

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD office, Wahoo, NE on Thursday, July 14, 2014.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our July 14, 2014 board meeting was published on June 26, 2014 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Hilger 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:

Bailey	Birkel	Clausen
Gibney	Hagerbaumer	Hannah
Johannes	Kavan (left 7:42 p.m.)	Pieke
Pollard	Ruzicka	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Taylor	Veskerna
Hilger		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

McDermott	Meduna	Olson
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Heimann	Almond
Oaklund	Gottschalk	

Jovan Lausterer, NRD Legal Counsel

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst reviewed the NRCS Report.

c. NARD Report - None

Director Kavan reported on the recent NARD Board Meeting.

d. NRC Report

Director Johannes updated the Board on the NRC Meeting held June 18-19.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Russell Oaklund updated the board on the Lindsay Manufacturing magnetic flow meter.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. July 22 Meetings – Update Given

b. Reports – None

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve Director Hilger and Taylor's excuse of absence from the June Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve payment of \$3,200 to Bob Weaver for June services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Overage Billings

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve paying an additional \$2,369.50 to Bob Weaver for work done on the WS/CC Project and bill LPSNRD and Papio for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. CCEI Lawsuit – Update Given

e. Natural Resources Commission Meeting – Update Given

f. Insurance for F.Y. 2015 – Update Given

3. Equipment – None

4. Personnel - None

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the May Financial Statement as distributed to all Directors. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, 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

d. Budget - Update Given

e. Budget Hearings

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to set the Budget Hearing for August 11th, 5:00 p.m. and Levy Hearing for September 8th, 5:00 p.m. Both hearings will be held one hour prior to Board Meeting at the LPNNRD Office. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

a. Wild NE, WHIP, Contract Payments

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to pay James Chambers \$2,893.75 for Invasive Plant Control & Re-establishing grasses for his Wild NE contract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. CREP Payment(s) - None

c. New Contract (s) – None

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given

b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo, Czechland and Homestead Haying

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to accept the high hay bids from Dennis Prochaska, Czechland Lake, \$77.40 per acre; Chuck Anel, Homestead Lake, \$80.00 per acre and Meduna Farms, Lake Wanahoo, \$81.00per acre. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Wanahoo Recreation Area

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to reimburse Blane Hohn \$383.92 for materials purchased for his Eagle Scout Project of building bird houses and establishing them at Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Tree Program

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay NARD \$6,547.19 for trees purchased from the US Forest Service. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Grass Drill Revenue – Update Given

g. Lower Platte Weed Management Interlocal Agreement

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the revised Lower Platte Weed Management Interlocal Agreement, which extends cost-share to those on tributaries on the four major streams in the area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

h. PL566 Dam Assessments

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to authorize General Manager Miyoshi to sign an agreement with NRCS to be the sponsor for an assessment of watershed dams Clear Creek 22-A and Bellwood 2-C. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. FY 2015 Budget – Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Applications - None

b. Payment Requests – None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. KTIC Ads – Update Given

2. Wahoo Newspaper eAds - Update Given

3. County Fairs – Update Given

4. Association for Conservation Information Conference – Update Given

b. Education

1. Land Judging - Update Given

c. Computer

1. Director iPads – Update Given

2. Staff iPads

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to purchase seven 16GB Wi-Fi iPad Airs for staff use. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. iPad and eMeeting Training – Update Given

4. Beehive Proposal

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to include funds (\$30,800) in the FY2015 budget for Phase I as outlined in the Beehive proposal. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. RURAL WATER Systems

a. Bruno/David City Rural Water – Update Given

b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to adjust the amount of monies owed to the district to \$1,885 for the Patty Svava account in Colon. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Cedar Bluffs – Update Given

d. Brainard and Dwight – Update Given

e. Other

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to budget \$110,793 to complete the north fishing pier and bank stabilization projects at Czechland Lake. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, that the July LPNNRD Operations, 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. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

a. Ron Greisen Transfer Request

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the transfer of 33 acres from the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 35, T19N, R2W and 33 acres from the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 12, T18N, R2W for a total of 66 additional acres to the N ½ of the SE ¼, Section 33, T19N, R2W to be irrigated by registered well G-136783. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

3. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area - None

4. Well Permit Program – Update Given

5. Special Quantity Subareas –Update Given

6. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

7. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay Olsson Associates \$9,023.86 for their services in developing the Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan for the LPNNRD as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits – Update Given

c. Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Network (NAWMN) – Update Given

9. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given

10. Certifying Acres in Saunders and Dodge Counties – 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

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve payment for decommissioning the following wells: Irrigation well for Donna O'Connor for \$656.85, domestic well for Daniel Wondercheck for \$271.88, irrigation well for G&B Farms for \$571.50, and two stock wells for Arnold Stuthman for \$775.66. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Elkhorn Loup Model – Update Given

2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Monitoring Wells

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay Dvorak Well Service \$22,130.50 for installing five monitoring wells for the LPNNRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Former Ordnance Plant Near Mead – Update Given

f. Groundwater Sampling – Update Given

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. STATE LAKES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22

1. Bacteria Sampling – Update Given

2. Toxic Algae – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. LPNNRD Water Program Budget – Update Given

b. Irrigation Economic Impact Study – Update Given

c. GMDA Summer Session – Update Given

d. 2014 Summer Interns – Update Given

e. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, 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

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the following SWCP applications:

			50%	75%
<u>Robert Schmit</u>	<u>W&S Basin w/Tile</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>		<u>\$3,921.66</u>
<u>Larry Mohrman</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>Platte Co.</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	
<u>Gary Yindrick</u>	<u>Flow Meter x 2</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	
<u>Yindrick Farms</u>	<u>Flow Meter x 2</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	
<u>Lloyd From</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	
<u>Donald Yindrick</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the following SWCP payments:

<u>13-S-50</u>	<u>Dan Wesel</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$568.50</u>
<u>13-D-49</u>	<u>Gary Mintken</u>	<u>Diversion/Waterway</u>	<u>\$900.63</u>
<u>13-B-47</u>	<u>Thomas Smaus</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$1,637.39</u>
<u>14-S-11</u>	<u>Roger Nelson</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>
<u>12-C-41</u>	<u>Dennis Waak</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$594.50</u>
<u>14-C-19</u>	<u>Dennis Waak</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$594.50</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments - None

e. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals – None

f. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Payment - None

g. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the following Wahoo Creek Cost Share applications:

		25%
<u>Jeffrey Dreier/Gena Jennett</u>	<u>W&S Basins w/Tile</u>	<u>\$10,175.60</u>
<u>George Cejka</u>	<u>W&S Basins w/Tile</u>	<u>\$2,843.12</u>
<u>Byron Nordstrom</u>	<u>Waterway</u>	<u>\$419.06</u>
<u>Mark Kavan</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$5,611.75</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Emergency Terrace Repair

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve payment to Ron Sabatka for \$280 (50%) toward his terrace repairs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Water Quality Watershed Plan

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve an \$11,070 payment to EA Engineering, for work accomplished on the Shell Creek Water Quality Watershed Plan, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed – Update Given

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

b. Budget for Contingency

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve budgeting \$4,667 for our share of LPRCA contingency for fiscal year 2015. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, Pieke, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Veskerna

NAY: Birkel, Hagerbaumer, Pollard, Ruzicka, Taylor, Hilger

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to allow 50% cost share, up to a maximum of \$3,000 assistance, toward the expense to obtain a no-rise certificate for the Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project east of Schuyler. It was further recommended that this amount be considered as part of the original \$80,000 that was initially approved for the project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. All Hazard Mitigation Progress Report and Invoice

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve JEO's \$2,317.20 invoice for work completed on our District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Platte Center Bank Stabilization Project Payment

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve 50% cost share up to \$6,750 cost share assistance for the next phase of the Platte Center Bank Stabilization Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Projects Financial Statement Review - Update Given

f. Draft FY 2015 Projects Budget – Update Given

g. Woodcliff Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given

h. Mike Steinbach Drainage Concern East of Fremont – Update Given

5. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT

a. Lake Wanahoo – Update Given

1. Wanahoo Recreation 2014 Budget Expense and Income Review

Chair Hilger appointed Directors Veskerna, Gibney, Birkel, Saalfeld and Hilger to negotiate with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission on a new agreement for operating the Wanahoo Recreation Area.

2. County Road 17 Paving

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to have Board discussion about budgeting \$15,000 in

FY 2015 for engineering a potential paving project for Lake Wanahoo's Campground entrance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to budget \$15,000 in FY 2015 for engineering and recommendations on paving and or rocking the Lake Wanahoo Campground entrance. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Wahoo to Wanahoo Trail

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the following for the City of Wahoo's Public Trail Project: 1) LPNNRD will allow the City use of our trail easement on the Paul Cernik property, 2) LPNNRD will provide the City a trail easement across our owned property 3) The City is to provide the total cost of establishing the rock trail that will be located on our easement and owned property that includes the north face of Lake Wanahoo's embankment. Motion carried

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, Pieke, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Hilger

NAY: Birkel

4. Wanahoo FY 2015 Reimbursement

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that when the quarterly NRDF payment is received that the Treasurer and General Manager be authorized to make payment to Union Bank Note in the same amount. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Upstream Structures – Update Given

6. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, that the July LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. SWCP Payments

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

<u>14-S-25</u>	<u>Jack Wollem</u>	<u>Flow Meter x 2</u>	<u>\$1,055.50</u>
<u>14-S-26</u>	<u>Vicki Wollem</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$511.00</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Taylor, to approve the July consent agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Birkel, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, Pieke, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Taylor, Veskerna, Hilger

ABSTAIN: Bailey, Sabatka

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 July 14, 2014, 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.

Lon Olson, Secretary