

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2000**

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, October 9, 2000.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than September 28, 2000. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

**2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Bailey	Bull	Jedlicka (arrived 7:07)
Johannes	Johnson	Kavan
Lallman	Langemeier	Mastny (arrived 7:05)
Nelson	Saalfeld (arrived 7:02)	Sabatka
Sendgraff	Shelso	McDermott(arrived 7:05)
Wilke		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Daufeldt	Grueber	Sabata
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Barry
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Rich Wiese, LPSNRD
Ron Ecklund, HBE		Judi Cook, LPSNRD
Cindy Love, HBE		Dan Steinkruger, LPSNRD
Ted Wehrbein, LPSNRD		Dean Petersen, LPSNRD
Estel Schroeder, LPSNRD		Glenn Johnson, LPSNRD
Mary Ellen Rogge, LPSNRD		Gayle Starr, DNR

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**A. NARD Report**

A report on the September NARD Fall Conference was given by Director Johannes. NARD Minutes and Reports are in Director's mailboxes.

**B. Selection of NRC Nominee**

Chairman McDermott asked for nominations for a person to fill the vacant NRC Representative position. Director Nelson nominated Don Kavan as the Lower Platte Basin Representative. Director Langemeier nominated Clint Johannes as the Lower Platte Basin Representative. With no other nominations Director Jedlicka made a motion that nominations cease and a written ballot be cast. Chairman McDermott appointed Director Langemeier, Ron Ecklund and Mike Murren to count the ballots. Chairman McDermott reported that Clint Johannes will be our Lower Platte Basin Nominee. Johannes indicated that if he was elected to the NRC position, another Director should be

selected to replace him as the NARD Representative.

**C. Annual Audit Report**

Ron Ecklund and Cindy Love were present to hand out and discuss the Lower Platte North NRD Annual Audit Report and to answer questions.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve minutes from the September 11, 2000 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Reports**

A report was given on the recent NARD Annual Conference.

**b. Pending**

Groundwater Foundation Fall Conference is being held in Nebraska City on November 13- 15.

**2. Management**

**a. Directors Absences**

None received.

**b. Building**

Staff has finished pouring the parking lot on the South and East side of the NRD building.

**c. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance**

**1. Alliance Interlocal Agreements**

Miyoshi discussed three potential Alliance programs and funding to support them.

1. "Herbicide Runoff in the Lower Platte Basin" this \$1.2 million study will assess quantities and location of pesticides entering the Lower Platte River. Greg Fetterman will be invited to attend our November Board Meeting for a more complete explanation.
2. "Water Quality Awareness and Education Campaign" this program will produce materials and a video and then conduct a series of meetings to assist individual well owners to reduce the risk of well contamination. The \$142,200 program would need \$8,000 from each of the three member NRD's. Fetterman will also discuss this proposal with the Board in November.
3. "Alliance Regional GIS Project" This program would create a Regional GIS system ran by an interactive server located at LPNNRD. Any City, County or individual within the three NRDs who has internet access will have mapping capabilities. The cost of this project is estimated at \$9,000 or \$3,000 per NRD. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to participate in the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Regional GIS Project and authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time the NRD Board took a recess.

Gayle Starr, DNR was present to run the Basin Caucus Meeting. Starr took roll call and reviewed the agenda. Twenty two Basin Directors were present Chairman McDermott nominated Johannes as the Lower Platte Basin Representative. A written ballot was cast with Johannes being declared the Basin Representative to the Natural Resources Commission.

### **Well Head Protection Presentation**

McKenzie Barry gave a Well Head Protection presentation on Abie's and Schuyler's Contaminate Source Inventory and how the District is using ArcView to plot it on aerial photos.

### **2. Weavers Fees**

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are fees charged by Bob Weaver for services provided for the three alliance members. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Jedlicka, to pay Kelly Weaver Corporation \$5,057.50 for work completed on the WRDA bill as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

### **3. Airboat Tour Bill**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to pay \$750 for the Lower Platte North's share of the Alliance Airboat tour. Motion carried on consent agenda. Total cost of the Airboat tour was \$2,250 which is divided equally between Lower Platte South, Lower Platte North and Papio Missouri River NRDs.

### **4. Local Governance Committee Meeting**

The Local Governance Committee of the Alliance met on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Miyoshi and Conrad attended this meeting that discussed the merits of an interlocal agreement between the counties, cities, and NRD's to outline duties of a Local Governance Committee. Much discussion took place on why such an agreement is needed if the Committee will only give guidance to cities and counties within the Lower Platte River Corridor. The Committee will next meet on November 16 with one voting representative from each of the 8 Alliance Counties deciding the format to be followed. Director Jedlicka will attend the scheduled meeting with Miyoshi.

### **d. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Project**

Miyoshi explained that the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek project is moving forward. Congressman Terry is sponsoring the project for WRDA 2000 Funding. Environmental negotiations continue with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to complete the project package.

### **5. Equipment**

#### **a. Computer Upgrade**

The new computer has been purchased from Wahoo Computer and is up and running

#### **b. Cell Phone Update**

The District recently joined the State of Nebraska cell phone plan and purchased five new phones. By being on the State Plan we do not pay plan fees and only pay 17¢/minute. Our previous cell phone bill had a base fee of \$141per month, last month our cell phone bill was \$12.78.

### **4. Personnel**

No new business.

**5. Finance**

**a. Financial Reports**

Software problems have delayed the Financial Statements.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

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

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the October 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**

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve one WHIP contract at a payment of \$285.

Larry Novak                  Butler                  19 acres          \$285          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

**b. Goose Neck/Fifth Wheel Trailer**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to sell the Goose Neck/5th Wheel Trailer. 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:**

- \* Festival of Color
- \* NARD Presentation (Picture This)
- \* Husker Harvest Days
- \* Open House
- \* Land Judging Contest

**b. Range Judging Request**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to donate \$100 to the University of Nebraska Range

Judging team and to direct staff to provide appropriate auction items. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the October 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

#### **b. Newspaper Ad for November 1<sup>st</sup> Application of Fertilizer**

An ad placed in all area newspapers to remind area producers of the November 1<sup>st</sup> date before the application of fertilizers, is estimated to cost \$800.00. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment of up to \$800.00 to place an ad in all area newspapers reminding producers of the November 1<sup>st</sup> date concerning the application of fertilizers. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

#### **a. Decommissioned Well Program**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment to decommission the domestic well for Rick Egner for \$ 227.55 and a domestic well for LPNNRD for \$ 428.63. Motion carried on consent agenda.

#### **b. USGS Monitoring Wells**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment to the United States Geological Survey for \$365.00 for continued monitoring of the ground water recorder well near Mead. Motion carried on consent agenda.

#### **c. The Following Reports Were Given**

- \* Wellhead Protection Areas
- \* Groundwater Quality - Platte Valley
- \* Mead NOP

### **3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

#### **a. The Following Reports Were Given**

- Sand and Duck Creek Study
- Precipitation Gauging Network

#### **b. USGS Gauging Of Shell Creek**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment to the United States Geological Survey for \$4600.00 for continued monitoring of the surface water gauging station on Shell Creek

north of Columbus. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the October 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**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the following SWCP payment:

00-B-09 Dennis Zegers \$ 1,274.66 Motion carried on consent agenda.

#### **b. EQIP Non-Priority Area Application Approval**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the Duane Pavlik non-priority EQIP contract for \$24,029 and authorize the Assistant Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the District. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **2. WATERSHEDS**

#### **a. Central Butler Watershed (NW Drainage Project)**

Director Sabata along with Gottschalk and Mountford attended a September 11 meeting in David City to discuss state and federal funding possibilities for the Project. This meeting involved discussion with representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It appears that the best hope for funding is from the COE if the project can be packaged with environmental enhancement benefits. This would be a similar approach, taken for Lake Wanahoo. DNR is less optimistic that the project will be eligible under Resources Development Fund guidelines.

#### **b. Skull Creek Watershed**

##### **1. Skull Creek Site 55 Update**

Construction activities are continuing and things are on schedule. An old hand dug well has been properly filled and sealed by Great Plains of Wahoo. The total cost of \$571.50 will be 75% reimbursable from DNR.

##### **2. Skull Creek 55 Landright for Outlet Channel**

As reported last month, we are in need of an additional easement for channel shaping and seeding on the Jim and Jean Polivka property involving 1.43 acres. Our engineer is working on an easement map. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the Jim and Jean Polivka easement for \$160. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **3. WANAHOO ACTIVITIES**

Mike Murren briefed the committee on Wanahoo activities. A report is attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

### **4. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED**

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

**5. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT**

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

**6. OTHER**

**a. CRP Incentive Program Application Approvals and Payments:**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the following CIP applications and payments subject to the total landowner costs not exceeding the cost-share payment:

<b><u>CIP Program Applications</u></b>		<b><u>CIP Program Payments:</u></b>	
<u>MJM Farms Inc.</u>	<u>\$573.58</u>	<u>Leroy Kallweit</u>	<u>\$916.39</u>
<u>James Barjenbruch</u>	<u>\$270.02</u>	<u>James Barjenbruch</u>	<u>\$ 270.02</u>
<u>Leroy Kallweit</u>	<u>\$916.39</u>	Motion carried on consent agenda.	

**b. Nebraska Buffer Strip Program Payments**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve Nebraska Buffer Strip Payments totaling \$22,850.54 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7.a. Agri-Plex Payment**

We have received a \$450 bill from Agri-Plex, our appraiser at Homestead Lake (Skull Creek Site #55). This bill is for Bob Lilledahl's Court appearance (our request) for the condemnation proceeding on the Larry and Darlene Sloup property. This amount was specified in our contract with Agri-Plex for this service and is 75% reimbursable from the Department of Natural Resources. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve paying Agri-Plex \$450 for court appearance on the condemnation proceedings for the Sloup property. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7.b. Spale (Camp Luther) SWCP Application Approval**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve the following SWCP Application:

Jim Spale      Colfax County      \$7,500      Project is above Camp Luther

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7.c. LPNNRD Sign**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to accept bid of approximately \$1,100 from G&H Masonry to construct a sign with planter in front of the office. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Bull made the motion, seconded by Shelso, 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 Bull, to approve the October consent agenda as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

No comments.

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 2000. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Jane Daufeldt, Secretary