

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 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, September 11, 2000.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

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

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Daufeldt
Grueber	Jedlicka (arrived 7:25)	Johannes
Johnson	Kavan	Langemeier
Mastny	Nelson	Saalfeld
Sabata	Sabatka (arrived 7:05)	Sendgraff
Shelso	McDermott (arrived 7:05)	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lallman	Wilke
---------	-------

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Minarick	Murren	Gottschalk

Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Soncksen updated the Board on compliance issues, CRP status reviews and summer projects that have been completed.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve minutes from the August 14, 2000 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve two WHIP contracts at a total payment of \$795. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Steve Houfek Saunders 18 acres \$270

Larry Novak Butler 35 acres \$525

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

b. Goose Neck/Fifth Wheel Trailer

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to rescind the motion from the July Board Meeting on moving the rear axle forward on the goose neck trailer. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payments

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment of \$845 to Dave Folda for bank stabilization work on the Platte River. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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
- * Range Camp Thank You
- * Husker Harvest Days
- * Open House

b. Soil and Water Conservation Society Request

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to fund one SWCS membership at a cost of \$72. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

B. 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

☞ Ultrasonic Flow Meter

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment for decommissioning a domestic well for Rueben Pokorny for \$ 237.11 and a domestic well for Farmer’s National Company for \$229.77. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Monitoring Wells
- * 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

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the September 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 Cost-Share Payments

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following SWCP payment and return of small dam deposit on the completed project:

<u>99-S-33</u>	<u>Edwin Mastny</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>\$9,276.84</u>
	<u>Edwin Mastny</u>	<u>Return Dam Deposit</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Cancellations

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to cancel the following SWCP application:

00-S-60 Eugene Simanek \$ 8,000 (Was approved under EQIP)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Approval of additional SWCP Application for Fall 2000

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following Fall SWCP applications contingent on landowners agreeing to wait for payment until July 2001:

<u>Kenneth Hensens</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>Above Czechland</u>
<u>Kurt Skillstad</u>	<u>\$ 3,800</u>	<u>Boone County (Grazing management practice in Shell Creek Watershed)</u>

Larry Rezac \$4,900 Finish land treatment above Site #55

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following Fall SWCP application to aid with the approval of the Leland Wade EQIP contact approval, contingent on landowner agreeing to wait for payment until July 2001:

James Brazda \$7,500 Saunders County (SWCP above EQIP contract)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. EQIP Priority Area Application Requests

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve 15% additional cost-share on the following EQIP applications contingent on the landowners agreeing to wait for payment until July 2001:

Roger Fujan - additional 15% cost-share up to \$1,500 assistance

James Fujan - additional 15% cost-share up to \$2,800 assistance

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. SWCP Policy Changes

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the revised SWCP policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Central Butler Watershed (NW Drainage Project)

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve support of David City's pursuit of state and/or federal assistance to complete the David City NW Drainage/Flood Control Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Skull Creek Watershed

1. Skull Creek Site 55 Update

Construction activities are going well and things are on schedule.

2. Butler County Agreement Approvals

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Butler County Road Agreement and the Butler County/Polivka Road Dam Interlocal agreement as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Lake Wanahoo Update

Murren said that the draft Environmental Impact Statement is in final form and will be printed by early next week. It will then be sent to COE officials in Portland Oregon for signature.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is seriously considering a combination shooting range and youth hunting/education facility at proposed Lake Wanahoo. This would have a huge positive impact for this project if Wanahoo is selected.

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Bull, to have Murren available to hand deliver the COE Feasibility Study to Portland for General Strock's signature and to Washington upon advice from the Omaha COE office. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull Daufeldt, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Kavan. Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Johnson

3. ELKHORN RIVER BREAKOUT IPA

No new business.

4. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, 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 Locally Led Meeting.

6. OTHER

a. RC & D Minutes

Attached to the Projects Committees Minutes are Minutes from Nebraska Great Plains RC&D.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a report from the SWCS Conference attended by Mountford.

b. Pending

Directors were reminded of the NARD Fall Conference which will be held September 25-26, in Kearney.

2. Management

a. Directors Absences

None received.

c. Building

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to have the restroom doors changed at a maximum cost of \$200. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Office Cleaning Contract

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to renew the contract for office cleaning with Scott Nelson at a rate of \$85/per week. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

1. Activity List

A request was received from Directors for a list of projects and accomplishments of the Alliance. Greg Fetterman, Director of the Alliance has typed out such a list and is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

2. Weavers Fees

Bull made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to pay the two bills to Kelly Weaver Corporation for \$659.17 and \$5,407.50 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Alliance GIS Project

The Alliance is looking at putting up a GIS server for the three member NRDs. The GIS server would give the capability for map making by anyone who has an Internet connection. This item will be presented to the Local Governance Committee who initially meets on September 20th. A feeling will be received from the member counties and cities at the meeting.

d. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Project

1. Meeting with PMRNRD

The PMRNRD Projects Sub-Committee met with Bull, Nelson, Shelso and Miyoshi. The WS/CC levee project was discussed. Feelings on the Papio Board are very similar to those expressed by LPN Board Members. The Board is split on the decision whether to proceed with the project, however, the feeling of the group was that we should proceed with the study since it is nearing completion. The Papio NRD sub-sequently did approve the amendment and the payment to conclude the project study.

2. Amendment 9 to WS/CC Project

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve Amendment #9 to the WS/CC Levee Project and authorize the Manager to sign this amendment. It was further moved to approve payment for Amendment #9 to the Interlocal Agreement at a cash cost of \$30,178. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. By-Law Changes

It was discussed at the previous Board Meeting to change the by-laws by including the past-chairperson as member of the Executive Committee. After discussion by the Executive Committee it was felt seven members is enough representation on the Executive Committee, therefore, no action was taken.

f. NARD Dues

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Daufeldt, to approve payment of the NARD dues for FY01 in an amount of \$11,005.88. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

g. DNR Representative

The District was recently informed of sever illness by Dale Watermeier, LPS NRD Board Member and Representative to the NRC for the Lower Platte Basin. Due to the current agreement we have with LPSNRD to have a representative serve an eight year term to the commission, and Watermeier having served only six of these years, it is felt that if Watermeier is no longer able to serve in that capacity that a representative be elected from the LPNNRD.

h. NARD Resolutions

In a separate handout in Directors boxes are a copies of resolutions proposed by the Districts for the NARD Fall Conference.

3. Equipment

a. Open Desk Bids

Bids for four desks and three computer hutches were opened during Executive Committee. The high bidder on each item will be informed. Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a sheet of bids received.

b. Computer Purchase

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the bid on a new computer from Wahoo Computer for \$1,829. Computer specifications are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Director Computer Purchase Option

Director Shelso has presented literature stating Directors who wish to have laptops could have the District purchase those laptops and reimburse the District the amount of payment by forfeiting one or two per diems per month. Staff was directed to pursue options for providing laptop computers to Directors.

4. Personnel

a. Sharen Minarick

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to ratify the hiring of Sharen Minarick for the Secretary/Receptionist position. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Finance

a. Financial Reports

July Financial Statement is being completed by HBE.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. F.Y. 01 Budget

1. Approval of FY 01 Budget

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the FY 01 NRD Budget in the amount of \$3,472,965. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Setting Tax Levee FY01

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the tax levee be set different than the previous Fiscal Year and the tax levee rate be set at 4.273 cents per \$100 dollars of valuation for FY01. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Cost-Share Payment Rock and Jetty

Bull made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment on Don Medinger's Rock and Jetty project on the Platte River in Butler County for \$380. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Butler County Rural Electric

Bull made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve paying Butler County Rural Electric \$1,751.44 for construction of electrical service at the Czechland Wetland Silt Dam Project. The annual service charge will be \$180/year plus the KWH.

7.c. Donahue Trailer

Bull made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the high offer of \$1,250 and sell the donahue trailer to the Masonic Children's Home in Fremont, NE. Other offers were Bruce Woita - \$980, Masonic Children's Home \$1,150 and John Kobus - \$1,200.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Johnson 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

No comments.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The October Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2000. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

9/11/00

Page 9

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary