

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 1999**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:40 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, February 8, 1999.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than January 30, 1999. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Daufeldt
Grueber (arrived 6:05)	Jedlicka	Johannes
Johnson	Kavan	Langemeier
Mastny	Nelson	McDermott
Saalfeld	Sabata	Sabatka
Sendgraff	Shelso	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lallman	Wilke
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Vasa	Murren	
Laura King, Wahoo Newspaper	Steve Karloff, Yutan	
Ken Kotera, Butler County NRCS	David Ohm, Ashland	
Grant Porter, Saunders County Attorney	Melvin Riecker, Ashland	
Doris Karloff, Saunders County	Harlan Riecker, Ashland	
Victor Humlicek, Ashland	Mike Thomas, Yutan	
Nadine Humlicek, Ashland	Greg Heldt, Ashland	
Keith Jurgensen, Ashland		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Johannes made comments on the NARD Legislative Memo. Kotera was present to update the Board on the results of the latest CRP signup, Nebraska Buffer Strip Program and the Nebraska Family Range Camp.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the January 11, 1999 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve payment of \$4,637.50 on ten WHIP contracts.

<u>Dwain Benson</u>	<u>\$332.50</u>	<u>Larry Novak</u>	<u>\$165.00</u>	<u>Joe Nicolas</u>	<u>\$195.00</u>
<u>Margaret Hunt</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>Don Thomas</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>Greg Wilke</u>	<u>\$415.00</u>
<u>Blanche Booth</u>	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	<u>Duane Emanuel</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>David Hawley</u>	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
<u>Audren Swanson</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>				

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Rawhide Creek Main and West Branch Studies
- ✓ Czechland Lake Groundskeeper Position
- ✓ Tree Sales

b. Public Boat Ramp

Bull made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept the low bid from Sawyer Construction \$14,000 for a 14' X 40' concrete boat ramp with additional length at a cost of \$275/linear ft. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Environmental Trust Grant Approval

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to accept the Czechland Wetland Development Grant for \$44,400 and to authorize Heimann to sign for the District in regard to this Environment Trust Grant. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Village of Weston Drainage Improvement Project

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to allocate \$1,500 or one half of the Village's share, for the landscaping to be completed this spring as part of the Weston Village Drainage Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to pay Ames Drainage District \$2,837.50 and Richard Dawson \$520 for bank stabilization work accomplished on the Platte River pending site inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Project WET Workshop

- ✓ Spring Conservation Sensation
- ✓ Groundwater Festivals

b. Project WET Workshop

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, for LPNNRD to pay for one half of the \$20 registration cost for teachers attending the April 23 Project WET workshop in Fremont. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase up to \$1,500 worth of Soil and Water Stewardship material for churches and schools. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Annual Report

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to print the Annual Report at Tyler Graphics at a cost of \$4,850. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Magnetic Door Signs

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase 12 magnetic door signs from Tyler Graphics at a cost of \$594. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Soil and Water Conservation Society Meeting

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to provide \$100 to support the annual meeting of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Society. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, 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

No new requests.

2. Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve payment to: James Christensen for \$1,100 for a calibration meter, to Farmer COOP Oil Co. (Newman Grove) for \$1,100 for a calibration meter, to James Morbach for \$1,100 for a calibration meter, to Richard Thomas for \$1,100 for a calibration meter, to Schuyler COOP Assoc. (Schuyler) for \$1,100 for a calibration meter, to Schuyler COOP Assoc. (Richland) for \$1,100 for a calibration meter, to Kucera Farms Inc. for \$1,081 for a calibration meter, to John Krafka for \$1,360.73 for a calibration meter and anhydrous manifold and to James Poulas for \$76.58 for an anhydrous manifold. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve Barry and Dwayne Johnson for cost share

funds for the purchase of two calibration meters. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to deny the reimbursement request by Frontier COOP Mead for the calibration meter and anhydrous manifold. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Manure testing and Software Cost Share

No new requests for the manure software or laboratory testing of manure.

4. Nitrogen Certification Classes

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to fund the newspaper ads on the Nitrogen Certification Classes not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

No wells were plugged this last month.

b. Stan Kaiser Wells

Mr. Kaiser has installed several monitoring wells on his property which could be of value to the NRD for tracking ground water levels. The two wells of interest to the NRD are located on a direct line with the other monitoring wells the NRD has installed to keep track of possible ground water declines caused by the remediation efforts of the COE for the Ordnance Plant clean up. A tentative agreement with Mr. Kaiser was reached on co-ownership of two well clusters for \$1,000 each, with the NRD to pay for half the well registration costs and draft easements to allow long term access for NRD personnel to monitor the wells. For the NRD to drill two comparable wells would cost approximately \$5,400. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase the two well clusters of Mr. Stan Kaiser's for a total of \$2,000 and pay half of the registration costs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ⇒ Former Ordnance Plant Mead
- ⇒ Ground Water Quality
- ⇒ District Monitoring Wells
- ⇒ Monitoring Wells

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

C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. NSWCP REPORT

a. Approve SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve SWCP payments as follows:

<u>98-S-81</u>	<u>Dennis Beranek</u>	<u>\$9,725.36</u>	<u>Terraces</u>	
	<u>Ruth Knoell</u>	<u>\$ 148.96</u>	<u>CIP</u>	<u>Motion carried on consent agenda.</u>

b. Approve Spring SWCP Tree Applications

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve SWCP tree applications as follows:

<u>James Gerrard Jr.</u>	<u>\$ 50.63</u>	<u>Trees</u>
<u>Dwayne Koranda</u>	<u>\$170.00</u>	<u>Trees</u>
<u>Eric Byrd</u>	<u>\$223.13</u>	<u>Trees</u>
<u>Randy Fendrick</u>	<u>\$351.76</u>	<u>Trees</u>
<u>Annette Mastny</u>	<u>\$892.50</u>	<u>Trees</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Approve Spring SWCP Applications

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve Spring SWCP applications as follows:

<u>Milo Bartek</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<u>Rose Bartek</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<u>BRT Farms</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<u>Leon Vermeline</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<u>Berneil Ecklund</u>	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Approval Summer SWCP Applications

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve Summer SWCP applications as follows:

<u>Don & Mickey Anderson</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
<u>Frieda Dietrich</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Norm Lindgren</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<u>Richard Meyer</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<u>Glenn Nelson</u>	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
<u>Thomas Ochsner</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Wayne Richard</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Joe Vandenack</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Tentative Approval of Small Dam Applications

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to tentatively approve SWCP small dam applications:

<u>Alan Cherovsky</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Louis Kavan</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
<u>Ronald Machacek</u>	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
<u>Edwin Mastny</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
<u>Robert Proskovec</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Mastny

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the Brian Goff, Butler County application and that the following applications not be approved Ed Hass (infeasible site), Larry Kaspar (inadequate land treatment) Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Lyle Kuhr Project Request

Last summer, Mr. Kuhr requested our help to tile wet areas on his property below NRD flood water structure, Clear Creek Site 7-A. On August 10, 1998, the Board approved assisting with this project contingent that 1) no wetland regulation will be violated and 2) a project cost estimate is submitted. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to cost-share with Lyle Kuhr on his tile project at a maximum 50% cost-share rate on the estimated \$4,612.22 total cost. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Item 6.D.2.j was taken at this time

MUD Wellfield

Saunders County asked the NRD to give testimony at the March 2nd Environmental Impact Study Public Hearing for the proposed MUD well field south of Yutan. Miyoshi gave testimony pointing out the detrimental impact the well field may have on sub-irrigated farmers in the area, the potential problems associated with the cleanup operations at the Mead Ordnance Plant, and the concern by the District that mitigation for the project will take place on the Missouri River bottom and not in Douglas and Saunders County where the pumping takes place. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to direct Manager, John Miyoshi to make written comments on the MUD Wellfield EIS application as previously discussed and to work with Grant Porter, Deputy Saunders County Attorney, to work toward having a public hearing on the DWR water right, to allow the withdraw. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. Approval of LPNNRD SWCP Policy Update (attachment)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the SWCP policy as presented, with a change of eligibility in the emergency repair policy from 5-year to 2- year old, or newer systems. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed- Skull Creek Site #55

We are once again fortunate to receive money from the Environmental Trust Fund for land treatment practices above the three targeted flood water dams in the Skull Creed Watershed. We are approved for another \$70,000 and will bring the total amount that we received from the Trust for this watershed to \$220,000. This money has helped us achieve the 75% land treatment attained above Site 55 and put us well on our way above Site 31.

b. Wahoo Creek

1) Lake Wanahoo

Murren updated the Board on the Lake Wanahoo Project.

3. ELKHORN RIVER BREAKOUT IPA

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to allow staff to set up a public hearing on proposed landowner assessments for the Elkhorn Breakout IPA on March 30, 1999 at 5:00 p.m at the Valley High School. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. FSA & CRP PLANS

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following conservation plans:

<u>Saunders</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>Platte</u>
<u>Michael Heldt</u>	<u>Pat Roh</u>	<u>Lyle Krutz</u>	<u>Charles Becher</u>
<u>David Benes</u>	<u>Frank Ptacek</u>	<u>Larry Dowd</u>	<u>George Fischer</u>
		<u>Dowd Grain Co. Inc</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Platte Center Assistance Request for Elm Creek Tree Clearing

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve 50% up to \$1,000.00 for tree clearing to Platte Center. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the LPNNRD March Project's Committee Meeting Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are the expense and reports from the NACD National Convention.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the absence request from Nelson for the February Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. 1999 Recognition Banquet

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to have the Annual Recognition banquet on Monday, December 13, 1999 at the Fremont Golf Club. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. NARD Reception Sponsor

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bull, to expend \$100 toward sponsorship of the NARD Reception for congressional delegation and staff during the Annual Washington, DC Trip. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Saalfeld

d. Rural Water Study

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the \$29,500 rural water study proposal from Olsson Environmental Sciences understanding that: up to \$6,659 will come from Lower Platte South NRD and \$10,000 from the Nebraska Mandates Program. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ☛ Nieveen Lawsuit
- ☛ Terry Kubicek Letter
- ☛ Legislative Update
- ☛ Building Addition

3. Equipment

a. Beacon Receiver

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase one beacon receiver, details of which are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes at a cost of \$1,059. Motion carried on consent agenda.

a. Roof Repair

The roof on the NRD building has been leaking over the past year. Repair options were looked at from two different companies. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to ask for proposals on the roof repair with prices, with presentations to be made at the next Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Personnel

a. Uniform Update

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the District add to their official uniforms the forest green denim shirts and button down t-shirts. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the District allow 50% cost-share on outerwear coats with a maximum level of \$50 for both Staff and Directors. This will be a one time offer for current Directors and Staff, new employees and Directors will be eligible for this when their service begins. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Finance

a. Approval of January Financial Statement

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the January Financial Statement as distributed at the February Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the Manager's expenses as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Weston Cost-Share Request

The City of Weston has completed their open drainage project north of town and is requesting a \$15,000 cost-share payment. On September 8, 1997 the Board originally approved \$15,000 over a three year period (\$5,000/year). Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make payment in the amount of \$15,000 to the City of Weston, for their open drainage project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. SWCP Approvals

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following applications:

Robert Paskevic Native Grass Seeding \$298.03

Glen Baumert New Terraces Spring \$8,000.00

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Sponsor

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Daufeldt, that the LPNNRD be a sponsor at the Annual Wahoo Chamber Pancake Feed at a cost of \$25. Motion failed.

AYE: Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Kavan, Sabata

NAY: Jedlicka, Johnson, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, McDermott

ABSTAIN: Bailey

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the March consent agenda, deleting item 6.C.2.b.1. 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, 1999. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary