

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2003

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, March 10, 2003

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than February 27, 2003. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Holstine	Jedlicka
Johannes	Kavan	Langemeier
Larsen	Mastny	Pieke
Reitmajer	Saalfeld	Sabata
Sabatka	Shelso	Johnson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Breunig	Murren
Sousek	Heimann	Angle
Lisa Brichacek		Otis & Connie Seals
Brad Soncksen		Dale Shanahan
Jeff Rawlinson		Elaine Alm
Sharron Erickson		Steven Brabec
Joe Proskovec		Richard Vernon
Tim Shanahan		Rosalie Frana
KC Engdahl		Krik Sharp
Leland Wade		Jim Chvatal
Sandy Sullivan		Von Gertch

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Von Gertch was present to update the Board on progress he has made on getting landowners enrolled in federal, state and local conservation programs in the Platte County area.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pheasants Forever and Lower Loup NRD to promote conservation programs in the Shell Creek Watershed as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. It was further moved to submit our first commitment of \$2,500 to Pheasants Forever to being this effort. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

a. NRCS Report

Brad Soncksen gave an EQIP update.

b. NARD Report

Langemeier reported on the NARD Board Meeting held earlier that day.

At this time item 6.D.7. was taken

Lake Wanahoo - Youth Outdoor Skills Training Facility

Jeff Rawlinson was present to answer questions on the proposed Youth Outdoor Skills Training Facility.

Eden made the motion, seconded by Holstine, that the NRD accept and approve the Interlocal Cooperative Act Agreement with the two wording changes and the Youth Outdoor Skills Training Facility Project Proposal dated 3/10/03.

Eden asked this his motion be withdrawn.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to take off the table the following motion made at the 2/10/03 Board Meeting: that the NRD accept and approve the project proposal as presented to the Board. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to table the previous motion and have the Lake Wanahoo Committee work out all the details of the Interlocal Agreement and bring it back to the LPNNRD, Saunders County and City of Wahoo Board next Month. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bull, Eden, Holstine, Jedlicka, Johannes, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Shelso, Johnson

NAY: Bailey

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve minutes from the February 10, 2003 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. National Watershed Conference

The National Watershed Conference will be held June 8-11, 2003 at Council Bluffs, IA. Because of the National Meeting location it is the intent of the Executive Committee to send a reasonable number of Directors and Staff. Those wishing to attend should let Management know prior to the March Committee Meetings.

b. Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are Reports from the NACD Annual Meeting.

2. Management

a. Directors Absence

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Manager Johnson will interview three candidates for the Lower Platte River Corridor Executive Director position on March 7th.

c. Saunders County -vs- MUD

The District has been working with County Attorney Scott Tinglehoff to work with Saunders County landowners on potential losses due to the proposed wellfield

d. Nebraska Water Resources Association

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the District pay \$800 for the annual dues to the NWRA. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Nebraska Recycling Association Dues

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the District pay the \$110 dues for membership in the Nebraska Recycling Association. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ◆ 2003 Legislative Schedule
- ◆ Nebraska Habitat Coalition - Piping Plover
- ◆ Pallid Sturgeon Task Force
- ◆ Vacancy in Sub-District 5
- ◆ Ice Jam Interlocal Agreement
- ◆ Governor Appointments

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

a. Dodge County Clerk

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the District participate with Nebraska Workforce Development and AARP to temporarily fill the Dodge County Clerks position during the six week leave of absence by Clerk, Kristin Uhing. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. NRCS/NRD Technician

Mountford gave an update on the status of NRD/NRCS Technician, Marla Milliken. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to award the recommended salary adjustment to the NRD/NRCS Technician based on current job performance evaluation. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Finance

a. December Financial Statement

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the March 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

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve seven WHIP/Wild NE contracts for a total payment of \$2,402.50.

Donald Thomas	Saunders	\$600.00	Greg Wilke	Colfax	\$415.00
Blanche Booth	Saunders	\$ 90.00	Walter Long	Platte	\$612.50
Duane Emanuel	Dodge	\$400.00	Joseph Nicolas	Butler	\$195.00
David Hawley	Saunders	\$ 90.00			

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities

- ✓ South Fremont Feasibility Study
- ✓ Tree Program
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Vehicles

b. Loseke-Frese Dam Platte County

Sabatka Made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to table the Loseke-Frese pipe extension decision to allow Landowner Gary Mueller a chance to discuss the riser extension at the April committee meeting. If Mr. Mueller does not participate, the committee will make the final decision. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

No new business.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * NACEE
- * Viaduct
- * Annual Report
- * Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- * Spring Conservation Sensation

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the March 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

Eleven new Well Permits were approved last month.

2. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ☛ Nitrogen Certification
- ☛ Bellwood Phase 2 Area
- ☛ Chemigation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve cost share payment to decommission the stock well for Anthony Divis for \$209.82. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. David City Rural Water System

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Alm, to approve the payment of \$12,000 to Snyder Engineering Company Inc. for the Engineering Study for the Town of Bruno. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

The Following Reports Were Given

- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Livestock Monitoring Wells
- * Ground Water Quality

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Payments

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

		15%	75% Payment	Total
02-D-19	Lee Camenzin	\$ 5,144.79	\$5,144.79	(-\$ 38.21)
* 02-D-21	Eugene Larsen	\$ 1,238.63	\$1,238.63	(+\$329.88)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Small Dam Applications Review/Approval

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following Small Dam Projects:

Name	Estimate	County
Wilke Homestead Inc.	\$5,545	Platte
Kenneth Merklin	\$3,550	Saunders
Linda Schultzkump	\$6,900	Saunders
Tom Smaus	\$5,325	Saunders

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. SWCP Policy Review/Approval for 2003

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to retain the watershed above proposed Skull Creek Dam Site 30 as a priority area, but lower the maximum cost-share percentage from 90% to 75%. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve the SWCP Policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

No new information.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve the following conservation plans:

<u>Ken Meister</u>	<u>Butler</u>
<u>Mark Walkenhorst</u>	<u>Colfax</u>
<u>Arlo Hoppe</u>	<u>Colfax</u>
<u>Daniel Pflasterer</u>	<u>Colfax</u>
<u>Rambour Realty Co.</u>	<u>Colfax</u>
<u>James Goulet</u>	<u>Colfax</u>
<u>Darrell Umscheid</u>	<u>Dodge</u>
<u>Lee Camenzind</u>	<u>Dodge</u>
<u>Eugene Larsen</u>	<u>Dodge</u>
<u>Darlene Kroeger</u>	<u>Dodge</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

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

5. ELKHORN BREAKOUT ACCESS ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

The NRCS is still evaluating the Ron Bauermeister Wetland Reserve Contract area and will report back on any restrictions for replacing the subject access road that also protects the IPA Project.

6. OTHER

a. Consideration to Allow NRD/NRCS Clerks to Approve CRP & Conservation Plans

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to allow NRD/NRCS Clerks to review and sign Conservation Plans (CRP, EQIP, etc.), provided a monthly report is submitted from each county office containing pertinent information about the signed plans. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren said that the NRCS will survey the former Snitily property for eligible acres that we may enroll into the Wetlands Reserve Program on March 17. As of now, it appears that

173 of the total 179 acres may be eligible for an easement payment.

8. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Murren gave an update on: the Army Corps of Engineers proposed design agreement and funding; the proposed Game and Parks Youth Skills Facility; NRDF application status; and the Nieveen center pivot court case.

9. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Although this project has received earmarked federal construction money, some new developments are raising some concern. One area of concern is that cabin elevation was be a local expense. This would mean since we have 7 to 11 cabins on our side of the river, elevating these structures could cost \$280,000 - \$440,000 (\$40,000 each). An even more important area of concern, is the fact that the proposed levee system for the Ashland National Guard Camp near Ashland, is not a priority with the new Nebraska National Guard General. If this remains the case, then the Camp's levee system would also become a "local" expense and would greatly jeopardize our continued involvement with the project.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, that the March Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payment

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following SWCP Payment:

02-S-37 David Sousek \$7,302.02 (-197.98) Under Est.

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Shell Creek Sub-Watershed Town Hall Meetings

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve \$70 toward room rent for the Elm Creek Watershed Town Hall Meeting to be held at St. Michael's in Tarnov on March 20th. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Piecke made the motion, seconded by Bull, to amend the main motion by adding a payment of \$15 for rental of the Newman Grove High School for a second meeting. Amendment carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Nebraska Great Plains RC&D Dues

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve paying our 2003 dues of \$150 to the Nebraska Great Plains RC&D. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2003. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary