

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

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 13, 2004.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than September 1, 2004. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Holstine
Jedlicka	Johannes	Kavan
Langemeier	Larsen	Mastny
Pieke	Reitmayer	Saalfeld
Sabata	Sabatka	Shelso
Johnson		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Sousek	Angle	Murren
Gottschalk		
Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		
Brad Soncksen, NRCS		
Earl Sheehy		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Soncksen reported that LPNNRD has 71 signed contracts totaling \$902,101 from EQIP funds.

b. NARD Report

Langemeier reminded Directors about the NARD Fall Conference, September 26-28 in Kearney and reviewed proposed legislation.

c. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report with the Directors.

d. Information and Education Session

Miyoshi and Angle gave a detailed presentation on the Mead Cleanup activities.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve minutes from the August 9, 2004 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to have Miyoshi attend the September 8th meetings in Washington DC. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports

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

2. Management

a. Directors Absences

A Director absence form was received from Mastny for the July Meeting. No action was taken.

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

August Report

Verhoeff gave the July Alliance Report.

c. Groundwater Coalition

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a report on the Groundwater Coalition from Legal Counsel Don Blankenau.

d. Pallid Sturgeon

Holstine made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the fifth and final \$5,000 in funding for the five year Pallid Sturgeon Study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Re-Subdistricting

The Board discussed re-subdistricting which had been reviewed in previous months. The two questions at hand is moving our District towards a one to one representation ratio and looking at possible reduction in the size of the Board.

f. Saunders County Request for Hospital Land

At the August Board Meeting we were asked to consider deeding up to 40 acres of land to the County for a potential Hospital at the Wanahoo Location. Since that time considerable local discussion has taken place and the cost of the hospital has escalated from an estimated 15 million to 18 million, therefore the item will not be on the November ballot. Johannes made

the motion, seconded by Bull, to go into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss land transfer and land right negotiations on WS/CC Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Alm made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to go out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to table any further discussion of transferring land for a Saunders County Hospital. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. Bob Weaver Bill

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to pay the Bob Weaver Bill in the amount of \$1,446.67 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Directors Workshop

A Directors Workshop will be held January 6, 2005 at the Benedictine Retreat House in Schuyler.

i. NARD Resolutions

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are a copy of the resolutions that will be discussed at the NARD Annual Fall Conference.

3. Equipment

a. Directors Computers

Staff was directed to move forward on obtaining data for our paperless initiative. Plans are to have the program implemented by the end of the year so that one of the main sessions at Director's Workshop will be use of the new laptop computers.

4. Personnel

a. New GIS Specialist - Chris Poole

Chris Poole has been hired as the District's GIS Specialist. Chris formally worked with the Omaha Sewer Mapping Project.

5. Finance

a. Approval of July Financial Statement

Pending.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

One accounts receivable over 90 days is due from a tree planter in Platte County. Staff is

working on collecting this account.

d. Audit

The Yearly Audit is nearly complete, the audit report will be given by Ron Ecklund and Cindy Love at the October Board Meeting.

e. Approval of F.Y. '05 Levy

Larsen made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to set the F.Y. '05 LPNNRD levy rate at .044521. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the September LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve payment on three Wildlife Habitat contracts totaling \$956.28. Motion carried on consent agenda.
Steve Houfek - \$270, Larry Novak - \$525, Charles Becher - \$161.28

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- O & M Crew Activities
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
- South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study
- Forestry & Tree Planting Issues
- Czechland Lake Haying
- Malmo Drainage Work

b. Swedeburg 3-B Dam (Rood Dam)

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bull, to pay Dave Rood Trucking \$3,700 for work completed on the Swedeburg 3-B Dam and \$419.10 for an outlet culvert. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

No new activity.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Nothing to report this month.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- NACEE Summit
- LPRCA Golf Tournament
- Mead GIS/GPS Demo
- Land Judging

Husker Harvest Days

b. Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to contribute \$100 to the Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship Fund. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Smithsonian Soil Exhibit

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to contribute \$420 to the Smithsonian Soil Exhibit through NARD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

Linwood
Bruno/David City Rural Water System
Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System
Richland/Columbus Rural Water System

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the September LPNNRD Operation-Education and Technology 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

The total number of permits for 2004 is 100.

2. The Following Reports Were Given:

Cost Share Programs
Bellwood Phase 2 Area
Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area
Nitrogen Certification
Livestock Waste Permits
Chemigation
Domestic Well Kits
Colfax County Corn Growers Presentation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

Wellhead Protection Activities
Restoration Advisory Board
Groundwater Quality
MUD Landowner Meetings
Groundwater Sub-Area Study

b. Plugged Wells

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Galyn Moeller for \$636.36. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

- a. The Following Updates Were Given
Fremont State Lakes Sampling
NeRain Network

4. OTHER

- a. The Following Updates Were Given
Equipment
MUD Information Committee

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the September LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the SWCP spreadsheet as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes showing current balances. Motion carried on consent agenda.

a. Approvals

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the Fall SWCP Applications totaling \$112,976.22 as presented. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the following SWCP payments:

<u>04-B-06</u>	<u>Norma Matulka</u>	<u>\$1,750.48</u>
<u>04-P-16</u>	<u>Mark Luchsinger (8"Flow Meter)</u>	<u>\$ 434.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

No new information was reported.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the list of signed conservation plans as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUP REPORTS

Attached to the Projects Committee Minutes are the minutes from the Shell Creek

Improvement Group.

5. OTHER

a. Approval of Duck Creek MOU with UNL

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Duck Creek Memorandum and Addendum with UNL after legal counsel review. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Malmo Drainage Improvement Project

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to make payment to M&W Construction in the amount of \$1,810.56 for completion of the Malmo Drainage Improvement Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. The Following Updates Were Given:

South Fremont 205
Schuyler 205
North Bend 205

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Mountford has forwarded a draft contract to Pheasants Forever for consideration where the District will retain the Snitily property as a part of the Wanahoo Project in exchange for \$92,000 from PF.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Payment of Lake Wanahoo Property Taxes

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Bull, to pay taxes due on the Lake Wanahoo Property totaling \$13,370.41. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Phase I Wanahoo Fisheries Project Final Bill

1. Concrete Rubble for Project:

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to allow a \$522 payment (for fabric and placement) to Commercial Contractors Equipment for the 148 ton of concrete rubble hauled from the Wahoo site for use on the Lake Wanahoo Phase I Fisheries Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Final Project Payment to Commercial Contractors Equipment

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to assess a \$1,000 penalty to Commercial Contractors Equipment for over running the Lake Wanahoo Phase I Fisheries construction contract by five days. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to ratify Mike Murren's signature on the closing documents for purchasing the Kurfman property as part of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to take sealed bids for selling the Kurfman and Gonderinger Cabins purchased for the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Larsen made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to not change our original offer as discussed in Executive Session on a landright negotiation as part of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

7. Additional Action Items

7.a. Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to ratify the following Rural Water Board Meeting recommendations:

It was recommended by Sousek, seconded by Fiegenschuh to set the tap fee for hooking into the Rural Water System at \$1,500 plus all cost to obtain the hookup including but not limited to meters, meter pit, pipe and installation cost. Recommendation carried.

It was recommended by Sousek, seconded by Fiegenschuh, to give a \$500 credit per meter, per half mile of easement for any landowner who grants an easement for the LPNNRD Rural Water System Trunk Line. Recommendation carried.

It was recommended by Sousek, seconded by Fiegenschuh to give a \$500 credit per meter for those that commit to taping-on to the LPNNRD Rural Water System prior to construction. Recommendation carried.

It was recommended by Fiegenschuh, seconded by Sousek to set the water rates for the LPNNRD Rural Water System at \$2.40 per 1000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons and then the rates would be \$2.50 per 1000 after 10,000 gallons. Recommendation carried.

It was recommended by Sousek, seconded by Fiegenschuh to set the meter rates for the LPNNRD Rural Water System as follows;

3/4" meter - \$40 per month

1" meter - \$60 per month

1 1/2" meter - \$80 per month

2" meter - \$160 per month

4" meter - \$168.75 per month

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Cooperative Agreement with DEQ

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to accept the released 319 grant funds from DEQ in the amount of \$250,000 to be used in the Duck Creek Watershed Area. It is further recommended to authorize the NRD Chairman to sign the Cooperative Agreement with DEQ

as attached. The BMP cost-share rates and approved practices are also attached. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Abandoned Well Cost-Share

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve cost-share payment of \$795.99 to Westlake Inc. to abandoned two irrigation wells in Butler County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.d. Purchase of HP DesignJet 5500 Plotter

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to purchase a HP DesignJet 5500 plotter at a purchase price of \$9,928 plus trade in of our HP 755CM Plotter. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. NARD Resolution

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve submission of NARD resolution to shorten from 90 day to 30 days authorization of Dewatering Wells where no permit is required. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Jedlicka 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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the amended September consent agenda. 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 11, 2004. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary