

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2001**

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 12, 2001.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than March 1, 2001. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bull	Daufeldt (arrived 5:35)	Eden	
Grueber (arrived 5:50)	Jedlicka (arrived 6:05)	Johannes	
Johnson	Kavan		Langemeier
Mastny	McDermott		Nelson
Saalfeld (arrived 5:35)	Sabata	Sabatka	
Sendgraff (arrived 5:35)	Shelso (arrived 5:52)		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Wilke
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	

Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Brad Soncksen briefed the Directors on Carbon Sequestration and Natural Resources Conservation Activities Report.

b. NARD Report

Don Kavan reported that the next NARD Board Meeting will be March 13, 2001 in Grand Island.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve minutes from the February 12, 2001 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of future meetings.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absences

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the absence received from Johannes for the January Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Ice Dusting Initiative






District Management has worked with Senator Bromm to insure that ice dusting occurred on the Platte River.

c. NARD Special Assessment

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the NARD special assessment of \$880. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Sand Creek Project

1. The Following Updates Were Given:

-  **Nieveen Court Case**
-  **Filing Notice to Nieveen**
-  **Appropriation Hearing**
-  **Wetland Options**
-  **Youth Education Complex**

e. Legislation

Directors have received copies of the Legislative Updates in their mail boxes. The final day for Natural Resource Committee meetings will likely be Wednesday, March 7th after that time staff will be working individually with Committee Members and Committees to work toward legislation we are pursuing.

f. Sub-District Boundary Changes

Sub-District boundaries will need to be redrawn when the 2000 census data is released. The Executive Committee took considerable time discussing this matter. This matter has been forwarded to the Future Direction Sub-Committee. Options being discussed are staying with the current 19 Board Members at no greater than a 3 to 1 ration in the 9 Sub-Districts. Option two, staying with the 9 Sub-District and 19 Board Members and going to a 1 to 1 ratio and electing directors by Sub-District. A third option charged to the Committee is looking at the possibility of reducing the Board size.

g. Western Sarpy Clear Creek Project Agreement

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a copy of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project

amendment. McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that a special negotiating committee be put together from the 3 NRD's and that the Lower Platte South, Papio Missouri River and Lower Platte North each have three Board Members on that Committee to talk about the cost allocation for the Project. Motion carried on consent agenda. Chairman Wilke has asked the following three Directors to represent the District: Clint Johannes, Chris Langemeier and Ervin Bull. The alternates for this Committee are Ron Sabatka, Lumir Jedlicka and Jane Daufeldt.

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

a. GIS Specialist Position

Management has offered the GIS Specialist job to Ryan Axmann. Ryan's first day of work will be March 19th.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the January Financial Statements as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve eight WHIP contracts at a total payment of \$4,502.50.

<u>Don Thomas</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>40 acres</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<u>Blanche Booth</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>6 acres</u>	<u>90.00</u>
<u>Greg Wilke</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>25 acres</u>	<u>415.00</u>
<u>Duane Emanuel</u>	<u>Dodge</u>	<u>16 acres</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<u>Joseph Nicolas</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>13 acres</u>	<u>195.00</u>
<u>David Hawley</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>6 acres</u>	<u>90.00</u>
<u>Audren Swanson</u>	<u>Madison</u>	<u>40 acres</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
<u>Walter Long</u>	<u>Platte</u>	<u>35 acres</u>	<u>612.50</u>
			<u>\$4,502.50</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Tree Program
- ✓ Homestead Lake
- ✓ Platte River Boat Ramp Access
- ✓ Platte River Ice Report

3. ROCK AND JETTY

None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * Public Service Announcements
- * Weather Station
- * David City Parks Web Site
- * Annual Report

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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

Two new permit requests since the last Committee Meeting.

Landowner	Number of wells	Type of Well	County
Patrick Pollard Trust	1	Irrigation	Colfax
Rick Fangman	1	Irrigation	Boone

For 2001 the NRD has approved 6 well permits. This time last year we had 14 permits.

2. Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment to: Husker Coop for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter, to Dean Hansen & Son Inc. for \$1,245.80 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold and to Rodney Kratky for \$1,180.00 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Farmer's Coop (Newman Grove) was approved for a calibration meter but upon further review they received cost share funds for a similar meter in 1999. They have submitted a letter requesting approval

for their Madison office. McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to deny Farmer's Coop a second calibration meter since this would be stationed outside the District and they have already received cost share funds to purchase their original meter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Nitrogen Certification Classes

Eleven nitrogen certification classes have been held so far with 251 producers being certified. Nelson has developed a take home test which producers can take to become certified. McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to require a grade of 70% or better, in order to pass the take home test for the Lower Platte North NRD Nitrogen Certification. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Vadose Zone Sampling

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to fund \$700.00 for the additional nitrogen isotope sampling for the Vadose Zone Study. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☞ Chemigation
- ☞ Livestock Water Permit
- ☞ Manure Testing Software

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Decommissioned Well Program
- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Groundwater Quality - Platte Valley
- * Mead NOP
- * Ground Water Energy Levels

b. Logan East Rural Water

Lower Elkhorn NRD is asking for funding of \$5,000.00 next fiscal year to help pay for a study on the expansion of the Logan East Rural Water system into the Lower Platte North NRD. Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to not contribute \$5,000 to the Logan East Rural Water System study with the Lower Elkhorn NRD. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Eden, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, McDermott, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Shelso

NAY: Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Langemeier, Sendgraft

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to contribute \$2,500 from next fiscal years budget to the Logan East Rural Water System study with Lower Elkhorn NRD.

AYE: Daufeldt, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Kavan, Langemeier, Mastny, McDermott, Saalfeld,

Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Bull, Johnson, Nelson, Sabata, Sabatka

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

C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Approve SWCP Payments

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

	<u>75%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>Total</u>
State Funds:			
00-S-19 Wayne Richard	<u>\$6,589.89</u>		<u>\$6,589.89</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. CRP Incentive Program

1. Draft CIP Policy Update

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the draft CIP policy with suggested changes as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following CIP application and payment (discussed last committee meeting): Jim Donoghue \$42.38 (not eligible for CRP). Motion carried on consent agenda.

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to deny the CIP approval and payment request from Tim Gronenthal for work completed in 1999. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Cancellations

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to cancel the following SWCP application:

00-P-84 Oliver Maurer \$2,200

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Approve SWCP Payment “On Hold”

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to not make early SWCP payments (before 7/1/01) until it is evident that we will have available funds for this fiscal year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed

1. Homestead Lake Construction Contract

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the proposed recreation plans for Homestead Lake as presented. It was further recommended to have staff let bids for Homestead Lake’s recreation components after Plans, Specifications and bid documents are prepared by Olsson Associates. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. FSA, EQIP and CRP PLANS SIGNED

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

Richard Voboril -Butler County

Jamie Yindrick - Butler County

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

a. Northwest Butler County Landowners Meeting - March 27

Several landowner steering committee members will meet with NRCS and NRD representatives on March 27 to discuss future assistance for a watershed survey for northwest Butler County. After discussion, NRCS will tour the area with landowners to better understand flooding problems in the area. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Bellwood COOP. McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to hold our next Projects Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Bellwood COOP. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the \$290.00 Locally Led Conference registration fee, for one member from the Skull/Bone Locally Led Landowners Committee and one from the Shell Creek Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Elkhorn Breakout IPA Assessment Hearing

There is one more proposed assessment needed for the Elkhorn Breakout Improvement IPA to bring the landowner Trust Fund to approximately \$100,000 as originally planned. McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to recommend holding a public hearing for the purpose of considering an Operation and Maintenance Assessment for the Elkhorn Breakout IPA, at 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 2001, at the LPNNRD headquarters. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

It was estimated that about 10,000 trees will be planted. The Corp's of Engineers has determined that we need to plant a total of 93,000 trees as part of the Wanahoo Project. McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve purchase of approximately 10,000 seedling nursery trees this year for planting on Lake Wanahoo Property that has been designated for public use. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Arc View Training - Kansas City

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve expenses for McKenzie Barry to attend Arc View Training in Kansas City, MO on March 27-28, 2001. Motion carried all members present voting

aye.

7.b. Hiring of Ryan Axmann - GIS Specialist

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to ratify the hiring of Ryan Axmann to fill the vacant GIS Specialist Position as discussed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the March consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Langemeier, Mastny, McDermott, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Kavan

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2001. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Dean Johnson, Secretary