

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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, 2006.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our September board meeting was published on August 24, 2006 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, North Bend Eagle, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Johannes informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted on the Board Room wall for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Hilger
Holstine	Jedlicka	Johnson
Kavan	Koertner	Mastny
Meduna	Pieke	Reitmajer
Saalfeld (arrived 7:27)	Sabatka	Johannes

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Mountford	Breunig	Murren
Angle	Sousek	Gottschalk
Heimann	Wendell Bruner	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

None

b. NRCS Report

Soncksen reported that a meeting will be held on September 20th, 9:30 a.m. at LPNNRD office to discuss the ranking system on EQIP contracts. He encouraged the Projects Committee members to try and make it to this meeting.

c. NARD Report

Johnson reported on the NARD Health insurance and NARD Fall Conference in Kearney.

d. Educational Program

Ken Lamb and Dennis Heitmann, from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality were present to update the Board on Shell Creek Manure Discharges.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve minutes from the August 14, 2006 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

At this time item 6.A.2.e. was taken

e. Director Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for the Sub-District 1 vacancy has placed two notices in the Fremont news paper. The Committee has two candidates.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Eden, to appoint Wendell Bruner to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 1. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time Wendell Bruner took his oath of office.

1. Meetings

a. Pending

NARD Fall Conference - Update Given

b. Reports - None

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence - None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

LPRCA Summit

The first Alliance Summit is planned for September 19 at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland. Directors planning to attend are to let Breunig know.

c. Bob Weaver

Letter of Transmittal - Update Given

July and August Bill

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the July and August Bob Weaver Bill in the amount of \$2,500 for each month and bill LPSNRD and PMRNRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Planned Services for September - Update Given

Service Agreement

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Service Agreement with Kelly Weaver PC for July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bruner, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Holstine, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Koertner, Mastny, Meduna, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Johannes
NAY: Pieke, Saalfeld

d. Meeting No-shows

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the Director/Employee Absence at Meeting and Conferences Policy as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Nominating Committee Report - This item was taken earlier.

f. November Board Meeting

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to hold our November Board Meeting in Newman Grove on November 13th 5:30 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Monthly Education Programs

October Platte River Cooperative Agreement
November Shell Creek Report from Newman Grove Science Club

h. NRD/NRCS Employee Security Checks

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to pay the expense for our five NRD/NRCS clerks and technicians to have the security checks done at an estimated cost of \$97 - \$105 per employee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. NARD Resolutions

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find two proposed resolutions to be considered at NARD Fall Conference.

3. Equipment - None

4. Personnel - None

a. NARD Health Insurance Bond - Update Given

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Statements

The June financial report will not be ready until after our adjusting entries are received.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the Managers expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

We currently have two accounts over 90 days.

d. FY '07 Budget

The Budget Hearing and Hearing to set the final tax request was held on September 1st with no members of the public present.

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Koertner, to approve the following:

1. F.Y. '07 LPNDR total budget of \$8,457,773.40

2. F.Y. '07 Property Tax Request of \$2,067,818.05

3. F.Y. '07 (2006 tax rate) Property Tax rate of .046510 (4.6510 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation).

As distributed to all Board Members and distributed at the public budget hearing on September 1, 2006. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the September LPNDR Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. EDUCATION, OPERATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve three Wildlife Habitat contracts, Steve Houfek, \$270, Larry Novak, \$525, Charles Becher, \$161.28 for a total payment of \$956.28. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Report Given

b. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Report Given

c. South Fremont 205 Study - Report Given

d. Community Trail Development - Report Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to advertise for bid the cleaning of another segment of Rawhide Ditch 8. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Nebraska Teaming with Wildlife Coalition Membership

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to become members of the Nebraska Teaming with Wildlife Coalition. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Letter of Support to NE Environmental Trust for NE Land Trust

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the General Manager to write a letter of support to Nebraska Environment Trust in support of a grant application for the Nebraska Land Trust in helping purchase a conservation easement on the Shanahan property in Saunders County as part of the Pahuk Protection Project and to budget up to \$5,000 of in-kind services and cash for this project if the grant is approved. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bruner, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Holstine, Koertner, Mastny, Pieke, Reitmayer, Johannes

NAY: Alm, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Saalfeld, Sabatka

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment Requests

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to pay Cotterell Dike & Drainage, \$526.57 for maintenance work accomplished on their Platte River levee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Update was given.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education

1. Newman Grove Stream Sampling GIS - Update Given

2. Project WET Workshop - Update Given

3. East Central Land Judging Contest - Update Given

4. State Land Judging - Update Given

b. Information

1. Websites

LPRCA Website - Update Given

LPNNRD Website - Update Given

NARD Website - Update Given

2. Husker Harvest Days - Update Given

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Abie/Linwood - Report Given

b. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Report Given

c. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System - Report Given

d. Richland/Columbus Rural Water System - Report Given

e. Cedar Bluffs - Report Given

f. Bellwood - Report Given

g. Swedeberg - Report Given

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, that the September LPNNRD Education, Operations and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

The total number approved permits for 2006 is 60.

2. Cost-Share Programs Reports

a. Gated Pipe to Pivot Conversions

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to deny cost share funding to Lumir Jedlicka since this pivot conversion is outside of the Phase 2 area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

c. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given

3. Nitrogen Certification - Update Given

4. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

5. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Ground Water Management Area

a. David City Aquifer Potential Level-1A Management Area

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to designate the following sections as a Level One-A ground water management area to be implemented in January 2007:

T16N, R3E, Sections 31 to 36;

T16N, R4E, Sections 25 to 36;

T15N, R1E, Sections 1 to 18;

T15N, R2E, Sections 1 to 18;

T15N, R3E, Sections 1 to 36;

T15N, R4E, Sections 1 to 36;

T15N, R5E, Sections 19 to 21 and Sections 27 to 34.

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Sub-Area Delineation Study - Update Given

c. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) - Update Given

d. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Because of last minute changes needed in the grant application, the LPNNRD needs to increase funding to match Lower Platte South and Lower Elkhorn NRD's amount of \$20,000. Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to use \$5,000 from the Integrated Management Plan budget line (6/106) to fund the additional amount required for the IWMPPF grant application. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. NET Grant for Flow Meters on GWEL Network Wells - Update Given

b. Chemigation - Update Given

c. Livestock Waste

1. Livestock Permits - Update Given

2. Shell Creek Manure Discharge - Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve cost share payment to decommission the domestic well for John Larson for \$256.17. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Ground Water Quality

1. Columbus Area Aquifer Study - Update Given

2. Statewide Network - Update Given

3. Todd Valley Intensive Sampling - Update Given

c. LPNNRD Monitoring Wells - Update Given

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. Bacteria Sampling of Selected Lakes - Update Given

b. Toxic Algae Sampling of Fremont State Lakes - Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Water Program Budget - Update Given

b. Summer Inters - Update Given

c. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, 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

a. SWCP Cancellations

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP application cancellation:

06-S-26 Edna Mumm Widman \$425

Motion carried on consent agenda

b. SWCP Fall Applications

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following fall SWCP cost share applications: 75%

<u>Tom Smaus</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
<u>Jerry Hestekind</u>	<u>Boone Co.</u>	<u>Basins above Dam</u>	<u>\$ 2,372.50</u>
<u>* Luther Bakenhaus</u>	<u>Platte Co.</u>	<u>Planned Grazing</u>	<u>\$ 2,852.00</u>
<u>R. Dean Bliss</u>	<u>Colfax Co.</u>	<u>Crop ground to grass</u>	<u>\$ 950.46</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Payments

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the following SWCP cost-share payments:

			<u>Approved</u>	<u>As Built</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>06-S-13</u>	<u>Dave Sousek</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$7,800</u>	<u>\$ 3,615.61</u>	<u>\$3,615.61</u>	<u>-\$4,184.39</u>
<u>06-S-14a</u>	<u>John Sousek</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$3,800</u>	<u>\$4,421.35</u>	<u>\$4,421.35</u>	<u>+\$ 621.35</u>
<u>06-S-14b</u>	<u>John Sousek</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$3,800</u>	<u>\$4,182.20</u>	<u>\$4,182.20</u>	<u>+\$ 382.20</u>
<u>06-S-16</u>	<u>Joe/Leona Vasa</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$11,733.48</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	
<u>06-P-21</u>	<u>Mark Luchsinger</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$640.00</u>	<u>\$601.56</u>	<u>\$601.56</u>	<u>-\$38.44</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Duck Creek Approvals - None

e. Duck Creek Payments - None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek - Update Given

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

None

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUPS

a. Shell Creek Environmental Grant Support

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to submit support letter(s) toward the Shell Creek Improvement Group's grant efforts. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. David City Gray Water Project - Update Given

b. Leopold Conservation Award Nomination - Update Given

c. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

3. North Bend 205 - No new information reported.

d. Scrap Tire Collection Payment to Champion Tire Recycling

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay Champlin Tire recycling, Inc. \$21,091.56 and the PrairieLand RC&D \$150.00 for expenses incurred on the Platte Center Tire Collection, after receiving advanced grant funds to cover these expenses from NDEQ. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. New EQIP Ranking Process - Update Given

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Heritage Access Program on Lake Wanahoo Land

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the PATH (Passing along the Heritage) Program for youth hunting on 55 acres of Wanahoo grassland Section 22-15-7 for one year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT - Update Given

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to accept and place on file the September Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Tier One Banking Resolution

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to establishing a banking relationship with Tier One Bank - Fremont, for the purpose of purchasing a Certificate of Deposit. Be it further understood that a single signature from LPNNRD Management is needed for investing but, two signatures are needed for withdrawal of such funds. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. Approval of NRCS WRP Construction Bid

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the low bid from Pruss Excavation Company in the amount of \$70,442 for the construction of the USDA/WRP in Section 9-15-7. It was further recommended to authorize the Contracting Officer, Mike Murren to sign construction agreement after all permits have been obtained. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7c. Approve Purchase of Metal Detector

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the purchase of a metal detector from Transit Works in the amount of \$635 for the Lower Platte North Rural Water District. This purchase will be eligible for reimbursement from USDA RD. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7d. Rural Water Interest Survey Wahoo/Swedeburg Contract with JEO

Alm made the motion, seconded by Eden, to have the General Manager sign a contract with JEO Consulting at a cost of \$2,500 to perform a rural water interest survey along the proposed Wahoo/Swedeburg waterline.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to table the previous motion and have the Rural Water Committee review it and bring a recommendation to next month's meeting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Bull made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the September consent agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Holstine, Johnson, Kavan, Koertner, Mastny, Meduna, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Johannes

ABSTAIN: Bruner and Jedlicka

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The October Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Lower Platte North NRD Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The undersigned, the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on September 11, 2006, that all of the matters and subjects discussed at the meeting were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the District during normal business hours, and except for items of emergency nature, the agenda was not altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the above minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurred earlier; and, that reasonable efforts were made to provide all news media requesting notification of the meeting and of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Ted Bailey, Secretary