

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 1999**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, September 13, 1999.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than September 1, 1999. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Grueber (arrived 7:22)
Jedlicka	Johannes	Kavan (arrived 7:45)
Lallman	Langemeier (arrived 7:22)	Mastny
Nelson (arrived 7:15)	McDermott	Saalfeld (arrived 8:00)
Sabata	Sabatka	Sendgraff
Shelso	Wilke	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Daufeldt	Johnson
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Vasa	Murren	
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Gus Hughbanks, NRCS
Bill Petersen, David City		George Lyons, Stromsburg
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS		Sandra Lyons, Stromsburg
Ron Ecklund, HBE		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

Soncksen and Hughbanks from the NRCS reported on the budget and workload for the NRCS. Johannes gave a report on upcoming NARD activities.

Wilke made the motion, seconded by Lallman, to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the office expansion project and potential litigation. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Jedlicka, Johannes, Lallman, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke, McDermott

NAY: Grueber

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to go out of Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Ron Ecklund was present to hand out LPNNRD Annual Audit Report and answered questions. Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, to accept and approve FY99 annual audit. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Item 6.a.5.a. was taken at this time.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Bull, to support the proposed RC&D area for Polk, Butler, Saunders, York, Seward, Lancaster and Cass counties. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sendgraff, to amend the previously approved buget by reducing \$100,000 from the Lake Wanahoo bonded indebtedness and add this amount to the Lake Wanahoo/Wahoo Creek sinking fund account. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the minutes from the August 9, 1999 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve two WHIP contracts, Steve Houfek in Saunders County, \$270 and Larry Novak in Butler County, \$525. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Farmland, Fremont & Railroad Drainage District
- ✓ Czechland Wetland Grants
- ✓ Public Boat Ramp
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North and West Branch Studies

b. Dennis Trucking Bill

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to pay Dennis Johnson \$8,804 for hauling 62 loads of rock from Mead to Cottonwood Dam 41 and the Czechland Lake silt dam, the job is complete. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Water Damaged Projects

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the Lower Platte North NRD be the contracting agent in the repair of Bellwood Channel 4. The District will advertise, submit the 404 application, develop a temporary construction easement and split the local cost with Butler County at 12.5% each. It was further moved to have the NRD be a co-sponsor for creek renovation near Linwood. Total cost of this project is estimated at \$30,000 with NRD share of 8.33% or a maximum of \$2,499. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to cost share 50% (\$519.33) with Butler County on the repair of a road structure dam 1 mile south of Octavia, Butler County did the repair work at a cost of

\$1,038.66. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve a 5 year allocation for rock and jetty work of \$5,000 to Mary Tomek in Butler County, provided the required 404 permit is obtained through the Corps of Engineers for their project. 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:

- ✓ Husker Harvest Days
- ✓ Festival of Color

b. Master Plan

Bull made the motion, seconded by Lallman, to approve the LPNNRD Master Plan as presented. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, 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 Updates Were Given:

- ☞ Well Permits
- ☞ Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share
- ☞ Manure testing and Software Cost Share
- ☞ Sample Kits
- ☞ Chemigation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

A. Decommissioned Well Program

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment to decommission the irrigation well of Don Yindrick for \$485.25, the irrigation well of McDowell-Price for \$863.00, the irrigation well of Leroy Dwyer for \$396.02 and the irrigation well of Isabel Fehringer for \$562.50. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

B. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ★ Ultrasonic Flow Meter Program
- ★ Groundwater Quality - Todd and Platte Valley

3. SURFACE WATER

A. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Sand and Duck Creek Study

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, 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 Payments

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve SWCP payments as follows:

<u>99-P-05</u>	<u>John Sonderman</u>	<u>\$413.33</u>	<u>Grass Seeding CIP</u>
	<u>Ron Gilbride</u>	<u>\$650.78</u>	<u>Back EQIP</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Cancel SWCP Applications

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to cancel SWCP contracts as follows:

<u>99-S-18</u>	<u>Freda Dietrich</u>
<u>99-S-26</u>	<u>Joe Vandernack</u>
<u>98-P-90</u>	<u>Angeline Becher</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. CIP Incentive Payment Program

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to alter the District's CIP program policy by paying up to 50% cost-share on riparian buffer strips, not to exceed the total actual costs. Cost-share rates for trees and planting cannot exceed LPNNRD rates. It was further recommended to revise the LPNNRD's CRP Incentive Program (CIP) Policy to add this wording to all eligible practices under the CIP program.

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve the CIP policy as presented. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Watershed

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to approve the Skull Creek Appraisal contract with Agri-Plex at a cost of \$5,200. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Lake Wanahoo

One item discussed is the need to approve an amendment to addendum F of our agreement with the COE. This amendment increases the amount of the feasibility and environmental impact study by \$250,000. The local share of this amount is \$125,000 to be shared equally with Saunders County and the City of Wahoo.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the amendment to Addendum F of the COE agreement and to share the increased study costs of \$125,000 equally with Saunders County and the City of Wahoo (\$41,667 each). Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Kavan, Lallman, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld,

Sabatka, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Wilke, McDermott

NAY: Shelso

3. ELKHORN RIVER BREAKOUT IPA

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to deny Robert Odell's request to exempt Elkhorn IPA assessments on property described as 55 acres in Section 7, T- 16 N, R - 10 E , parcel number 1195 0003 01. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. FSA & CRP PLANS

Shelso made the motion, scoded by Langemeier, to approve the following conservation plans: Butler County Cheryl Cook, Roh Farm, Anton and Jane Divis, Don Bohaty, Linus Meysenburg, Eugene Siroky, Kracl Implement





