

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
MAY 13, 2002**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, May 13, 2002

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

**2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Bull	Bailey	Eden
Grueber	Jedlicka	Johnson (arrived 7:15)
Kavan	Mastny	Nelson
Reitmajer	Saalfeld (arrived 7:10)	Sabatka
Sendgraff	Shelso	Wilke (left 9:30)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Johannes	Langemeier	Larsen
Sabata		

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Angle	
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS		

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS**

**a. NRCS Report**

Brad reported on the recently signed Farm Bill.

**b. NARD Report**

Don Kavan reported that the next NARD Board Meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve minutes from the April 8, 2002 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Reports**

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find reports from the MidAmericia GIS Symposium.

**b. Pending**

**a. Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting**

The SWCS Annual Meeting will be held July 13-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to authorize one staff person to attend the SWCS Annual Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Nebraska Water Tour**

The Nebraska Water Tour will be held July 22-25 and will look at Western Nebraska along with the Platte River main stem dams in Wyoming. Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that all Board Members who wish to attend the Nebraska Water Tour be authorized to do so. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. GMDA Summer Meeting**

The GMDA Summer Meeting will be held in Breckenridge, Colorado on June 12-14. Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to authorize up to two staff and two directors to attend the GMDA Summer Meeting in June. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Management Items**

**a. Director Absence**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the Directors absence from the April Board Meeting for Ervin Bull. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance**

**1. FY 03 Budget Review**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to make the following changes to the F.Y. 03 Platte River Corridor Alliance proposed budget and put into the LPNNRD budget the \$19,750.

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LPNNRD Cost</u>	<u>LPN Funding Level</u>
<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
<u>Public Relations</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>Water Quality CD</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Domestic Well Testing</u>	<u>\$24,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
<u>Water Quality Programs</u>	<u>\$37,500</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>Air Boat Tour</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Flood Plain Workshops</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>



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Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Jedlicka, Wilke

**b. Water Equipment Purchased for F.Y. 02**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sendgraff, to make the following equipment purchases for the Water Department for F.Y. 02:

1) A Compaq H3850 Pocket PC plus ArcPad Software at a cost for \$995

2) A Pocket InSitu Kit at a cost of \$699

The total estimated cost is \$1,694. It was further recommended to authorize staff to alter these purchases if similar products can be purchased at a lower price. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Director Laptop Purchases**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the District carry forward the \$20,000 budgeted for Directors Laptops in the current fiscal years budget and add sufficient funds into the F.Y. 03 Budget (currently estimated at \$10,000) to proceed with the Paperless Director Project with a goal of having all laptops working and in the hands of Directors by the end of the current calendar year. Motion failed.

AYE: Bailey, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Saalfeld, Shelso

NAY: Bull, Eden, Grueber, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Wilke

ABSTAIN: Sendgraff

**4. Personnel**

**a. GIS Position**

Ryan Axmann has left the employment of the District taking a similar position with the City of Lincoln's Stormwater Section. Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to fill the vacant GIS Specialist Position. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of March Financial Statement**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the March Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

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

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

**B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**



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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 36 new well permits.

**2. Calibration Meters and Distribution Manifold Cost-Share Program**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment to Perry Mohrman for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter, to Vaughn Gross-Rhode for \$73.60 for a distribution manifold, to Justin Kavan for \$1,100.00 for a calibration meter and to Jack Mulliken for \$1,167.70 for a calibration meter and distribution manifold. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. Water Meter Cost-Share Program**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve payment of State cost share funds to Lawrence Pokorney for \$750.00 for two water meters and to Dan Stevenson for one water meter for \$388.01. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. Phase II Update**

Angle updated the Board on the proposed time line for implementing Phase II areas within the District.

**2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. The Following Reports Were Given**

- \* Well Registrations
- \* David City Rural Water System
- \* Wahoo Rural Water System
- \* Former Ordnance Plant - Mead

**b. Decommissioned Well Program**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve cost share payment to decommission the two domestic wells for Galen Pokorny for \$690.70, an irrigation well for James Morbach for \$454.26, an irrigation well for John F. Pacht for \$503.67, a stock well for Wallace Wendt for \$437.81, two irrigation wells for Fred Kolouch Test Trust for \$387.02, a stock well for Pauline R. Nelson for \$282.19 and a stock well for Tommy E. King for \$225.94. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. SWCP REPORT**

**a. SWCP Cancellations**

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Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to cancel the following SWCP applications:

<u>Dennis McCloud</u>	<u>Boone</u>	<u>\$1,254.45</u>
<u>Kenneth Johnson</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payment Approvals**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	<u>75%</u>	<u>15% Diff. From Approval</u>
<u>01-B-59</u>	<u>Frank Mastera \$ 5,366.47</u>	<u>(-2,133.53)</u>
<u>01-B-60</u>	<u>Connie Bohaty \$ 4,382.35</u>	<u>\$675.82 (-1,341.83)</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. SWCP Spring Application for Grass Seeding**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP Spring applications for grass establishment:

	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>LPNNRD 75%</u>
<u>Craig Gottschalk Saunders</u>	<u>\$274.05</u>	<u>\$205.54</u>
<u>Linda Schulzkump Saunders</u>	<u>\$2,156.71</u>	<u>\$1,617.53</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. SWCP Summer Applications:**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP Summer applications:

<u>Total</u>	<u>LPNNRD 75%</u>	
<u>Mike Egger</u>	<u>Butler \$1,880 \$1,410</u>	<u>Basins to protect recently dredged farm pond.</u>
<u>Fred Benesch, Butler</u>	<u>\$8,007 \$6,005</u>	<u>Livestock Well for Planned Grazing System.</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Allen Kaspar Assistance Request**

Allen Kaspar has requested cost-share assistance to correct an erosion concern on CRP ground (in the first year of a 10-year contract) located one mile north of Prague. The field, has an old terrace system that takes water toward a non functioning grass waterway. The estimated total job cost is \$1,802.67. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to send the Allen Kaspar assistance request back to the Projects Committee. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Full, Eden, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Grueber

**f. NRCS Third-Party Vendor Letter**

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District NRCS Conservationist Brad Soncksen requested input from the District on the Nebraska Farm Bill Implementation Strategy Draft as attached. He also outlined NRCS's efforts to train and certify 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendors who may plan and layout conservation practices. The District will be asked to support and sign a letter that will be sent to potential 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors to outline what requirements must be met to be certified. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to support the Third party vendor letter and authorize Management to sign such letter. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

## **2. WATERSHEDS**

### **a. Skull Creek Site 31/30 Application Update**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to recommend setting a Public Hearing for review of the Skull Creek 31 & 30 Project Application at 10:00 a.m. on May 30, 2002, at the Bruno Lounge. It was further recommended to hold the Projects Committee at the Bruno Lounge, just prior to the hearing, starting at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **b. Homestead Lake**

#### **1. Sediment Trap Assistance Approved from the Nebraska Game and Parks**

The NG&P has approved \$22,500 cost-share assistance toward the construction of three sediment structures above Homestead Lake (75% of an estimated \$30,000 project). Last December, the Board approved proceeding with the construction of the structures, provided we received 75% cost-share. Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to recommend authorizing the Chairman to sign the Cooperative Project Agreement with Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to obtain 75% cost share assistance for sediment traps at Homestead Lake. Motion carried on consent agenda.

#### **2. Bid Letting for Sediment Structures**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to recommend advertising for bids to construct the Homestead Lake silt structures after necessary survey information is obtained. Motion carried on consent agenda.

#### **3. Homestead Lake - Payment for Well & Hydrants**

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Nelson, to pay \$4,901.50 to Great Plains Well Service for the establishment of the Homestead Lake well and to pay \$277.89 to Kubr Electric. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Saalfeld

## **3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following signed Conservation Farm Plans:



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Thomas Pohl	Butler
Judy Severin	Butler
Andrew Kobza	Butler
James Hotovy	Butler
Shirley Adamonis	Butler
Lee Schmit	Butler
Jeff Schmit	Butler

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Locally Led Landowner Groups**

**a. The Following Reports Were Given:**

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

**5. Other**

**a. Elm Creek Study - Valley View Flood Protection**

Sendgraaff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to authorize the second contract payment of \$80 to JEO (Project no. 078D41) toward conducting the Elm Creek watershed study/survey in Saunders County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Elkhorn Breakout IPA - No Rise Survey/Study**

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to authorize the second contract payment of \$2,631 to JEO (Project no. 078D42) toward obtaining a certificate of no-rise for the proposed Elkhorn Breakout Project access road. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to authorize JEO to do the survey and design work on the ox-bow area of the Elkhorn River Breakout area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. The Following Reports Were Given:**

- ☞ NET Application Support Request - Connie Cronin
- ☞ Americor Sponsorship Request

**6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE**

Murren reported that it appears at least 42 acres will be eligible for the Wetland Reserves Program and is continuing to work with the NRCS on this.

**7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT**

Murren seeded 47 acres to grass on the former Nieveen property last month. These acres are on highly erodible soils and not suited to crop production.

Murren said that he has been working with Saunders County about our payment of taxes on Wanahoo Property, purchased for sediment trap(s) and wetlands to be located directly above Wanahoo. When the Environmental Trust approved our 2000 grant for helping with the land purchase, they also approved additional funds (\$38,490) to help off set future loss of property taxes to Saunders County(tax abatement). Since our wetland property is not yet ready for public use, the LPNNRD is responsible for paying property taxes until such time (required by LB 271). The challenge has been to get Saunders County to somehow credit the Environmental Trust Tax Abatement assistance to the amount we owe them. Although it seemed like it would be a simple task to accomplish this, it became a “red tape” headache. Mountford is working with the Trust to have them pay the total remaining tax abatement funds to the District and in turn we will make annual payments to the County. This appears to be the best solution for both the County and the LPNNRD. Bull made the motion, seconded by Sendgraff, to pay the Wanahoo Taxes in the amount of \$13,750.05. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT**

Murren reported that the COE has conducted soil borings on the proposed levy system.

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the May Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7.a. Approval of SWCP Payments**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

	<u>Approved Amt.</u>	<u>Pmt Amt.</u>	
01-S-49	<u>Edensberg Lutheran Church</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,880.28</u>
01-S-53	<u>Gary Ladenburger</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,833.88</u>
01-S-63	<u>Carol Sousek</u>	<u>\$1,239.75</u>	<u>\$769.75</u>

Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

**7.b. Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following abandoned well cost-share payments:

	<u>Approved Amt.</u>	<u>Pmt. Amt.</u>	
<u>Gary Schneider</u>	<u>\$1,825.01</u>	<u>\$1,825.01</u>	
<u>Mark Luchsinger</u>	<u>\$444.38</u>	<u>\$444.38</u>	
<u>Mark McGuire</u>	<u>\$451.11</u>	<u>\$451.11</u>	
<u>Linda Wilshusen</u>	<u>\$1,253.50</u>	<u>\$1,294.38</u>	<u>Motion carried.</u>

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AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

**7.c. Fertilizer Calibration Meter Cost-Share Payment**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following fertilizer calibration meter cost-share payment:

Husker Coop Columbus \$1,100 Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

**7.d. Homestead Lake - Cornhusker Industries Payment**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment to Cornhusker Industry for \$3,540 for the grills and picnic tables for Homestead Lake. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

**7.e. Homestead Lake -Olsson Associates Payments**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve a \$3,003.28 payment to Olsson Associates for work completed under contact 2001-0133. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

**7.f. SWCP Tree Payments**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve eleven SWCP tree planting cost share payments in which the planting has been completed this Spring 2002, the SWCP payments are pending until the cooperators have paid their bill in full.

		<u>Trees</u>	<u>Cost-share Amt</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Mary Lou Adams</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>\$221.10</u>	<u>\$173.58</u>
<u>Bob Horner</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>\$148.50</u>	<u>\$148.50</u>
<u>Dave Morgan</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>\$224.40</u>	<u>\$224.40</u>
<u>Heidi Vana</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>\$726.00</u>	<u>\$722.70</u>
<u>Mike Woodward</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>\$363.00</u>	<u>\$363.00</u>
<u>Ray Chlupacek</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>\$531.30</u>	<u>\$482.98</u>
<u>Lumir Jedlicka</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>893</u>	<u>\$589.38</u>	<u>\$589.38</u>
<u>Dean Svehla</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>
<u>Terry Wendt</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>\$181.50</u>	<u>\$181.50</u>

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<u>Robert Healy</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	
<u>Ken Goff</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>\$171.60</u>	<u>\$171.60</u>	<u>Motion carried.</u>

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Grueber, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso

ABSTAIN: Jedlicka

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the May consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Clint Johannes, Secretary