

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, January 9, 2017.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our January 9, 2017 board meeting was published on December 29, 2016 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Hannah informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Birkel	Clausen
Feala	Folsom	Gibney
Hilger	Kavan	McDermott
Meduna	Olson	Pollard (arrived 9:08)
Ruzicka	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Seier	Sobota	Veskerna
Hannah		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Breunig	Heimann
Benal	Oaklund	TePoel
Angle	Gottschalk	

Legal Counsel Lausterer

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Jenna Kampschnieder was present to give the NRCS Report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported that the NARD Legislative Conference will be held the end of January and encouraged Directors to attend.

d. NRC Report

None

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Larry Angle gave a presentation on the 2016 Groundwater Levels.

g. Report from Nominating Sub-Committee

Director Hilger reported that the Nominating Sub-Committee met and would bring forth one candidate for each of the elected positions.

Chair Hannah appointed Meduna and Saalfeld as ballot counters if needed.

Hannah opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Chair for 2017.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Birkel for Chair.

With no further nominations Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Joe Birkel as Chair. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hannah opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Vice-Chair for 2017.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Ruzicka for Vice-Chair.

With no further nominations McDermott made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gene Ruzicka as Vice- Chair. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hannah opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Secretary for 2017.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Clausen for Secretary.

With no further nominations Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Clausen as Secretary. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hannah opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Treasurer for 2017.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Hilger for Treasurer.

With no further nominations Folsom made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Hilger, Treasurer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hannah opened the floor for nominations for NARD Delegate for 2017.

Hilger on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Hilger for NARD Delegate.

With no further nominations McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Hilger, NARD Delegate. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hannah opened the floor for nominations for NARD Alternate for 2017.

Hilger on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Clausen for NARD Alternate.

With no further nominations Olson made the motion, seconded by Feala, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Clausen, NARD Alternate. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time newly elected Chair Birkel took over the meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Legislative Conference – Update Given

2. Director Retreat - February 15th – Update Given

3. NARD Washington DC Annual Meeting - Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Monthly Education Program

c. Water Strategies

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to make payment to Water Strategies in the amount of \$4,500 for January services and bill Lower Platte South and Papio NRD's for their portion. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Report from Nominating Sub-Committee – Update Given

e. Sand Creek Site 15 Farm – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Angle Retirement – Update Given

b. Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting

1. Water Manager Position

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to declare a vacancy in the Water Resources Manager Position and follow the hiring schedule listed in the Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Water Department Staffing

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that beginning July 1, 2017 Benal's job description and salary will reflect that he is a Water Resources Specialist and that a Water Technician position be created and filled beginning July 1, 2017 (pending approval of the job description by the Personnel Sub-Committee and Board). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Clerical Staffing – Update Given

4. Projects Department Staffing

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve hiring hourly engineering technician assistance as needed in the Projects Department at a rate of \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$12,000 in any fiscal year without prior board approval. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Policy – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve Manager Miyoshi's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. IRS Mileage Rate – Update Given

d. Loss of Tax Dollars - Butler County – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. WILD NE/CREP REPORT – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Fremont GI Study

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to have FYRA Engineering perform a flood frequency analysis on the Platte River at Fremont at a cost of \$4,000 and if the discharge is less than the current FIRM (Floodplain Insurance Rate Map) then proceed with determining the correct discharge at the cost of an additional \$4,000 with the non-federal partners sharing the cost. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Rawhide Land Partnership Paul Gifford Drive – Update Given

c. Sand/Duck Creek Dam Deficiency Items – Update Given

d. Breach Inundation Mapping on Watershed Dams – Update Given

e. Arbor Day Foundation Trees

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to purchase trees for educational promotions such as Earth Day and Arbor Day not to exceed \$1,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level Advisory Committee

Ron Morrissey reported that the landowners below Wanahoo Dam have pledged to contribute \$10,000 toward the Section 408 procedure if they are allowed to meet with the hired firm and be part of the process.

g. Wanahoo Dump Station

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to approve payment of \$62,493.66 to Uleman Enterprises for the purchase of materials and services on the Wanahoo dump station contract. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Feala, Folsom, Gibney, Hilger, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna

NAY: Hannah, Kavan, Birkel

4. ROCK AND JETTY - NONE

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to issue the Order to approve the District's revised Erosion & Sediment Rules and Regulations as previously approved by the board and approved by the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources and to advertise the Order for three consecutive weeks. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

2. Long Range Plan – Update Given

b. Education - None

c. Computer – None

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNDR Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. REGULATORY

a. Groundwater Management Area

1. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

2. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrological Connected Area – None

3. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Areas

a. Variance Request by Martin Erickson – Update Given

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

5. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that letters be mailed to the nine well owners of 11 irrigation systems informing them that they must install a flow meter on each irrigation system in SQS area #2 as required by LPNNRD by March 1, 2017, that an acre-inch penalty will be imposed, and cease and desist order could be issued after the March 1st deadline if meters are not installed. Landowners are also to be reminded of our cost-share program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

7. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

8. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Flow Meter Cost Share

1. Questions on Flow Meter Cost-Share Program

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to allow only one cost-share payment per irrigation well for the Flow Meter Cost-Share Program, however if more than one well serves a single system (series of wells) only one meter will be cost-shared. Motion carried on all members present voting aye.

2. Flow Meter Cost-Share in SQS #2

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve total flow meter cost share payments of \$42,056 for the 55 applications as attached to the Water Committee Minutes with \$41,194 to be reimbursed from the Water Sustainability Fund grant and \$862 from LPNNRD for the 4 LPNNRD Groundwater Energy Network cooperator wells. Motion carried on consent agenda.

9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

10. Richland - Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

11. Richland - Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

12. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

13. Certifying Acres in Dodge County – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – None

2. Plugged Wells – None

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

2. Platte and Elkhorn River Valley Integrated Water Monitoring – Update Given

3. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following SWCP Application:

<u>Dayle Alswager</u>	<u>Emergency Terrace/Basin Repair</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following SWCP payment:

<u>16-D-11</u>	<u>Darlene Kroeger & Dorothy Vacek</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$1,547.00</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancelations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation application:

<u>Darrell Kubik</u>	<u>Lands for Conservation</u>	<u>\$2,891.70</u>	<u>15.3 Acres</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Wahoo Creek 319 Grant Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following Lands for Conservation Payment:

Douglas Kavan \$4,232.00 23 Acres
Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. SWCP Policy Changes – Update Given

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Water Quality Plan Approved – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation 319 Project – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Sites 26 & 27 Regional Partnership Program Funds Awarded - Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase I – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II – Update Given

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – No new information

b. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given

6. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Report

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve paying PMRNRD our annual \$150,000 payment for the completed Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project after our May 8, 2017 Board Meeting as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve John Starnes as a field observer on the “Clear Creek Levee Fuse Plug-Emergency Operation Chain of Command” and in the absence of any of the Primary Contacts authorize him to make decisions on activating the contractor, opening and closing the Fuse Plug Notch and mechanical assistance in removal of the Fuse Plug. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the amended January Consent Agenda (by

deleting 6.C.2.a.8.B.1.). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have "Update Given" can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

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 January 9, 2017, 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.

Bob Clausen, Secretary