

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2000**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, November 13, 2000.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than November 1, 2000. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Daufeldt
Grueber (arrived 6:00)	Jedlicka (arrived 6:00)	Johannes
Kavan	Lallman	Langemeier
Mastny	Nelson	Saalfeld (arrived 5:35)
Sabatka	Shelso	McDermott(arrived 7:05)

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Johnson	Sabata	Sendgraff
Wilke		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Barry
Carol Prokesh, NRCS/NRD Clerk		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		
Jim Harder, NRCS/LPRCA		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 7.a. was taken at this time.

Dodge County "Waiver of Adjustment"

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to waive any adjustment in the Levy previously set by the Dodge County Board of Equalization and the State Assessor and authorize the Chairman to Sign the "Wavier of Adjustment". Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Carol Prokesh reported on duties she has been working on at the NRCS Office.

b. NARD Report

A report on the October NARD Board Meeting was given by Kavan. Director Johannes reported that he was elected to be the Chairman of the Envirothon Committee.

c. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Update

Greg Fetterman was present to update the Board on the Water Quality Awareness and Education Campaign, Herbicide Runoff Study and Regional GIS Project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve minutes from the October 9, 2000 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NACD Annual Meeting

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve expenses for two staff and three directors to attend the NACD Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on February 3-7, 2001. Those attending the conference will be Johannes, Langemeier, Johnson, Mountford and Gottschalk. Motion carried on consent agenda. One extra Director is included due to Johannes duties as Envirothon Chairman.

2. Clean Water Act Meeting

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to authorize up to two staff and two directors to attend The Clean Water Act Workshop in Denver, Colorado on December 7th. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absences

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve director absences for the following meetings: August - Jedlicka, September - Wilke, October - Daufeldt and Grueber. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Building - Round Window

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to accept the quote from Classic Art Glass Company Inc. for construction and installation of a stained glass window with the NRD logo on it at a cost of \$724. Staff was asked to check out the company by contacting former customers and viewing work that the company has done. Recommendation carried all members present voting aye.

c. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

1. Water Quality Awareness and Education Campaign

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to authorize management to sign the interlocal agreement with LPRCA on the Water Quality Awareness Campaign with the LPNNRD cost of \$8,000 being paid after July 1, 2001. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

1. Herbicide Runoff Study

Fetterman was present to discuss the herbicide runoff study. The Alliance will be submitting a

Nebraska Environmental Trust application.

2. Regional GIS Project

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the Manager signing the amended Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Regional GIS Project Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Annual Dues

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve the annual dues for the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance in the amount of \$10,833. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Grueber, Jedlicka, Kavan, Lallman, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Langemeier

ABSENT: Johannes

c. Establishment of Shell Creek Sinking Fund

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to establish a Shell Creek Sinking Fund with no dollars within the fund at the current time. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. WRDA Projects Update

Murren and Miyoshi gave an update on the current status of the three Nebraska WRDA projects. Much staff time has been spent this past month preparing and making final changes to the applications that affect our NRD.

North NRD and partners. Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve Amendment 10 to the Interlocal Agreement for the Sand Creek Project and the third amendment to Addendum "F" of the Lake Wanahoo Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Manager to sign said agreements. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Equipment

a. Alliance GIS Server Purchase

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to authorize staff to purchase the GIS Server necessary for the Alliance Regional GIS Project at a price not to exceed \$5,764. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Internet Service Provider

Mastny made motion, seconded by Grueber, that the NRD switch its Internet Service Provider to ORA2.NET at a cost of \$250 per month and a one time installation fee of \$750. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Director Computer Project

Staff continues to work on putting the details together for the Directors Computer Project. Besides purchase of the computers it is necessary to line up the software, phone lines and necessary peripherals to make the system work. A detailed analysis plus cost will be prepared for the next

Executive Committee Meeting.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the July, August and September Financial Statements as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the Managers expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, that the November LPNNRD 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

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve three WHIP contracts at a total payment of \$1,505.

<u>Susan Bollwitt</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>8 acres</u>	<u>\$140</u>
<u>Stanley Egr</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>42 acres</u>	<u>\$735</u>
<u>Shirley Johannes</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>40 acres</u>	<u>\$630</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wild Nebraska

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve one new WILD NE contract for Cheryl Goering, Colfax County on 1 acre. The transition payment is \$68.80/yr. for the next 5 years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Czechland Silt Dam and Sediment Removal System
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North and West Branch Studies
- ✓ Southeast Fremont Drainage
- ✓ Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad
- ✓ Conservation Easement
- ✓ Verdell Stork Request

b. Goose Neck/5th Wheel Trailer

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to accept the bid of \$3,600 from Bob Kerwin for the Goose Neck/5th Wheel Trailer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Pheasants Forever - Corners For Wildlife

The Pheasants forever Chapters in our area would like the District to participate in Corners for Wildlife. Corners for Wildlife is a habitat program funded by Nebraska Environmental Trust and Pheasants Forever. The NRD's administrate the program by taking sign-ups, writing contracts, planting trees, technical assistance and distributing payments. Pheasants Forever and the landowners pay for all planting materials. Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to participate in the Pheasants Forever Corners for Wildlife program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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:

- * Land Judging
- * Workshops and Presentations
- * Annual Banquet

b. Nebraska Farm Expo

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to participate in the Nebraska Farm Expo in Columbus on January 14-16 if LLNRD and LENRD will share the cost of a booth. A booth is \$225 or \$75 per NRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, that the November LPNNRD Operation and Education Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☞ Manure Testing and Software Cost Share
- ☞ Well Permits
- ☞ Sampling Kits
- ☞ N-Serve Demonstration Plot
- ☞ Well Registration
- ☞ Chemigation
- ☞ Livestock Waste Permits
- ☞ N-Serve Demonstration Plot

b. Newspaper Ad for Cost-Share Programs

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve payment to place an ad in area newspapers outlining the LPNNRD cost share programs for the Ground Water Management Area, estimated cost is \$600. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Nitrogen Certification Classes

It is estimated that 1,000 producers need to be certified for Nitrogen Certification this year. Cost for training has been \$5.00 per person or a possible cost to the District of \$5,000 to certify the remaining producers. Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to fund the Nitrogen Certification Classes being taught by Extension Educators and NRD personnel at \$5 per person. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Nitrogen Certification Deadline

The GWMA Rules and Regulations state that operators who use any type of fertilizer, either commercial or organic, are required to be Certified by the District every four years. This is the fourth year since we started the Nitrogen Certification Classes and therefore we need to set a deadline for obtaining that Certification. Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to set the date of April 1st, 2001 as the deadline for operators to obtain Nitrogen Certification from the District and after April 1, 2001 a test-out procedure to obtain Nitrogen Certification will be offered for a \$10 fee to the end of the calendar year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve payment to decommission the domestic well for Lynne Campbell for \$ 227.55. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monitoring Wells

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the purchase of two In-Situ data cables for a cost of \$926.50. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Groundwater Quality - Platte Valley
- * Mead NOP
- * Farm-A-Syst Program

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- Sand and Duck Creek Study
- Precipitation Gauging Network
- Ambient Stream Gauging

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

C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Approve SWCP Payments

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the following SWCP payment:

00-C-73 Brian Goff \$ 1,911.75 (Original approval was for \$ 1,124.25)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Application Approvals

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the following SWCP applications contingent that the landowners agree to wait until July 2001 for payment if necessary:

Ernest Yindrick: \$10,000 - Construct new terraces and basins w/tile outlets above proposed Skull Creek Site 31.

Oliver Maurer: \$2,200 - Construct new basin w/tile outlet in Shell Creek Watershed

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Adjustment in SWCP Cost-Share Approval Amount

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the following SWCP application increase: Lorrene Knapp (#00-C-75) \$ 7,801.69 from \$ 6,582.22 due to larger tile size needed.

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed

Gottschalk gave a progress report on Homestead Lake.

3. FSA, EQIP and CRP PLANS SIGNED

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the Conservation Plans as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

Attached to the Projects Committee Minutes are Minutes from Northwest Bellwood Watershed, Shell Creek Locally Led Meetings and Skull/Bone Creek Minutes.

5. OTHER

a. Nebraska Buffer Strip Program Payments

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the following Nebraska Buffer Strip Payments:

<u>Stuart Loseke Family Trust</u>	<u>\$133.05</u>	<u>Tim Jazwick</u>	<u>\$63.90</u>
<u>Lynn Wondercheck</u>	<u>\$637.26</u>	<u>Faytinger Brothers</u>	<u>\$15.36</u>
<u>James Fujan</u>	<u>\$10.58</u>	<u>Hanson Brothers</u>	<u>\$121.00</u>
<u>Ray Kracl</u>	<u>\$63.14</u>	<u>Justin Janecek</u>	<u>\$49.29</u>
<u>R.W. Pollock</u>	<u>\$229.60</u>	<u>Jon Muehlich</u>	<u>\$177.00</u>
<u>Gayle Jazwick</u>	<u>\$161.77</u>	<u>James Barjenbruch</u>	<u>\$96.40</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. RC&D's

The Prairie Land RC&D and the Nebraska Great Plains RC&D are applying for federal funding and have requested our signature as a sponsoring agency on the applications. Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to ratify the General Manager's signature on the Prairie Land RC&D and the Great Plains RC&D applications. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Murren gave an update from the November 1, Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting. Meeting minutes are attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Dodge County "Waiver of Adjustment"

This item was taken earlier.

7.b. GMDA Annual Conference

Lallman made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to authorize up to 2 Directors and 2 Staff to attend the GMDA Annual Conference, January 7-9 in New Orleans. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve the November consent agenda as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

No comments.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The December Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2000. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary