

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2003

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 10, 2003.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than October 30, 2003. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Eden	Hannah
Holstine	Jedlicka (arrived 5:40)	Johannes
Kavan	Langemeier	Larsen
Mastny	Pieke	Reitmajer
Saalfeld (arrived 5:35)	Sabata	Sabatka
Shelso	Johnson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Bull
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Angle
Gottschalk	Heimann	
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Rodney Verhoff, LPRCA
Al Mittan, Prarie Land RC&D		Newman Grove High School Students

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

No Report.

b. NARD Report

Director Langemeier informed the Board that the cash reserve for the NARD health insurance fund is low.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve minutes from the October 13, 2003 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

No new business.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absences

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Rodney Verhoeff handed out and discussed his October Alliance Summary.

c. GIS Coverage for MUD

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a proposal for GIS coverage in the drawn down area of MUDs proposed Platte West well field. The NRD is negotiating with MUD to provide work on the GIS coverages with reimbursements as listed in the agreement. A motion will be forthcoming to carry out this proposed project.

d. Jarecke Bill

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to pay the Jarecke bill in the amount of \$2,507.05. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Legal Counsel Discussion

Chairman Johnson appointed a Sub-Committee to look at various attorneys within the District. Members of the Sub-Committee include: Ron Sabatka, Dave Shelso, Clint Johannes, R.J. Sabata and Dean Johnson.

f. Policy Travel Discussion

Discussion took place at the previous Board Meeting about the policy on out of state travel by staff and directors. The current policy states that up to two directors and two staff are eligible to attend all out of state meeting. Staff was directed to put together a list of normal out of state travel per year and the costs for that travel.

g. NRD Logo Coats

Eight years ago the NRD provided NRD coats or jackets with the NRD logo to Directors and Staff at a discounted price. It was decided to look at this again. Staff will put together information and present it at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

h. Executive Committee Meeting Time

The December Executive Meeting time was set for 8:30 a.m. The Committee will try this time slot to see if it fits better for all in attendance.

i. Bob Weaver Billing

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve the Bob Weaver bill in the amount of \$892.50 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

a. Furnace Replacement

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to accept the low bid from Getzschman for a ProSeries 125,000 btu 90% efficiency furnace at a bid price of \$2,850.00. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Personnel

No new business.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve the September Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable over 90 Days

None.

d. Travel Insurance

The District has carried travel insurance on all Directors and Employees since the District formed in 1972. The cost of that policy in 2002 was about \$350 and that amount has doubled for 2003 to \$750.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, that the November LPNRRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve two Wildlife Habitat contracts for a total payment of \$1,365.

<u>Stanley Egr</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>\$ 735</u>
<u>Shirley Johannes</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>\$ 630</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

Operation and Maintenance Activities
Rawhide Creek North Branch
South Fremont 205 Study
Rawhide Ditch 8 Undercutting Banks

b. Promotional Trees for Arbor Day

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to purchase 1,000 greenhouse grown trees through the National Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska City at .80/tree. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Public Access Hunting at Homestead Lake

The Board discussed the option of opening designated areas of Homestead Recreational Area to public hunting for upland game and waterfowl (as we have at Czechland). Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to update the District Park Regulations by allowing upland game and waterfowl hunting in designated areas at Homestead Lake Recreation Area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to pay Frank Stanek, \$254.83 and Adolph Novecek, \$1,125 for Rock and Jetty work accomplished on the Platte River. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education Activities

The Following Updates Were Given:
Land Judging
UNL Career Fair
Abie Geo-Cacheing

b. Range Camp Scholarship Requests

The NRD has received requests from seven East Butler students for scholarship reimbursements for attending Range Camp last summer. In the past the NRD has always required students to apply for scholarship funds before the camp. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to deny the request for scholarship funding from the East Butler students. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Information Activities

The Following Updates Were Given:

Web Site Update
David City Wellhead Protection

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, 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. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Cost-Share Programs

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to provide NRD cost share funds for FY03-04 for 1) gated pipe to pivot conversions, 2) sampling kits for both irrigation and domestic wells, 3) manure lab analysis, 4) irrigation practices through NSWCP funds (surge valves, water meters, reuse pits). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. The Following Reports Were Given:

Well Permits
Nitrogen Certification
Bellwood Phase 2 Area
GWMA Sample Kits
Chemigation
Livestock Waste Permits
Fertilizer Application

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Plugged Wells

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve NRD cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Dorothy Hildebrandt for \$510.42. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

Decommissioned Well Program
Wellhead Protection Areas
Rural Water Systems
Groundwater Energy Levels
Groundwater Quality

3. OTHER

None

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Fall Approvals

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve the following additional work approved under the following SWCP applications:

03-S-15 Mark Kaspar (Above Sand & Duck Creek Site 6) Add'l \$ 2,580 - 2 add'l terrace lines and tile needed.