Dodge County Quigley Farms Inter, Linda Abraham

Saunders County James Fujan, David Vrana, Bill Rezac, Nathaniel Jones, Richard Kubik, Hollst Brothers, Roger Fujan, Raikes Brothers Farm OP

Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

-  Livestock Waste Permits
-  Nebraska Buffer Strip Program
-  Locally Led Conservation CORE Group
-  Larry Ohnoutka/Saunders County Special Project

b. Saunders County Project above Cottonwood Creek Dam 22-A

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve paying the costs of an elbow and riser for the road culvert on the Charlie Proskovec property, up to \$500, if Saunders County provides the installation. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with NRCS

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the NRCS as attached, to utilize \$10,000 of EQIP educational funds in the Wahoo Creek Priority Area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. David City Park /Lake Restoration Project

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to support the David City Park/Lake Restoration Project and approve cost-share assistance as follows: 1) Provide up to 75% of the landowners costs to establish high priority conservation practices in the Park's Watershed, up to a total of \$20,000. 2) Provide 50% of the local share of the costs for the sediment trap structure, up to \$10,000, provided there is 75% land treatment in the watershed above. 3) Provide 50% of the local share to develop an arboretum, up to \$2,750. 4) Provide 50% of the local share toward construction of the nature trail, up to \$2,500. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that the LPNNRD September Project's Committee Meeting Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NACD Annual Conference

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to send two staff and two directors to the NACD Annual Conference in Colorado Springs; January 31 - February 2, estimated expenses are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Trouble Shooting and Maintaining a PC

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to have two staff attend the Troubleshooting and Maintaining a PC conference as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. UNL Management Development Seminars

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve having Miyoshi attend 4 UNL Management Development Seminars as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the absences requests for the May Board Meeting for Jedlicka and Sabata, Wilke from the August Board Meeting and Johnson, for the September Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. NARD Dues

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to approve the NARD association dues of \$10,685.32 for the current fiscal year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Platte River Corridor Alliance Dues

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to pay the FY00 dues for membership to the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance in the amount of \$8,333. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Public Notice for Expenses

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to publish the public notice of expenses in the Fremont Tribune beginning in September. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sale of David City Property

The District owns a shed and property in David City where equipment was stored. Also in the shed is a small tree cooler that the District has not used for at least three years. The District was approached by the David City Fire Department about selling the property to the Fire Department for construction of a training facility.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the NRD sell our lot and shed located in David City to the David City Fire Department at a price of \$5,000. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Grueber, Jedlicka, Kavan, Lallman, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Johannes, Langemeier, Saalfeld, Wilke

ABSTAIN: Sabata

f. **Building Addition**

1. **JEO Update**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to go through a three step process that includes rebidding the office addition by JEO with modifications to be completed and advertising to take place in Mid-October with the bid opening to be January 6th. While this is happening management is to check on the potential cost and partners that might be involved with a new office at the Lake Wanahoo site with the third item of keeping an option open for an existing building in Wahoo. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Jedlicka, Johannes, Lallman, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke, McDermott

NAY: Bailey, Grueber, Kavan

2. **Cubical Purchase**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the District purchase up to three sets of modular furniture to be set up in the Board room to accommodate three current staff. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Kavan, Lallman, Langemeier, Mastny, Nelson, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Wilke, McDermott

NAY: Saalfeld, Shelso

3. **JEO Bill**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to pay the engineering bill to JEO for additions to bidding the NRD building of \$3,374.50. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. **Equipment**

a. **Back Hoe for Posi Track**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to purchase the Posi Track backhoe from Neese Inc. from Grand Junction, IA at a cost of \$6,782.20 delivered to our door. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **Personnel**

a. **Hiring of Cameron Conrad**

Cameron Conrad will be filling the GIS Specialist position his starting date is August 23, 1999.

b. **Water Department Temporary Position**

Michael Anderson one of our summer interns is continuing to work for the NRD over the next couple of months as the budget allows. Michael will also be doing some staking using WAE hours for the NRCS office.

c. Flu Shots

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that the District provide flu shots to the staff at no cost and to others including families of staff, directors, and family of the Directors at a cost of \$8.50. Motion carried on consent agenda

5. Finance

a. Set Mill Levy for FY00

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to set the Districts mill levy at .04141 for FY00. Motion carried all members present aye.

b. 1% Extra Budgeting Authority

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Shelso, that the District pursue the 1% extra budgeting authority for the Fiscal Year. Motion failed

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Lallman, Langemeier, Mastny, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso, McDermott

NAY: Kavan , Nelson, Sabata, Sabatka, Wilke

c. Approval of Managers Expenses

Nelson made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the Manager's expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to pay the following contracts:

	<u>Don Trouba</u>	<u>\$168.75</u>	<u>CIP-Trees</u>
<u>99-B-39</u>	<u>Frank Eller</u>	<u>\$3,039.62</u>	
<u>99-B-38</u>	<u>Tom Smaus</u>	<u>\$3,969.36</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to cancel the following contract:

99-BO-34 Dennis McCloud Motion carried on consent agenda.

7.b. Skull Creek/Bone Creek

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to budget \$400 to the Locally Led Skull Creek/Bone Creek Landowner Steering Committee, to offset mailing and return costs for sending out a survey to landowners with the watershed. Motion carried on consent agenda. The \$400 will be taken out of budget line 438.600

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Sabata 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 Langemeier, to approve the September consent agenda deleting 6.C.2.b., 6.C.6.g., 6.D.2.f. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The October Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 1999. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Jane Daufeldt, Secretary