

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2002**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, June 10, 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than May 31, 2002. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bull	Eden	Grueber (arrived 7:10)
Jedlicka (arrived 7:40)	Johannes	Johnson
Kavan	Langemeier	Larsen (arrived 7:17)
Nelson	Reitmajer	Saalfeld (arrived 7:18)
Sabatka	Sendgraff	Shelso
Wilke (arrived 7:15)		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Mastny	Sabata
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Heimann	Gottschalk
Cacioppo		
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		
Alan Kasper		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

No report.

b. NARD Report

No new business.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve minutes from the May 13, 2002 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

No new business.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the meeting absences for Langemeier, Wilke and Johannes from the April Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Fetterman presented the monthly Corridor Alliance report. A copy is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

c. Water Quality Task Force

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are copies of letters of support for the Water Quality Task Force appointments by Governor Johanns.

d. Final Legislative Memo

The final Legislative Memo from DNR is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

e. Plover Coalition

In each of the Director's boxes are minutes and financial statement from the Nebraska Habitat Coalition.

f. Saunders County -vs- MUD Appeal

The appeal has come back on Saunders County -vs- MUD and the Court has ruled in favor of MUD. A full copy of the appeal report can be provided for any Director wishing to see it. The District will wait until after the 30 day appeal time on this before making a decision with our hearing officer Terry Schaff.

g. Bob Weaver Bill

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Bob Weaver bill for \$1,417.50 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Director Per Diem

Discussion took place on changing the Director Per Diem which currently is \$50 per meeting.

3. Equipment

a. Computer Purchases for F.Y. 02

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to purchase the three Gateway computers at a price of \$5,814 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

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4. Personnel

The Personnel Sub-Committee met on May 29, 2002 with a copy of the minutes attached to the Executive Committee Minutes with recommendations as considered by the Executive Committee.

a. GIS Position

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to hire Steve Cacioppo to fill the vacant GIS position with the Salary as recommended by the Executive Committee. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Name Change for Special Projects Coordinator

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to change the job title from “Special Projects Coordinator” to “Projects Coordinator.” Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. NRD/NRCS Technician Update

The Personnel Sub-Committee and Executive Committee reviewed performance of the NRD/NRCS Technician position.

d. F.Y. 03 Salary Adjustments

Considerable discussion took place on the F.Y. 03 Salary Adjustments. The recommendation from the Personnel Sub-Committee was for a 3.7% salary line increase with the funds to be distributed on the District’s matrix. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve a 2.5% salary line increase for F.Y. 03 with the funds being distributed on the District’s matrix.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to amend the motion changing 2.5% to 3.7%. Motion failed.

AYE: Grueber, Johannes, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Bull, Eden, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to amend the motion changing 2.5% to 3.1%. Motion failed.

AYE: Bull, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Eden, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve a 2.5% salary line increase for F.Y. 03 with the funds being distributed on the District’s matrix. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Eden, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff

NAY: Grueber, Johannes, Shelso, Wilke

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e. Salary Schedule Adjustment for F.Y. 03

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to adopt the Salary Ranges for F.Y. 03 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Finance

a. Approval of April Financial Statement

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the April Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Manager's expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the June 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

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve one WHIP/WILD NE contract payment to Scott Mueller, Platte County for a total payment of \$2,352. 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. Community Forestry Program

Trinity Lutheran Church in Newman Grove has completed their landscaping project. This project was previously recommended back in July at a District cost of \$681.50. The final bill has come in at \$780.74 for trees, shrubs and fertilizer. Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve a 50% cost share payment or \$390.37 to Trinity Lutheran Church in Newman Grove for their landscaping project pending inspection by staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve a bank stabilization payment of \$700.82 to Frank Stanek on the Platte River in Colfax County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * Festivals
- * Soil and Water Stewardship
- * I & E Staff Group
- * NACEE

b. County Fairs

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to participate and pay the registration fees for the following fairs:

<u>Platte County</u>	<u>July 10-14</u>	<u>\$150</u>
<u>Colfax County</u>	<u>July 18-21</u>	<u>\$35</u>
<u>Butler County</u>	<u>July 24-29</u>	<u>\$75</u>
<u>Saunders County</u>	<u>July 31-Aug. 4</u>	<u>\$75</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Range Camp

The NRD has received requests for assistance with Range Camp from three East Butler students: Dylan Spatz, Cody Smola and Clifton Benes.

d. 30th Anniversary

Thompson and Mike Mascoe of Lower Platte South NRD are working on media packets for the 30th Anniversary of the NRD system. The packets will be assembled and distributed to media outlets in mid-June. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to purchase the following items with the 30th Anniversary logo on them: 2,500 pencils at a cost of \$475 and 500 letter openers for a total cost \$325.

Motion failed.

AYE: Bull, Eden, Grueber, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Wilke

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the June 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 2002 the NRD has approved 40 new well permits.

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2. Manure Cost-Share Program

We have received a request from JM&F Farms near Fremont for cost share funds for the laboratory analysis of three samples. The NRD cost share rate is \$25 per laboratory test, up to three tests per year. Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment to JM&F Farms LLC c/o Jim Ondracek for \$75.00 for three manure laboratory tests. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Well Registrations
- * Rural Water Systems
- * Wellhead Protection Activities
- * Former Ordnance Plant - Mead
- * Ground Water Quality
- * Phase II GWMA

b. Decommissioned Well Program

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Richard J Schure for \$539.74. Motion carried on consent agenda.

An abandoned municipal well for Platte Center has been closed and the bill for \$716.25 has been received. Wells within WHPA boundaries usually receive 100% cost share funds to get these wells plugged. The NRD cost share is 75%, but due to lack of funds at DEQ, the State cannot pay the other 25% at this time and DEQ funding may not be available until January 2003. Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the NRD to pay 100% of the cost share payment to decommission the municipal well for Platte Center for \$716.25, and to request 25% reimbursement from DEQ when such funding becomes available. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Payment Approvals

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

	<u>75%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>Diff. From Approval</u>
<u>01-S-45</u> <u>Marianne Yost</u>	<u>\$6928.50</u>		<u>\$-2571.50</u>
<u>01-S-65</u> <u>Craig Gottschalk</u>	<u>\$ 145.40</u>		<u>\$-60.14</u>
<u>01-S-64</u> <u>David Hawley</u>	<u>\$ 293.68</u>		<u>\$-79.32</u>
<u>01-S-24</u> <u>Jerrold Jenkins</u>	<u>\$1107.88</u>		<u>\$-592.12</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. No-Till Program Payment

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following No-Till Program payment:

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Reed Wilke \$ 384.50 (2nd payment on No-Till contract - last payment due in 2004.)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Tree Approvals

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following Tree Program SWCP payments:

			<u>Cost-Share @75%</u>
<u>Dan Wallin</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>297 trees</u>	<u>\$196.02</u>
<u>Dale Dicke</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>390 trees</u>	<u>\$257.40</u>
<u>Charles Becher</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>580 trees</u>	<u>\$382.80</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. CRP Supplement

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following CRP Supplement payments:

Kenny Goff Colfax \$80.53 Grass

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Allen Kaspar Assistance

Allen Kaspar was present and has requested cost-share assistance to correct an erosion concern on CRP ground (in the first year of a 10-year contract) located one mile north of Prague. The field, inspected by staff and Director Don Kavan on April 17, has an old terrace system that takes water toward a non functioning grass waterway. Providing cost-share on CRP land has not been a District priority in the past. **The Board took no action.**

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Site 31/30 Application Update

Olsson Associates has prepared a draft application for assistance on Skull Creek Dam sites 31 & 30 to present to the NDNR later this year.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following signed Conservation Farm Plans:

Frank G. Williams (Irrevocable Trust) Saunders

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make the first payment of \$2,500 to Pheasants Forever for promotion of Conservation Programs in the Shell Creek Watershed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given:

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

5. Other

a. Clear Creek Dike & Drainage District

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve 50% cost-share with Clear Creek Dike and Drainage District to replace an access bridge over Clear Creek not to exceed \$3,100 of assistance. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Wilke

NAY: Shelso

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to recommend approval of the fourth \$15,000 cost share payment to the Clear Creek Dike and Drainage District, for dike repair and rock stabilization work completed in 1999. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. David City Park Project

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve David City's \$2,750 cost share payment request for the David City Park Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported that a tour was held with the NRCS & Nebraska Game and Parks. It appears that the entire 179 acres of the Snitily property will be eligible for assistance through both the NRCS's Flood Plain Easement Program and the Wetland Reserve Program. Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to allow staff to pursue applying for assistance through the NRCS for the Snitily Wetland property. Motion carried on consent agenda. It was noted that the Board will need to review and approve any formal agreement with the NRCS before it is finalized.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Murren reported that we are still working to get a date for meeting with the COE and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for reviewing our final project report. Murren also reported that our interest payment is due (June 15th) on the bank loan that helped purchase the Wanahoo property. Grueber made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the \$202,689.50 interest loan payment on the Wanahoo property. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the \$67,713.31 reimbursement request from the Papio-Missouri River NRD for our portion of Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project costs. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. NTIC Grant

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The Nebraska Technology and Information Committee (NTIC) grant the District received in 2001 to develop National Hydrography Data set (NHD) for the Salt/Wahoo Creek basin was to be completed by May 31, 2002. Due to working schedules USGS will not be able to have the conflation and post-conflation complete until after August 16.

- a. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that Board approve and Management be authorized to sign an agreement to extend the “NHD Cooperative Agreement” between DNR (Department of Natural Resources) and LPNNRD changing the expiration date from 6/30/02 to 8/31/02 as attached to the June Board Meeting Booklet. Motion carried all members present voting aye.
- b. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that partial payment be made to DNR for \$4,000 (total approved amount \$6,600) for work completed on the NTIC/NHD Grant and that billing for the \$4,000 be submitted to NTIC prior to 6/15/02 for 100% reimbursement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.
- c. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that full payment be made to the University of Nebraska Conservation and Survey Division in the amount of \$10,677 for digitizing work on the NTIC/NHD grant and that a bill for the total amount be submitted to NTIC prior to 6/15/02 for 100% reimbursement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following abandoned well cost-share payment - Marci Wetgen - \$552.34. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Fertilizer Calibration Meter Cost-Share Payment

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following fertilizer calibration meter cost-share payment - Steve Backes - \$774.93. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.d. HBE - Annual Audit

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to have management sign the engagement letter with HBE to perform the Annual Audit of the District’s books at a cost of \$6,100. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. SWCP Cost Share Payments

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following cost-share payments:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>01-Bo-29 Ray Flood</u>	<u>\$3,939.42</u>	<u>\$7,646.00</u>	<u>\$-3,706.58</u>
<u>01-D-25 Duane Larsen</u>	<u>\$9,842.24</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$-157.76</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.f. Elm Creek Study

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to authorize the third contract payment of \$200 to

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JEO (Project #078D41) toward conducting the Elm Creek Watershed study/survey in Saunders County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.g. Elkhorn Breakout Study

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to authorize contract payment of \$2,907.50 to JEO (Project #078D42) toward obtaining a certificate of no-rise for the proposed Elkhorn River Breakout Project access road. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the amended June consent agenda by removing item 6.A.2.h. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to table item 6.A.2.h. and refer it back to the Executive Committee. Motion failed.

AYE: Bull, Grueber, Johannes, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Eden, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Sabatka, Sendgraff

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2002. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Clint Johannes, Secretary