

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2002

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:35 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, March 11, 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than March 1, 2002. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Grueber (arrived 5:50)
Jedlicka	Johannes	Johnson(arrived 5:35)
Kavan	Langemeier	Larsen
Mastny	Nelson	Reitmajer
Saalfeld	Sabata (arrived 5:45)	Sendgraff
Shelso (arrived 6:00)	Wilke	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Eden Sabatka

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Angle
Gottschalk		
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		Al Mittan, Boone NRCS
Glenn Johnson, LPSNRD		Barb Beed, Battle Creek NRCS
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Lalit Jha, JEO
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Brad Soncksen reported on EQIP dollars this District has received and opportunities in the new farm bill for expanded conservation incentives.

b. NARD Report

Don Kavan reported that the most recent Legislative Update was in each Directors mailbox.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve minutes from the February 11, 2002 Board Meeting as amended. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings - Pending

a. EPA Regional Wetlands and Water Resources Meeting

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to send two staff to the EPA Regional Wetlands and Water Resources Meeting, April 2-4 in Kansas City, MO. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items







a. Director Absence

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the absences from Saalfeld and Bailey in February. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Center for Rural Affairs Dues

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to pay dues of \$25 to the Center for Rural Affairs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. The Following Reports Were Given:

-  Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance
-  Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition
-  Pallid Sturgeon Task Force
-  Legislation
-  Office Cleaning
-  Arnold Nieveen Lawsuit

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

a. Water Resources Specialist Position

The NRD Personnel Sub-Committee met to discuss the vacant Water Resources Specialist position created by the resignation of Dan Becker. Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are the Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes.

b. What It Takes To Keep Workers

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is an article on “What It Takes To Keep Workers” all Board Members are asked to read the article.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the January Financial Statement as distributed

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at the February Board Meeting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Review of Accounts Receivable

None over 90 days over dues.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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 - WHIP

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve eight WHIP/WILD NE contract payments for a total payment of \$4,480.00.

<u>Donald Thomas</u>	<u>\$600</u>	<u>Blanche Booth</u>	<u>\$67.50</u>
<u>Greg Wilke</u>	<u>\$415</u>	<u>Duane Emanuel</u>	<u>\$400</u>
<u>Joseph Nicolas</u>	<u>\$195</u>	<u>David Hawley</u>	<u>\$90</u>
<u>Audren Swanson</u>	<u>\$2,100</u>	<u>Walter Long Estate</u>	<u>\$612.50</u>

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. Environmental Trust Grass Drill Grant

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Bull, to accept a Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant of \$15,000 for the purchase of a No-Till Grass Drill and to contribute \$3,785 of District funds toward the purchase. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve a bank stabilization application and payment for Martin Lohff in Colfax County on the Platte River in the amount of \$587.50 pending inspection by staff. 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:

- * Publications
- * GWMA Ad
- * Spring Conservation Sensation
- * Upcoming Festivals

b. Soil and Water Stewardship

To date 38 orders have been received for Soil & Water Stewardship materials, for a total of \$863. The order deadline is March 15. The district has \$1,000 budgeted for this material. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve up to \$1,000 for purchasing Soil & Water Stewardship materials. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. NACEE

NACEE (Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education) is holding its first conference in April and is soliciting memberships. The cost to join for the NRD is \$50/year. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the NRD join NACEE at a cost of \$50. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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

For 2002 the NRD has approved 15 new well permits.

2. Calibration Meters and Distribution Manifold Cost-Share Program

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve payment to Randy Sukstorf for \$1,227.06 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold, to Don Furasek for \$133.41 for a distribution manifold, to Circle E Farms (Burneil Ecklund) for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Phase II Management Areas

Potential Phase 2 areas within the Platte Valley of Butler and Colfax counties were discussed by the Committee. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to seek recommendations for Phase 2 boundaries from the GWMA Advisory Board for later review by the Water Committee and NRD Board.

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Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Kevin Ziegenbein for \$419.25. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Well Registrations
- * David City Rural Water System
- * Wahoo Rural Water System
- * Former Ordnance Plant - Mead

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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. Approval Small Dam Application

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following SWCP small dam application for 2002 construction:

Woolsey (Skull Creek Watershed Butler Co.) \$ 5,700

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Approvals

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following SWCP application for 2002 completion:

Carl J. Sousek (Saunders) \$1,240 - Convert cropland to grass - Spring seeding

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. EQIP Supplement Approvals

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following EQIP supplemental payment applications:

James M. Egr \$751.20 Complete waterway on current contract

Dave Vrana \$1507.23 Site #15

Dennis Fujan \$475.80 Complete waterway on current contract

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. CRP Supplement Approval

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following Conservation Incentive Program

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application:

Dennis McCloud \$250.00 Waterway

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. SWCP Policy Review/Approval

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the revised SWCP policy as presented to each Director. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

No new information.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following signed Conservation Farm Plans:

George Snodgrass Saunders

Elaine E. Harms Dodge

Eugene Zeilinger Butler

Joan Potter Saunders

Gary Yindrick Butler

Thomas DeWispelare Butler

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve 50% of the total cost up to a maximum payment of \$280.46 for the purchase of stream monitoring equipment for use by the Newman Grove Science Department, contingent on receiving a future report on the outcome of the monitoring activities. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. The Following Reports Were Given:

☼ Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners

☼ Northwest Butler County Landowners

5. Elkhorn Breakout

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the LPNNRD Board Chairman to sign the contract with JEO, up to a maximum cost of \$8,080, to obtain a certificate of no-rise for the proposed Elkhorn Breakout Project access road. It was further recommended to use funds from the IPA Trust Fund for this expense. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. OTHER

1. Butler County Road Dam Assistance Request

We have received a request from Butler County for assistance with a road structure located in the

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watershed above proposed Skull Creek floodwater structure site 31 (Section 5, T15N, R4E). The total estimated cost of \$16,375 would be eligible for 50% cost share with Butler County. Langemeier made the motion, seconded Bull, to approve 50% cost share up to a maximum of \$8,187 on the Butler County/Kirk Slaughter Road Structure, subject to Butler County's final approval. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. RC&Ds

RC&D minutes are attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

3. Update on Valley View Flood Protection Meeting

Last year, the LPNNRD approved being the project coordinator, to work with other parties toward coming up with project solutions to reduce flooding in the Valley View area. We have recently met with representatives from Saunders County, Valley View Homeowners and JEO to discuss how to best proceed toward solutions. The group is suggesting an Interlocal agreement between Saunders County, the Valley View Homeowners Association, the Valley View Golf Club and the LPNNRD to study possible solutions in the Elm Creek watershed. It was proposed that the above partners equally share costs involved with a project feasibility study/survey of potential dam sites in the Elm Creek Watershed. Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the \$6,000 proposal with JEO to conduct a study/survey in the Elm Creek Watershed, contingent that the costs are equally shared with Saunders County, Valley View Golf Club, Valley View Homeowners Association and the District. It was further moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the above mentioned group. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported that a portion of the Snitily property should be eligible for the Wetland Reserves Program and is working with the NRCS on this. He also said that Ducks Unlimited has committed \$25,000 plus wetland design assistance when needed.

8. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

1. Addendum I - Attachments

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the amendments to Addendum "I" of the Lake Wanahoo Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wahoo and Saunders County and authorize signing of such agreements. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Environmental Trust Fund Approval

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to recommend accepting the \$400,000 from the Environmental Trust Fund for the Lake Wanahoo/Sand and Duck Creek Water Quality Project. It was further recommended to authorize Mountford to complete, sign and return the necessary documents, including the contract agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

9. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

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The Army COE is working on the real estate plan for the project.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Distribution Manifold Payment:

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following Fertilizer Distribution Manifold payment:

Burneil Ecklund \$170.16

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. NW Butler County Aerial Photography

At our request, the NRCS will be conducting a watershed study/survey of Clear Creek and surrounding area in NW Butler County. Although the majority of the cost of this effort will be provided by the NRCS and DNR, we have been requested to pay for the cost of aerial photography, estimated at \$2,500. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve paying \$2,500 for aerial photography for Clear Creek and surrounding area in NW Butler County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Grass Drill Rental

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve modifications to the No-Till Grass Drill Agreement with Dave Rezac. The changes are: 1) from a annual renewal to a continual contract until cancellation by either party, with a 30 day written notice. 2) from \$7.50/acre to \$8.00/acre. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2002. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Clint Johannes, Secretary