

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, May 8, 2017.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our May 8, 2017 board meeting was published on April 20, 2017 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Birkel 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:

Clausen	Feala	Folsom
Gibney	Hannah	Hilger
Kavan	Olson	Pollard
Ruzicka	Sabatka	Seier
Veskerna	Birkel	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	McDermott	Meduna
Saalfeld	Sobota	

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Breunig	Heimann
TePoel	Andersen	Gottschalk

Schomer

Legal Counsel Lausterer

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 Report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger gave the NARD Report.

d. NRC Report

None

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Elbert Traylor was present to update the Board on the Shell Creek and Wahoo Creek 319 projects.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Off Site Table Concerns Near Sand Creek – Update Given

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Nebraska Water Tour – Update Given

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences - None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Water Strategies Monthly Report and Bill

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the monthly bill from Water Strategies for \$4,500 and bill Papiro and Lower Platte South NRD's for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Other Discussion Items with Lausterer – Update Given

e. Manager Hiring Update

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to have a Special Board meeting on June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing the candidate the Manager Selection Sub-Committee is bringing forward for the LPNNRD General Manager position. Motion carried consent agenda.

f. NRCS/NRD 2017 Summer Intern Program

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve having the NRCS Summer Intern Program again this summer as outlined by Mark Walkenhorst and attached to the Executive Committee Minutes with a funding limit of \$4,400. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Annual Audit Request for Proposals – Update Given

h. Manager Priority List – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel - None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the January and February Financial

Statements as distributed to all board members. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve Manager Miyoshi's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts over 90 Days – Update Given

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

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. FYRA Contract – Lake Wanahoo Level

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to remove from the table the FYRA Engineering Lake Wanahoo Lake Level Management Plan contract. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level

Gibney made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to accept the FYRA Engineering contract of \$21,970 to develop a Lake Wanahoo Lake Level and weather monitoring plan including a cost estimate for numerous stream monitoring gauges on area creeks and to accept the offer of \$10,000 from the landowners to assist in this study.

Kavan offered an amendment, seconded by Veskerna, to not accept the offer of \$10,000 from the landowners to assist in this study. Amendment carried.

AYE: Clausen, Feala, Folsom, Gibney, Hilger, Kavan, Pollard, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Birkel

NAY: Hannah, Olson

The amended motion was now voted on:

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AYE: Feala, Gibney, Kavan, Ruzicka, Seier, Veskerna, Birkel

NAY: Clausen, Folsom, Hannah, Hilger, Olson, Pollard, Sabatka

b. Lake Wanahoo SRA – Update Given

c. Fremont GI Study – Update Given

d. Rawhide Land Partnership Paul Gifford Box Culvert – Update Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 10 Homeowners

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to deny the request from homeowner Nick Cone to take care of the south bank of the District's Ditch 10 property in order to keep the homeowners sheds in their current location. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Clear Creek Levee & Camp Ashland – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

b. Education

1. 2020 Envirothon

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Olson, to fund the 2020 North American Envirothon in the amount requested by NARD that is \$4,245 per year for three years for a total cost of \$12,735. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Spring Conservation Sensation – Update Given

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment to Print Solutions for \$1,888.45 for 2017 Soil and Water Stewardship Week materials. Motion carried consent agenda.

3. Soil and Water Stewardship Week – Update Given

4. Schuyler FFA – Update Given

5. Promotional Items

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment to Dynamic Discs for \$1,679.77 for Spring Conservation Sensation materials. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Scholarship

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to award Hannah Haase the 2017 Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried consent agenda.

c. Computer – None

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the May LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. REGULATORY

a. Groundwater Management Area

1. Irrigated Acres for 2016 in the HCA And NHCA – None

2. Variance Requests in the Hydrological Connected Area – None

3. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrological Connected Area – None

4. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Areas – None

5. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

6. Potential of Expanded Irrigation – None

7. Special Quantity Sub-Areas – Update Given

8. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

9. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan LENRD and LPNRRD – Update Given

10. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Network (NAWMN) - None

c. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

d. Flow Meter Cost Share in SQS #2

1. Flow Meter Cost-Share Program - Update Given

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment of \$5,427 of cost-share funding from the WSF and LPNRRD funds for the following individuals: Beiermann, Ruth for \$770; Heller, Ricky & Mardell for \$770; Dicke, Waylan for \$577; Grotelueschen, Bryce for \$770; Grotelueschen, Bryce for \$770; Grotelueschen, Bryce for \$770; Grotelueschen, Bryce for \$1000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Water Sustainability Fund Request – Update Given

3. Duplicate Meters on One Well

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to allow cost-share payment to individuals within SQS #2 with duplicate flow meters on a per irrigation system basis and approve payment of \$5,390 of cost share funding from WSF and LPN funds for the following individuals: Brandl, Laura M for \$770; German, Allen for \$770; Herink, Jerome for \$770; Rosendahl Farms Inc for \$770; Kresha, Lucille E for \$770; Noonan, Robert for \$770; Grotelueschen, Bryce for \$770; Motion carried on consent agenda.

11. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – None

12. Richland - Schuyler Phase 2 Area – None

13. Richland - Schuyler Phase 3 Area – None

14. LPNRND Operator Certification

a. Certification Classes – Update Given

15. Certifying Acres in Saunders and Dodge Counties – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Livestock Waste Permits – None

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells – None

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve Amendment 5 to the ENWRA Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and authorize the Board Chairman to sign. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. AEM Survey Flights

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that the LPNNRD will be a partner in a Water Sustainability Gant that ENWRA will be submitting in July, with the LPNNRD asking for \$750,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Platte and Elkhorn River Valley Integrated Water Monitoring – None

4. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

5. Hydrogeologic Evaluation

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to table until budgeting time, budgeting \$20,000 for the development of an aquifer risk map for FY17-18 and continue discussion on development of the interactive mapping tool, with cost estimates presented in the budget for committee review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given

d. Ground Water Quality Sampling – None

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes - None

1. Bacteria Sampling – None

2. Toxic Algae – None

5. OTHER

a. CMAT Conjunctive Management Analysis Tool – Update Given

b. Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition - Update Given

c. Phoenix Group – Update Given

d. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given

e. 2017 Summer Interns – Update Given

f. Comments from the Public – Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

2. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the Keith Racek SWCP conservation work adjacent to Sand/Duck Creek Dam Site 24 totaling \$18,107.10 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the \$1,000 SWCP Emergency Terrace repair payment to Larry Muhle as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Nebraska Buffer Strip Payment

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve a \$5,197.50 Nebraska Buffer Strip Payment to Rodney Juleson as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the two Lands for Conservation contracts totaling \$16,124 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Watershed Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek RCPP Dam Sites 26 and 27 – Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase I – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement with NDEQ for receiving EPA 319 grant funding for the Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to table the LPRCA Interlocal Agreement until next month and ask Dave Potter to be at Committee and Board Meeting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. LPRCA Payment Request

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay LPSNRD \$1,482.85 for our share of the LPRCA Planning Retreat expenses as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Feala, Folsom, Gibney, Hannah, Hilger, Olson, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Birkel

NAY: Clausen, Kavan, Pollard, Ruzicka

5. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. Fremont GI Study – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

a. Shell Creek Levee Draft O & M Interlocal Agreement with Schuyler

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Operation and Maintenance Interlocal Agreement for the Schuyler 205 Shell Creek Levee Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project Update – Update Given

c. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given

d. Woodcliff Project Assistance Request

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Feala, to provide a maximum of \$300,000 toward construction of the Woodcliff Platte River Bank Stabilization Project to be paid over the next four fiscal years (FY 2018 – 2021). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Pheasant Forever Wetland Enhancement

Pollard made the motion seconded by Sabatka, to have Ken Kotera contact NRCS personnel to evaluate the possibility of enhancing the Pheasants Forever Wetland for wildlife habitat and for additional temporary storage during intense rain events. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Report – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

a. Wahoo Creek 319 Sampling MOA

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve and ratify the signing of “Memorandum of Agreement between Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and Lower Platte North NRD for Wahoo Creek Enhanced Monitoring: Special Study – Step 2, 56-1531”. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the amended May Consent Agenda (deleting 6.B.1.a). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 8, 2017, 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.

Bob Clausen, Secretary