Charles Divis Approximately \$850.00 @ 90% Cost-Share - Extend tile lines from 00-S-82 SWCP project to a stable outlet.

b. SWCP Cancellations

None

c. SWCP Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve the following completed SWCP conservation work for payment:

02-P-50 Ryan Went \$1,204.79

02-B0-49 Zane Wondercheck \$808.95

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

A. Skull Creek Watershed

1. Homestead Lake - Boat Dock

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to make the final \$1,000 contract payment to Lacey Construction for construction work on Skull Creek Site 55 subject to receiving a letter from the contractor stating that they will install the boat dock at no extra cost to the District, after Homestead Lake fills with adequate water. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Proposed Dam Site 31 Public Meeting

Tom Pesek with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources met with the Projects Committee to discuss the challenges of justifying adequate benefits for Skull Creek Dam Site 31 to warrant state cost share assistance. Tom said it appears that we would need to evaluate adding public recreation to justify the project. He also mentioned that if we decide not to pursue the project at this time, he will ask the NDNR commission if we can be reimbursed for a portion of the \$77,700 engineering fees that were spent toward preparing our application for Nebraska Resource Development Funds.

At the public meeting following the committee meeting, discussion focused on the potential for adding recreation benefits to Site 31 which could justify state assistance. The committee asked staff to pursue scheduling a small meeting with the primary landowners to discuss the potential for recreation at the site within the next 30 days.

3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve the list of signed conservation plans as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT

- a. The Following Update Was Given:
Shell Creek Improvement Group

5. OTHER

- a. Newman Grove - \$5,000 Cost Share Payment Approval

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve a \$5,000 assistance payment to Newman Grove for their completed storm drainage project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

- b. The Following Updates Were Given on Proposed COE 205 Studies

Fremont South
Schuyler
North Bend

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported that the NRCS is working toward finalizing the boundaries for obtaining our easement payment, which will come from two federal programs (Wetlands Reserve Program and Emergency Watershed Program). Since the boundaries were not finalized before September 1, the District has the opportunity to lease the land for another year. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve leasing the former Snitily Land for the 2004 crop year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to accept the draft Sand Creek Project Cooperation Agreement with the Army COE as attached and authorize the Manager to so notify the COE. It was further moved to approve the PCA and authorize management to sign the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration PCA when it meets Staff and Legal Counsel review criteria. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Murren explained that the majority of the Lake Wanahoo Property will be available for lease during the 2004 crop year. The exception will be 50 - 55 acres that will be involved with the fisheries/wetlands development project that the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission is assisting us with.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to approve leasing the Lake Wanahoo Property for the 2004 crop year except that portion that will be involved with the fisheries/wetland development project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

It was reported that the Papio/Missouri River NRD has obtained an excellent low bid to clear an Island as part of the project requirement from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The PMRNRD is waiting approval of the Project Cooperation Agreement from the Army COE before accepting the bid.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Snitily Wetland WRP

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded Johannes, to approve a WRP (Wetland Reserve Program) contract and authorize entering into an agreement for a Warranty Easement Deed to be granted to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through the Commodity Credit Corporation concerning the former Snitily property for \$205,786.00 (101 acres located in Section 9 and 10, Township 15 North, Range 7 East) and authorize John Miyoshi, General Manager to execute legal documents and sign said agreement on behalf on the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District. It was further moved to approve an EWP-FP (Emergency Watersheds Protection Program Floodplain) contract and authorize entering into an agreement for a Warranty Easement Deed to be granted to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through the Natural Resources Conservation Service concerning the former Snitily property for \$148,000.00 (72.68 acres located in Section 9 and 10, Township 15 North, Range 7 East) and authorize John Miyoshi, General Manager to execute legal documents and sign said agreement on behalf on the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Cash Rent - Wanahoo Property

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded Johannes, to increase cash rent rates on Wanahoo Property by 5%, rounded to the nearest whole dollar for the 2004 season. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. UNL Educational Program Agreement

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded Johannes, that LPNNRD enter into an Educational Program Agreement which will allow UNL Extension Agent, Rod Wilke to promote Shell Creek Conservation Program. Motion carried all members present voting aye. Pheasants Forever will reimburse LPNNRD for 100% of project costs.

7.d. Overhead Door for Shop

Alm made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to accept the second low bid and purchase a 12 x 12 insulated door with windows, 6 remote controls and photo eye sensors from Capitol Overhead Door Company at a bid price of \$2,328. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. SWCP

Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded Johannes, to approve an additional \$3,303.00 on NSWCP contract 03-S-27 Joe Kavan.

Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded Johannes, to approve the following small dam payment:

Kenneth Merklin \$3,193.51

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.f. Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded Johannes, to approve the following domestic abandoned well cost-share payment:

Randy Pippin \$910.57

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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 Jedlicka, to approve the November consent agenda by removing item 6.B.2.b. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

The Newman Grove High School Science Class gave a presentation on the outcome of their water sampling efforts along a portion of Shell Creek.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The December Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2003. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary