

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 1999**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, May 10, 1999.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than April 1, 1999. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Daufeldt (left 7:55)
Grueber (arrived 7:32)	Johannes	Kavan
Lallman	Langemeier	Mastny
Nelson	McDermott	Saalfeld (arrived 7:13)
Sabatka	Sendgraff	Shelso
Wilke		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jedlicka	Johnson	Sabata
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Vasa	Murren	

Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper
Grant Porter, Saunders County Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Clint Johannes updated the Board on NARD activities.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the minutes from the April 12, 1999 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve payment of \$270.00 on H.H. Harney's WHIP contract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Rawhide Creek North and West Branch Studies
- ✓ Czechland Wetland Grants
- ✓ Trouble Creek Dam
- ✓ Public Boat Ramp
- ✓ Tree Sales

b. Czechland Lake

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the replacement of a 72" tube, which is eroding out under the hiking trail with a 48" tube and diaphragm at an approximate cost of \$2,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

The District has not received new billings.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Spring Conservation Sensation
- ✓ Project WET Workshops
- ✓ Master Plan
- ✓ Annual Report

b. Range Camp Request

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to provide \$175 for Jordan Spatz of East Butler High School to attend Range Camp. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, 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

Five well permits have been approved.

2. Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve payment for three calibration meter reimbursements: Barry Johnson, \$1100; Dwayne Johnson, \$1100; Rod Chvatal, \$1100 and for two

distribution manifold reimbursements: MJM Farms, \$78.38; Rod Chvatal, \$180.13. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

A. Decommissioned Well Program

1. LPNNRD Cost-Share Program

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve payment for decommissioning one irrigation well of Sunny Lea Farm Partnership for \$675.05. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ⇒ Sand and Duck Creek Study
- ⇒ Ground Water Quality Sampling - Platte and Todd Valley
- ⇒ Precipitation Gauging Network
- ⇒ Ground Water Energy Levels

3. SURFACE WATER

A. Precipitation Gauging Network

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve purchase of a Weather Monitor II - \$479.90 and Weatherlink data logger and software - \$165.00. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that the May 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

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following SWCP payments:

<u>James Gerard</u>	<u>\$53.25</u>	<u>trees</u>
<u>Lyle Krutz</u>	<u>\$74.55</u>	<u>trees</u>
<u>Ken Kappeler</u>	<u>\$277.50</u>	<u>trees</u>
<u>Randy Fendrich</u>	<u>\$352.98</u>	<u>trees</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Return Dam Deposit

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to return the \$500.00 small dam deposit to Clara Polacek. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Approve Summer Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve Summer SWCP applications as follows:

<u>Tom Smaus</u>	<u>\$6,700.00</u>	<u>Butler County</u>
<u>Greg Fujan</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>Butler County Site 31</u>
<u>Frank Eller</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>Butler County</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Cancel Spring SWCP Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to cancel Spring SWCP applications as follows:

99-S-15 BTR Farms \$5,000.00

99-S-17 Milo Bartek \$5,000.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Skull Creek Watershed- Skull Creek Site #55
- ✓ Wahoo Creek

b. Lake Wanahoo - Water Study with DEQ

Murren gave an update on the HSRS (Hydro suction Removal System) proposal from Olsson's. He explained that up to 60% of the \$11,000 cost could be covered from a DEQ. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to submit a grant to DEQ for the Feasibility study on an HSRS for Lake Wanahoo and approve Addendum G to the Interlocal Agreement pending grant approval. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Lake Wanahoo - Tree Nursery

Murren reported he has secured a location on the Ron and Mary Larsen property, to plant a 600 tree nursery for future use on the Lake Wanahoo project. The contract pays \$150 per acre for a period of 5 years. Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the nursery agreement with Ron and Mary Larsen. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. ELKHORN RIVER BREAKOUT IPA

No new business this month.

4. FSA & CRP PLANS

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the following conservation plans:

Platte County Charles Becher George Fischer

Colfax County Lyle Krutz Larry Dowd Dowd Grain Co. Inc

Dodge County Duane Emmanuel Mary Ann Emmanuel

Saunders County David Benes

Butler County Frank Ptacek Pat Roe Steve Rech

Tom Svoboda Butler County Land Fill Don Stara

Boone County Lynne Rennereid David Remmereid Emil Kvamme

Lee Duane Timmy Krueger Taake Bros





Cyril Pelgter Larry Spomer Gary Patzel

Timmy Krueger Connie Seier Edna Krueger

Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

-  Livestock Waste Permits
-  Nebraska Buffer Strip Program
-  Locally Led Conservation CORE Group
-  Platte Center Channel Project Update

b. Lyle Kuhr Project

A bill for \$3,701.97 has been submitted by Lyle Kuhr for work done below NRD Structure Clear Creek 7a. This is \$910.25 under estimate. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to pay Lyle Kuhr 50% cost share in the amount of \$1,850.99 for work completed below Clear Creek Structure 7a. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. GMDA Summer Meeting

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to send two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Meeting, June 16-18 at Colorado Springs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Managers and Supervisors Conference

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to send Miyoshi, Breunig and Mountford to the Managers and Supervisors Conference, June 15th in Omaha. The enrollment fee is \$195 per person. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the absence of Johnson from the May Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. NSWCP Formula Change

Due to large carry overs in the NSWCP fund a recommendation has come from the Natural Resources Commission to alter the formula. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that a letter be sent to the Natural Resources Commission supporting proposed changes to the NSWCP Formula. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. NRCS Technical Funding

NACD has contacted all Districts updating them on the status of the increase technical funding that is being sought for NRCS. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that a letter be sent to our Congressional delegation urging them to support the proposed increase for technical funding to NRCS. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. MUD Wellfield

District personnel are currently working with MUD and Saunders County to mitigate the potential effect on subirrigators near the proposed MUD wellfield. The County is also actively pursuing preventing the wellfield in Saunders County from becoming operational. Saunders County has requested our District issue a cease and desist order against MUD for their Saunders County Wellfield. A seventeen point request has been received from the County. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the Lower Platte North NRD follow Legal Counsels advice in handling the Saunders County complaint against MUD with the following Board intent being followed:

1. Cause of Action #1. MUD be notified of unregistered wells and require that MUD begin the registration process with DWR within 30 days or this item be turned over to the Saunders County Attorney.
2. Cause of Action #2-16. A stay be issued on cause of actions 2-16 and a cease and desist from pumping be issued pending rulings on these items from DWR. This stay is to postpone action by LPNNRD for formal action at a later time.
3. Cause of Action #17. Cause of action #17 requiring NRD permits on existing wells be dismissed since all wells in question were drilled prior to January 1, 1997, the starting date for LPNNRD's Ground Water Management Area. Any future permit application for the wellfield must address specific proposed beneficial uses of the groundwater into classification set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §46-288, quantities and place for each beneficial use.

It was further recommended that the Board Chairman and District Manager be given authority on this matter to work with the District's Legal Counsel to see that all necessary action is taken for full NRD compliance on this matter. Motion carried all members voting aye.

e. Platte River Corridor Alliance Update

Bull made the motion, seconded Saalfeld, to pay for the ongoing Platte River COE studies as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. The total price for continuing the studies to the District is \$46,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Purchasing Policy

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the Purchasing Policy as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all embers present voting aye.

4. Equipment

a. Purchase of 2 Additional Beacon Receivers

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to purchase two additional Beacon Receivers at a cost of \$1,400 each. Money for this expenditure for one unit will come from the equipment budget line for the current fiscal year, money for the second receiver will come from the water budget. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Purchase of 3 GPS Units

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to purchase three Garmin 12 channel GPS Units at a cost of \$150 each with money for this expenditure coming from the water budget. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Personnel

a. Performance Evaluations

Directors were reminded that performance evaluations on all employees will take place during May. The Personnel Sub-Committee will meet at the end of the month with recommendations for salary increases at the June Board Meeting.

6. Finance

a. VISA Policy

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the new VISA Policy as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of March Financial Statement

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the March Financial Statement as distributed at the April Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payments

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Wilke, to approve the following SWCP payment:

Dwayne Koranda \$128 Trees

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. SWCP Cancellations

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Wilke, to cancel the following SWCP Applications:

98-S-01 Clara Polacek

97-S-01 Pat Shanahan

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

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The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 1999. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary