

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2003

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 12, 2003

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than May 1, 2003. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Holstine
Johannes	Langemeier	Larsen
Mastny	Pieke	Reitmajer
Saalfeld (arrived 7:30)	Sabatka	Shelso
Johnson		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jedlicka	Kavan	Sabata
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Breunig	Murren
Mountford	Sousek	Gottschalk
Angle		
Lisa Brichacek		
Rodney Verhoof		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Langemeier gave the NARD report and told the Directors about the upcoming Republican River Basin Tour, June 16-17.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve minutes from the April 14, 2003 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to send attendees to the following meeting as outlined.

1. Northern Plains Regional - June 2-4, Nebraska City
2. GMDA Summer Session - June 11-13, Wichita, KS
3. NARD Republican River Basin Tour - June 16-17
4. Nebraska Water Tour - July 21-23
5. SWCS Annual Conference - July 26-30, Spokane, WA

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management

a. Director Absences

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Rodney Verhoof gave an update on the Quarterly Meeting held May 5<sup>th</sup> and the budget for the Corridor Alliance.

c. Legislative Update

The Legislative Updates were in Directors boxes at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

d. Bob Weaver Bill

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the Bob Weaver bill of \$2,735.84.  
Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Water Policy Task Force Update

A handout is in all Directors boxes concerning proposed policy coming from the Water Policy Task Force. Johannes led discussion.

f. Payment for Appraisal Testimony

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to make the payment of \$500 to Johnson Appraisal, LLC for the testimony given on the Nieveen pivot case. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

a. Computer Consultant

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to contract for computer consulting services with Infinite Systems at a cost of \$150 per month. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Personnel

a. Personnel Sub-Committee Recommendations

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are the Minutes from the April 30, 2003 Personnel Sub-Committee.

1. Salary Schedule Adjustment for F.Y. 04

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to adopt the Salary Ranges for F.Y. 04 as attached to the Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes and Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Out of State Travel Policy

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the Out of State Travel Policy as attached to the Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes and Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Job Description Review

The Personnel Sub-Committee reviewed 12 job descriptions. None of the job descriptions will change index source codes. Next month the Personnel Sub-Committee will review the rest of the job descriptions for Board approval.

4. F.Y. 04 Salary Increases Consideration

The Personnel Sub-Committee reviewed various price index and inflation factors. Management will contact other Districts to see what they are doing for salary adjustments for F.Y. 04.

5. Manager Evaluation

The General Manager's evaluation form was distributed at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. All Directors are urged to fill out the form and return it to Director Johannes in the self addressed stamped envelope. The Personnel Sub-Committee will compile the forms and then perform Miyoshi's evaluation.

5. Finance

a. Financial Statement

No Financial Statements were approved.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable over 90 days

The accounts receivable over 90 days were reviewed.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the May 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

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve two WHIP/Wild NE contracts for a total payment of \$491.76.

H.H. Harney            Saunders        \$270.00

Larry Loseke        Platte            \$221.76

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ South Fremont Feasibility Study
- ✓ Tree Program
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Vehicles
- ✓ No-Till Grass Drill

3. ROCK AND JETTY

No new business.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- \* Education Activities
- \* Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- \* Spring Conservation Sensation
- \* NACEE

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the May 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

Total number of well permits approved for 2003 is 55.

2. The Following Updates Were Given:

- Cost-Share Program
- Bellwood Phase 2 Area
- Livestock Waste Permits
- Chemigation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- \* Decommissioned Well Program
- \* Wellhead Protection Areas
- \* Livestock Monitoring Wells
- \* Rural Water Systems
- \* Ground Water Quality
- \* Ground Water Energy Levels

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve SWCP a. payments, b. cancellations and c. approvals as listed below:

<u>a. SWCP Payments</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>75% Payment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Ernest Yindrick (above Site 31)</u>	<u>\$1,112.75</u>	<u>\$5,63.74</u>	<u>\$6,676.49</u>
<u>Fred Kadavy (Above Site 31)</u>	<u>\$1,657.56</u>	<u>\$8,287.81</u>	<u>\$9,945.37</u>

b. SWCP Cancellations

<u>02-S-51</u>	<u>Kenneth Merklin</u>	<u>Grass</u>	<u>\$ 586.37</u>
<u>02-S-54</u>	<u>Kevin Clark</u>	<u>Grass</u>	<u>\$ 586.37</u>

c. SWCP Approvals

<u>Water Flow Meter:</u>	<u>Total Cost Est.</u>	<u>50% Cost-Share:</u>
<u>Gary Labenz</u> <u>Flow Meter x 2</u>	<u>\$1,660.20</u>	<u>\$ 830.10</u>
<u>Grass Seeding:</u>	<u>Total Cost Est.</u>	<u>75 % Cost-Share:</u>
<u>David Reininger</u> <u>8.2 acres</u>	<u>\$553.91</u>	<u>\$ 415.43</u>
<u>Trees:</u>		
<u>Rodney Juleson</u> <u>350 Hand-plants</u>	<u>\$175.00</u>	<u>\$131.25</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Site 31 NDNR Application

Mountford gave a presentation on our Skull Creek Dam Site 31 application to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

None

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ⊗ Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners
- ⊗ Shell Creek No-Till Incentive Program

b. Shell Creek Request

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the entire cost of Newman Grove High School bill (\$472.16) for water testing supplies with the intent of repaying the District their 1/2 when DEQ grant funds become available. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- 📎 Elkhorn Breakout Access Road Project
- 📎 Joe Nicolas Assistance Request

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

The NRD will be receiving the WRP Payment of \$353,786.16 in approximately 1 1/2 months. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to apply the funds we receive by placing the former Snitily property into the Federal Wetland Reserve Program, toward the corresponding bank note. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Mike Murren gave an update on several items as outlined on the April 30<sup>th</sup> Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting minutes as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve Addendum "J" to the Lake Wanahoo Interlocal Agreement and authorize signing of said agreement as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Last month the Board discussed concerns about proceeding with the proposed project if the Nebraska Army National Guard Levee does not receive separate federal funds for their levee and if this expense then becomes a local sponsor responsibility. Miyoshi reported the Army Corp's of Engineers project application includes assistance for extending the proposed levee from Thomas Lakes to the Guard Camp building site where the Guard Camp Project begins.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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 Cancellations

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP Cancellations:

<u>02-P-4</u>	<u>Freddie Siefken</u>
<u>02-B-11</u>	<u>Mike Egger</u>
<u>02-P-16</u>	<u>Lisa Gibson</u>
<u>02-S-34</u>	<u>Randy Fendrich</u>
<u>02-S-36</u>	<u>Elmer Pestal</u>
<u>02-S-42</u>	<u>John Brtek Trust - Daine Chmelka</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. CRP Supplement Cancellations

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following CRP Supplement Cancellations:

<u>01-CRP-1</u>	<u>Jason Fittje</u>
<u>01-CRP-6</u>	<u>Gayle Jazwick</u>
<u>01-CRP-7</u>	<u>Gary Kuhr</u>
<u>01-CRP-8</u>	<u>Tom Fehringer</u>
<u>01-CRP-9</u>	<u>Scott Mueller</u>
<u>01-CRP-10</u>	<u>Jeff Miller</u>
<u>01-CRP-11</u>	<u>Dale Olnes</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Olsson Associates Contract Payment - Skull Creek Site 31

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the \$7,790.77 payment to Olsson Associates for work completed in preparing the Skull Creek Dam Site 31 Application to be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.d. Newman Grove Community Forestry Payment

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to make payment of \$786.75 (50% of \$1,573.50) to the City of Newman Grove for the planting of 22 trees around their Ball Field and Golf Course. This payment is pending final inspection by NRD staff. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. Approval of Amendment 13 to MOU

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the signing of Amendment

#13 to the MOU by the NDNR, PMRNRD, LPNNRD with the LPSNRD for conduct of and Financial Arrangements for the Lower Platte River and Tributaries Feasibility Study at no cost to the LPNNRD. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.f. Approval of Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment:

Bryce Grotelueschen    \$504.04

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.g. Land Taxes

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the land taxes on the Wanahoo property in the amount of \$13,362.76 and the taxes on the Snitily Wetland in the amount of \$1,454.05. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary