

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
MAY 9, 2011**

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 9, 2011.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our May board meeting was published on April 21, 2011 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Pieke 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	Casey	Hannah
Hagerbaumer	Hilger	Johannes
Kavan	McDermott	Meduna
Pieke	Pollard	Renter
Ruzicka	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Veskerna		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Bailey	Boyd	Taylor
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report**

Mark Walkenhorst was present to give the NRCS/NRD Report for May Board Meeting.

**c. NARD Report**

Director Kavan reported on the upcoming Basin Tour.

**d. NRC Report**

Director Johannes reported that the Commission will meet June 8-9 in Sidney.

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**g. Education Program**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve minutes from the April 11, 2011 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. NARD Basin Tour – June 13-15, Alliance – Update Given**

**2. UNL Water Tour – July 12-14 – Update Given**

**b. Reports**

**1. April 14<sup>th</sup> Washington, DC Report**

**2. Management Items**

**a. Directors Absence**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve Director Pollard’s absence request form the April Board Meeting. 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 Hannah, to approve payment of \$2,750 to Bob Weaver for April services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Monthly Education Program - Update Given**

**d. Update of LPNNRD Rules and Regulations**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the amended Rules and Regulation as reviewed at the March 2011 Board Meeting and attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Snyder Compliant - Update Given**

**f. Legal Fees – Update Given**

**3. Equipment**

**a. Board Room Monitor – Update Given**

**4. Personnel**

**a. Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting**

**1. NRD/NRCS Field Clerk Index Source Code**

Much discussion took place on the NRD/NRCS Field Clerk Job Descriptions. The Field Clerks continually take on more responsibilities in the offices. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to change the NRD/NRCS Field Clerk index source code from 43.9061 to 43.4171. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. O&M Manager I Index Source Code**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to change the Operation and Maintenance Manager I index source code from 49.1011 to 11.9021. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Computer/GIS Index Source Code**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by, Hannah, to add an additional Computer/GIS I position line to our current salary ranges with an index source code of 15.1051. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Salary Ranges Worksheet**

Attached to the Personnel Sub-Committee minutes find suggested F.Y. 2012 Salary Ranges as taken from the State Salary Survey. The attached sheet limits the increase in any category to 10% and changes the index source code for the following positions: Field Clerk, O&M Manager and Computer/GIS Position. The 10% limit affects two job numbers (three job descriptions). Renter made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the FY 11-12 Salary Ranges as presented and attached to the Committee Meeting Minutes with a maximum 10% increase on all job descriptions and update the NRD/NRCS Field Clerk, Operation & Maintenance Manager I and Computer/GIS I index source codes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report**

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

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, 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**

**d. Monthly Accounting Update - Update Given**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Renter, that the April 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 -None**

**2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given**

**b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study - Update Given**

**c. Czechland Camper Electrical Bids**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Renter, to accept the low bid of \$4,600 from G & R Electric of North Bend to install electrical service to the eight camper pads at Czechland Lake Recreation Area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to hire Butler Public Power District to install the electrical service and transformer to the camper site at Czechland Lake Recreation Area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**d. Hail Damage to Office & Out Building - Update Given**

**e. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Flood Control Structures - Update Given**

**f. Bellwood Dam 3-A - Update Given**

**g. Thorston Swedeburg Dam**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to keep doing operation and maintenance on the Thorston dam in the Swedeburg Watershed just as we have in the past and to tell Mr. Thorston that building any structure around the pipe may cause more problems in maintaining an open pipe and that he should post the area as "No Trespassing". Motion carried on consent agenda.

**h. Tree Program – Update Given**

**i. Financial Review - Update Given**

**3. ROCK AND JETTY**

**a. Application & Payment**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to pay Chuck Folsom and Bob Diers \$2,000 for bank stabilization work completed pending inspection by staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given**

**5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. KTIC Ads - Update Given**

**2. NRD Recreation Areas Website - Update Given**

**b. Education**

**1. Soil and Water Stewardship Week - Update Given**

**2. Spring Conservation Sensation - Update Given**

**c. Computers**

**1. New Computers – Update Given**

**2. PCI Annual Review – Update Given**

**6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES**

**a. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Update Given**

**b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the one inch connection charge at \$3,417 with a monthly rate of \$67 per month, and two inch hook up charge of \$13,667 with a monthly rate of \$267 per month for the Colon Rural Water line. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Bellwood/Richland - Update Given**

**d. Mead - Update Given**

**e. Other - Update Given**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that the May 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 Requests for Limited Development (Hydrologically Connected) Area**

**a. April Variance Requests – Update Given**

**b. Ranking Regions for Limited Development Areas**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the following variance requests:

<u>Variance</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Field Legal Description</u>	<u>Well Legal Description</u>	<u>County</u>
LPN-V-011-0094	Ralph Hefti	1.5	SW1/4 of SW1/4, S16, T17N, R2E	existing well in SW1/4 of SW1/4, S16, T17N, R2E	Colfax
LPN-V-011-0095	David Remmeraid	55.7	E1/2 of NE1/4, S13, T22N, R6W	existing well in Center of N1/2, S13, T22N, R6W	Boone
LPN-V-011-0096	Donavon Benson	26	NE1/4 of NW1/4, S13, T21N, R5W	existing well in SE1/4 of NE1/4, S13, T21N, R5W	Boone
LPN-V-011-0097	James Kracl	80	N1/2 of SW1/4, S34, T18N, R4EW	new well in N1/2 of SW1/4, S34, T18N, R4E	Colfax
LPN-V-011-0098	Tim Silva	25	NE1/4 of SE1/4, S22, T19N, R2W	existing well in SE1/4 of SE1/4, S22, T19N, R2W	Platte

<u>LPN-V-011-0099</u>	<u>Rosemary Koranda</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>NE1/4 of NE1/4, S20, T15N, R8E</u>	<u>new well in NE1/4 of NE1/4, S20, T15N, R8E</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>LPN-V-011-0100</u>	<u>Carl &amp; Betty Johnson</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>NE, S32, T16N, R8E</u>	<u>new well in Center of NE1/4, S32, T16N, R8E</u>	<u>Saunders</u>

and as shown on the attached maps and to transfer 106.70 acres from the Platte Valley ranking region to the Shell Creek ranking region. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Well Permit Program**

**a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given**

**b. Water Use Report - Update Given**

**3. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given**

**b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given**

**c. NAWMDN Water Mark Sensors and ET Gauges**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, in order to receive cost share funding from the LPNRRD for the NAWMDN program that individual producers must receive training directly from UNL Extension, to limit cost share funding of the NAWMDN program to individual producers only and adopt the following cost share policy for the NAWMDN program:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Individual Producer</u>		
	<u>First year</u>	<u>Second year</u> <u>(if funding available)</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ET gauge</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> <u>(post results on internet &amp; 6 miles away from other ET gauge)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Sensor</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Probe</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Meter</u> <u>(every producer was to have a meter)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>If producer has a meter, then can cost share on logger</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Logger</u> <u>(one in 4 producers was to have a logger)</u>	<u>0 or 1</u>	<u>If producer has a logger, then can cost share on meter</u>	<u>1</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve cost share assistance to first year producers on the list following policy recommendations outlined above, not to exceed \$23,100 in cost share assistance and to second year producers on the list following policy recommendations outlined above, not to exceed \$5,000 in cost share assistance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Flow Meters for Phase 2 Groundwater Management Area**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the following proposed new list of irrigation management practices for the LPNNRD 319 grant request to DEQ:

**Proposed New List of Irrigation Management Practices**

High Priority Practices

Flow Meters (65% Cost Share)

1 per well or irrigation system, whichever is less

Watermark Sensors (65% Cost Share)

Limit of 18 per producer

Soil Probes - Backsaver or Conventional Style (65% Cost Share)

Limit of 1 probe per producer

Watermark Sensor Readers and Loggers (65% Cost Share)

Limit of 1 reader and 1 logger per producer

ETgages (65% Cost Share)

Limit of 2 per producer

Fertilizer Monitors (65% Cost Share)

Limit of 1 per producer

Medium Priority Practices

Gravity Irrigation to Center Pivot Conversion (30% Cost Share)

Follow NRCS Criteria

High Pressure to Low Pressure Pivot Conversion (30% Cost Share)

Follow NRCS Criteria. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. LPNNRD Certification Classes - Update Given**

**5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given**

**6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given**

**7. 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**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for the William Peters Trust for \$774.03. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies**

**1. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve a six month extension to the Platte River Ground Water Model project and approve payment of \$10,103.06 to the University of Nebraska for the second quarter expenses. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) - Update Given**

**3. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)**

**4. Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping - Update Given**

**5. Farm Process Package of MODFLOW – Update Given**

**6. Possible Future Studies – Update Given**

**c. Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given**

**d. Lower Platte River Basin Coalition (LPRBC) - Update Given**

**e. Former Ordnance Plant Near Mead – Update Given**

**3. OTHER**

**a. GMDA - Update Given**

**b. Equipment Purchase/Repairs - Update Given**

Staff needs to purchase Oakton pH/Conductivity Meter from Ben Meadows to expand our water quality sampling efforts for the summer. Estimated cost is \$687.96.

Purchase of submersible ground water pump is needed to sample our monitoring wells for water quality, especially for aquifer age dating to be done this summer with free laboratory analysis provided by UNL. Estimated cost is \$8,311.50. It was felt this item needed to be sent back to Committee for further details.

**c. Comments from the Public - Update Given**

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

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. SWCP REPORT**

**a. SWCP Application Approvals**

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

		<u>15%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>75%</u>
<u>Mark Rickert</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>		<u>\$642.50</u>	
<u>Melvin Kavan</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile (w/Sand &amp; Duck)</u>	<u>\$1,326.85</u>		
<u>Raikes Foundation</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>			<u>\$7,669.13</u>
<u>Jerry Newsham</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>			<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<u>Thomas E. Rezac</u>	<u>Terraces/Basins</u>			<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>\$1,326.85</u>	<u>\$642.50</u>	<u>\$27,669.13</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payments**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	<u>50%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>Payment</u>
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<u>10-B-34</u>	<u>Pokorny Living Tr.</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$678.00</u>		<u>\$678.00</u>
<u>10-B-45</u>	<u>David Schmitt</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>		<u>\$4,770.00</u>	<u>\$3,827.92</u>
				<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$4,505.92</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. SWCP Cancellations - None**

**d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the following Sand/Duck application:

Melvin Kavan                      Terraces/Tile                      6,634.24

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payments – None**

**f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None**

**2. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek**

**1. Shell Creek Improvement Group - Update Given**

**2. USGS Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Project Payment**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve a \$6,950 payment to USGS for water quality monitoring of Shell Creek as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Wahoo Creek**

**1. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Management Plan - Update Given**

**3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED - None**

**4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

**a. Monthly Report - Update Given**

1. Cumulative Impact Study
2. River Obstruction Removal
3. Environmental Suitability Assessment
4. LPRCA Kiosks
5. Upcoming Meeting

**b. Proposed FY 12 LPRCA Budget**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the proposed FY 12 LPRCA budget as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. It was further recommended that approval of budget line items for the Cumulative Impact Study (\$40,000) and Lower Platte River Restoration (\$53,334) are contingent of obtaining federal funding assistance. It was further recommended that approval of budget item River Obstruction Removal (\$60,000) is contingent on the Army COE allowing causeway construction, instead of a bridge, for pier removal. It was further recommended that all three of these budget line items are contingent on receiving individual approval by LPNDR before work begins. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. OTHER**

**a. Village of Malmo Assistance Request**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve 50% cost-share, up to a maximum of \$7,500 assistance, toward the future Village of Malmo Channel Cleaning Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies**

**1. South Fremont - Update Given**

**2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given**

**c. Nebraska No-Till Conference – Update Given**

**d. Review of Projects Financial Statement - Update Given**

**6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT**

**a. Lake Wanahoo**

**1. Review of Lake Wanahoo Sub-Committee Business - Update Given**

**b. Sand/Duck Creek Upstream Structures – Update Given**

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

**a. Report on Adjusted Project Total Cost and Increase in LPNNRD Commitment**

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7a. SWCP Summer Approval**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the following SWCP Summer Approval:

			<u>75%</u>
<u>Allen J Meduna</u>	<u>16-14-6</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Casey, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Pollard, Renter, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Veskerna, Pieke

ABSTAIN: Meduna

**7b. Purchase of GIS Server**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to purchase a GIS Server as outlined and attached to the Additional Action Items at an estimated cost of \$2,686. Recommendation carried.

AYE: Acklie, Casey, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Pollard, Renter, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Veskerna, Pieke

ABSTAIN: Meduna

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Meduna made the motion seconded by Sabatka 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 Hannah, to approve the May consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Casey, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, McDermott, Meduna, Pollard, Renter, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Veskerna, Pieke

ABSTAIN: Kavan

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 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 May 9, 2011, 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.

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William Taylor, Secretary