

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2010**

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 11, 2010.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our March board meeting was published on February 18,2010 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Saalfeld 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:

Acklie	Bailey	Boyd
Casey	Eden	Hannah
Hilger	Johannes	Kavan (left 6:45 p.m.)
Meduna	Pieke	Reitmajer
Renter	Saalfeld (left 7:35 p.m.)	Sabatka (left 7:00 p.m.)
Taylor	Veskerna	Vrana

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Oaklund
Sousek		

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

None

b. NRCS Report

Roger Reichmuth reviewed his written report.

c. NARD Report

Kavan commented on the Legislative Update in each Directors Box.

d. NRC Report

Director Johannes reported that the Commission Meeting will meet March 24-25 in Lincoln.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

The Directors watched a portion of video on the Republic River and impacts caused by the Nebraska Ordnance Plant at Mead.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve minutes from the February 8, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending - None

b. Reports

1. Director Retreat - Update Given

2. NACD Report - Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve Director Pieke's request of absence from the January Board Meetings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve payment of \$2,750 to Bob Weaver for February services and bill LPSNRD and Papiro NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. 2010 LPNNRD Election - Update Given

d. Jaron Bromm's New Employer - Update Given

e. Monthly Education Program - Update Given

f. Out of State Travel - Update Given

g. Director/Employee Computer Reimbursement

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the "Monthly Computer Stipend

Agreement” as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Electronic Bill Payments

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to pay the following bills electronically on a Monthly basis: AS Central Finance (State of Nebraska for cellphone use); AT&T Mobility; Butler County Public Power District; City of Wahoo Utilities; David City Utilities; Lightyear Network Solutions; Windstream Nebraska; Pitney Bowes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. Telephone Reimbursement

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, that if employees have less than one dollar of long distance telephone reimbursements in a month that no bill be processed as the cost of paper work to process the billing exceeds the reimbursed amount. Motion carried on consent agenda.

j. Paper Save - Update Given

3. Equipment - None

1. Photo Copier

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to purchase the Minolta Bizhub C652 from Solution One for a cash price of \$16,013. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Personnel - None

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the January Financial Report as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, 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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, that the March LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. EDUCATION, OPERATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments - Update Given

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given

b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study - Update Given

c. Czechland and Homestead Rec Areas - Update Given

d. Invasive Weed Management

The Lower Platte Weed Management Group would like the LPN NRD to administer a North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant (NAWCA) worth \$42,860. The funding will be used for surveying and monitoring, treatment with airboat and helicopter, and disking priorities areas. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to have LPNNRD administer the North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant on behalf of the Lower Platte Weed Management Group. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. New Vehicle - Update Given

f. Conservation Trees - Update Given

g. Financial Statements - Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. New Applications - Update Given

b. Payment Requests

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to pay Joe Cunningham \$800 for maintenance work completed on Elkhorn River streambank stabilization pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. KTIC Ads - Update Given

2. Annual Report - Update Given

3. Website Redesign and Social Networking - Update Given

b. Education

1. NACEE Request

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to provide \$150 to support the NACEE Annual Conference as we have in past years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Computer

1. Windows 7 Upgrades - Update Given

2. Director Downloads Page - Update Given

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Update Given

b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System - Update Given

c. Bellwood/Richland

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to hire JEO Consulting to prepare a capital improvement plan to help the LPNNRD in determining whether it wants to assume responsibility of the Village of Bellwood water system and to help with setting rates if it is taken over. This plan will not exceed \$4,500. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Bailey, Boyd, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Reitmajer, Renter, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

ABSTAIN: Casey

e. Other

1. Village of Colon

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to meet with the Village of Colon, City of Wahoo, and USDA RD to discuss the possibility of the LPNNRD being a member of a regional sewer system if it's route falls within the future recreation area of Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the March LPNNRD Education, Operations 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 Request for Limited Development Area

a. February Variance Requests

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following variances for expansion of irrigated acres:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of New Irrigated Acres</u>	<u>Water Source</u>	<u>Field Legal Description</u>	<u>Restricted Development Area (RDA)</u>
<u>Bernard Hain</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>Existing Well</u>	<u>SE1/4, S10, T16N, R3E, Butler Co.</u>	<u>does not apply</u>
<u>David Deerson</u>	<u>63.7</u>	<u>New Well</u>	<u>SE1/4, S28, T15N, R8E, Saunders Co.</u>	<u>does not apply</u>
<u>David Deerson</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>Existing Well</u>	<u>SW1/4 & SE1/4, S36, T15N, R8E, Saunders Co.</u>	<u>Field outside RDA and well greater than 1,000 feet outside of RDA</u>

<u>David Deerson</u>	<u>68.6</u>	<u>New Well</u>	<u>SE1/4, S15, T15N, R8E, Saunders Co.</u>	<u>Field outside RDA and well greater than 1,000 feet outside of RDA</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Ranking Regions for Limited Development Areas - Update Given

2. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given

b. Water Use Reports - Update Given

3. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given

c. Water Mark Sensors and ET Gauges - Update Given

4. LPNNRD Certification Classes - Update Given

5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area- Update Given

7. Phase 2 Fertilizer Reports - Update Given

8. Certifying Acres - 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 - Update Given

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model - Update Given

2. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM)

3. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) - Update Given

4. Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping - Update Given

c. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve payment of up to \$400 for installation of a flow meter (meter paid for by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) on Harold Kolb's irrigation well in SE1/4 of the SW1/4, S35, T14N, R9E, Saunders County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given

3. OTHER

a. December Water Programs Budget - Update Given

b. Comments from the Public - Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Applications Approvals

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following SWCP applications:

		<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>
Marilyn Odvody	Terraces w/Tile	\$ 10,000	
Bernard Hain	Flow Meter		\$ 667.71
Janecek Trust	Flow Meter		\$ 667.71

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following SWCP payment:

		<u>Approved \$</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Marilyn Odvody	Terraces w/Tile	\$10,000	\$10,000

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals - None

e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payments

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the following Sand/Duck Cost-Share payments:

09-S&D-6	Marilyn Odvody	Terraces/Tile	\$ 6,054.78
	Justin Kavan	No-Till Incentive	\$ 1,600.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek

1. Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group (SWIG)- Update Given

2. USGS Water Quality Monitoring Proposal

We have been participating with USGS on a very successful water quality monitoring effort for two years at a site in the Shell Creek Watershed. This information helps determine levels of several water quality parameters and where they are generally coming from. While we have funded this effort on an annual basis, USGS is proposing a 3-year commitment which will help reduce paperwork and solidify a longer term budget commitment. The financial commitment will be as follows: FY2011: \$27,000 LPNDR & \$9,000 from USGS; FY2012: \$27,800 LPNDR & \$9,300 USGS and FY2013: \$28,650 LPNDR & \$9,550 USGS. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to work with USGS on a proposed 3-year Agreement for water quality monitoring on Shell Creek. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek - Update Given

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED - None

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report - Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Eugene Siroky Cost-Share Request

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve up to 75% cost share on the tile into existing terrace project, minus \$540 for removing the grass waterway, for a total not to exceed \$5,934 for Eugene Siroky. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

c. District-Wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan - Update Given

d. Review Projects Financial Statements

6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT - Update Given

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

a. Project Update

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Boyd, to approve the amount of appraised compensation for Gerald Egermeier in relation to the Clear Creek levee construction, plus an additional \$1,000

for tree replacement expense not calculated in the appraisal report. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to accept and place on file the March Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - None

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the 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 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 March 11, 2010, 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.

Robert Hilger, Secretary