting.

###### Payment for Flood Plain Meetings

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the Platte River Corridor Alliance bill for Flood Plain Meetings in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### c. Don Blankenau Bill

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a bill for \$825 from Don Blankenau for work on the Lake Wanahoo Water Rights in conjunction with Loren Lindahl.

##### d. Report on Staff "COPE" TOM Event

The District staff participated in the Boys Scouts of America "COPE" Course on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The team building experience was positive for all employees and was a good bonding effort.

##### e. Bob Weaver Bill

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the Bob Weaver Bill in the amount of \$1,207.50. Motion carried on consent agenda.

#### 3. Equipment

No new business.

#### 4. Personnel

##### a. Health Insurance Changes

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of the new health insurance rates through NARD. All District staff have until January 1, 2005 to be mandatorily covered under the NARD Health Insurance Plan. Staff is preparing a comparative pricing report from Inspro in Wahoo.

#### 5. Finance

##### a. Approval of May Financial Statement

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the May Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

The accounts receivable were reviewed by the Executive Committee.

d. Budget

Executive Committee discussed the F.Y. 05 budget as currently presented a detailed explanation occurred at the 6:00 p.m. Budget Workshop.

f. Other Items

a. Re-Subdistricting

Discussion took place on the District re-subdistricting to meet the proposed 1 to 1 ratio requirement. Staff was directed to begin an initial look at this problem. The process is being driven by Senator Chris Beutler who pushing for all NRD's to be at a 1 to 1 ratio. Currently only three Districts in the state are over a 2 to 1 ratio one of those being LPNNRD who is at a 2.77 to 1 ratio.

b. Potential Office Site

At a previous Board Meeting a recommendation was adopted that the District reserve 20 acres on the Lake Wanahoo Site for possible future office site. Directors are asked for their input where this location should be.

c. MUD Motion from June Board Meeting

At the June Board Meeting a motion was passed to issue MUD 18 well permits. One portion of that motion included formation of an Education Committee to work with MUD and the surrounding governing bodies and landowners. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to amend the June 2004 motion include Saunders County as a member of the MUD Education Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

No report.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Folsom Request

Mr. Folsom presented his case for the District to lower a 18" CMP which drains his field into Ditch 8 east of the two railroad bridges. Staff has taken elevation shots on the property and

it seems to drain properly. Sam Barlean inspected the field a year ago after a rain and found that it drained properly. Mr. Folsom recommends lowering the pipe 2' which would almost put the pipe in the water of Ditch 8. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bull, to deny Folsom's request that the NRD lower the 18" tube located in his field adjacent to ditch #8. Motion failed

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Johannes, Kavan, Reitmajer, Sabatka

NAY: Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Jedlicka, Larsen, Pieke, Saalfeld, Shelso, Johnson

ABSTAIN: Sabata

Eden made the motion, seconded by Holstine, that the NRD lower the 18" CMP located in Chuck Folsom's field adjacent to Ditch #8 at a cost not to exceed \$350. Motion carried.

AYE: Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Jedlicka, Larsen, Pieke, Saalfeld, Shelso, Johnson

NAY: Bailey, Bull, Johannes, Kavan, Reitmajer, Sabatka

ABSTAIN: Sabata

b. Swedeburg 3-B Dam (Rood Dam)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to have Dave Rood do the repairs to Swedeburg 3-B. Motion carried on consent agenda. A 20' corrugated metal pipe needs to be replaced on the end of the principle spillway pipe and trees need to be grubbed out on the back side of the dam. Project cost should be under \$5,000.

c. Bidding WRP Areas to be Shredded

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to bid shredding WRP areas at a \$65/metered hour rate. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Community Forestry Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment of \$1,000 to Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home Assn., in Newman Grove, for trees planted on their grounds pending inspection by staff. Motion carried on consent agenda. This is the second of three to be completed in the Newman Grove area.

e. Equipment, 15' Mower

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the sale of the Districts used mower at a price of \$4,150 to Ron and Chad Sukstorf and Jim McDermott. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. O & M Budget

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to move any remaining funds from budget line item 3-403, Normal O & M to an O & M sinking fund which was established in the past. Motion carried on consent agenda. The goal is to create a fund of \$100,000 in which future operations and maintenance can work off of and eliminate the annual budgeting of \$20,000 to that line each year.

### 3. ROCK AND JETTY

#### a. Payment Requests

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to make payment of \$1,140 to Ed Foral, \$1,140 to Ralph Romshek, \$1,000 to James Drahota for rock work accomplished on the Platte River and extra payments to the City of North Bend, \$735 and Gale Shields, \$219.32 which bring their cost share rate to 50% for the end of the year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### 4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District received a verbal complaint on two properties south of Wahoo in the Swedeburg Watershed. The landowners were notified by letter. Their properties are eroding excessively and that the District has cost-share assistants on conservation practices.

### 5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

#### a. The Following Updates Were Given:

Viaduct  
Land Judging In-Service  
County Fairs  
Tree Booklet

#### b. SC TAG Academy

The SC TAG Academy for high-achieving 5th-8th graders is being held again at Wahoo Public School July 12-16. The academy emphasizes hands-on science and technology programs. The organizers are asking for donations to help defray the costs for students to attend. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the NRD donate \$100 to the SC TAG Academy program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### 6. TECHNOLOGY

#### The Following Updates Were Give:

MUD GIS Work  
New MapMaker Server  
Cumulative Impact Study

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the July 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. Well Permits

The total number of permits for 2004 is 85.

##### 2. The Following Reports Were Given:

Cost Share Programs  
Bellwood Phase 2 Area  
Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area  
Nitrogen Certification  
Livestock Waste Permits  
Chemigation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

Ground Water Quantity  
Monitoring Wells  
Wellhead Protection  
Restoration Advisory Board  
Rural Water Systems

b. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Goedeken Farms for \$545.97, an irrigation well for Dave & Judy Olmer for \$458.28, an irrigation well for Richard/Rodney Chvatal for \$468.48 and three wells (two domestic and one stock well) for Joe Houska for \$483.45. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Wellhead Protection Areas

Webster Well has completed the paperwork for the six wells and they are ready for cost share approval: 100% cost share of \$3,089.34 with 40% reimbursement of \$1,235.73 to be sent to DEQ. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve cost share payment to Webster Well for the decommissioning of six wells for the towns of North Bend and Prague for \$3,089.34. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. The Following Updates Were Given

Bruno/David City Rural Water System  
Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System  
Richland/Columbus Rural Water System  
Ground Water Quantity  
Ground Water Quality  
Monitoring Wells

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

None

4. OTHER

a. The Following Updates Were Given

GMDA  
319 Grant for Sand and Duck Creek Watershed  
Corn Growers Field Tour

MUD Information Committee

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

No Report.

2. WATERSHEDS

No new information was reported.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

None presented.

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUP REPORTS

Directors Pieke and Hannah reported on recent progress and activities that the group is working on. A no-till tour was conducted on June 18 with over 40 in attendance.

5. OTHER

a. David City Water Reuse Project Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve 50% of the local share of the David City Sewage Water Reuse Project, up to \$3,200 per year for three consecutive years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Proposed Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205

Director Johnson, Mountford and Heimann commented on a meeting held in Fremont on June 30 to discuss FEMA's revised time line to complete the revised FEMA FIRM (flood plain) maps. It could take until January 2007 before the maps are finalized. The Army COE also commented that there may not be available 205 study funds to assist with the South Fremont Study this upcoming fiscal year, unless an earmark for this effort can be obtained.

2. Schuyler 205

Director Langemeier reported that the City Council still does not fully understand the benefits of moving ahead with at least a portion of the 205 study effort. The first proposed study phase (Hydraulics and Street Surveys) would potentially keep the current flood plain map from changing significantly and save tremendous money in increased flood insurance premiums for many residents. Langemeier said he will be working with the City to help educate them on the issue.

3. North Bend 205

No new information reported. The Army COE is still evaluating the potential for a cost effective project, but at this time the outlook is not promising.

c. Elkhorn Breakout IPA Access Road Replacement

Mountford reported that the NRCS has executed an agreement with Ron Bauermeister to allow him to replace 190' of access road on WRP land that also adds an extra layer of protection for our Elkhorn Breakout IPA Bank Stabilization Project. We have purchased two 24" tubes to allow flow through the road to a WRP contracted area and Mr. Bauermeister will provide the earth fill at no cost. The NRCS will oversee this work which is planned to begin the week of July 12.

d. PrairieLand RC&D Dues Renewal

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve \$250 for dues to the PrairieLand RC&D. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Mountford reported that Pheasants Forever has not contacted us yet regarding a proposed contract with them which will allow us to keep the property for public use as part of the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project. Staff will followup to help keep this effort moving.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Construction on the Phase I Fisheries Enhancement Project is going well. An update on this and other recent Wanahoo activities will be reported at the Board Meeting.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Committee instructed staff to investigate other potential partnering funds for the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project.

7. Additional Action Items

7.a. SWCP Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the following SWCP payment:

Charles Divis                  Sand/Duck                  \$991.73

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. SWCP Approval

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the following SWCP Approval:

Frank Peltz                  Butler County                  \$1,594.80

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Rock and Jetty Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to make payment of \$3,600 to Nickolite Ranch and \$1,370.18 to McDermott Farms for rock work accomplished pending staff inspection.

Motion carried all members present voting aye. Nickolite Ranch would receive their \$2,000 allocation plus \$1,600 which the District pays to cooperators at the end of each fiscal year if budgeted funds exist. McDermott Farms would receive their \$1,000 allocation plus \$370.18 surplus budgeted funds.



8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the July consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2004. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary