

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, July 13, 2015.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our July 13, 2015 board meeting was published on June 25, 2015 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	Gibney	Hagerbaumer
Hilger	Kavan	Johannes
McDermott	Meduna	Olson
Pollard	Ruzicka	Sabatka
Saalfeld	Seier	Veskerna
Hannah		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Oaklund	Gottschalk
Benal	Angle	

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

Mark Walkenhorst reviewed the NRCS/NRD July report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on the recent NARD Board Meeting and Basin Tour that was held June 15-16.

d. NRC Report

Manager Miyoshi reported that the NRC voted to distribute NRDF funding equally over the next four years to pay off all projects which nets our Wanhoo Project \$603,590 next year and stretches out our reimbursements over four years.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Patty Lindgren was present and discussed LPNNRD election costs for all seven counties that we cover.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending – Update Given

b. Reports – Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve absence requests from Directors Hilger, Sabatka, Clausen and Meduna from the June Board Meeting and Director Meduna from the January and February Board Meetings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment of \$3,300 to Bob Weaver for June services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. Microsoft Dynamics Enhancement Renewal

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve and authorize management to sign the renewal purchase agreement for our Great Plains and Greenshades accounting software at a cost of \$1,586.59. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan Restatement

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve and authorize management to sign the attached resolution that consents to the adoption of “The Amendment and Restatement of the NARD 414(h) Plan” as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Renewal of Annual Audit

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve and authorize management to sign the proposal with HBE to extend our agreement to perform our Annual Audit for an additional three years as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. WOTUS Final Rule – Update Given

h. U.S. Forest Service Rural on Groundwater – Update Given

i. NRC Action Concerning NRDF

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve and authorize the General Manager to sign "Amendment Number Four to the NRDF Sand Creek Watershed Environmental Restoration Project" and make payment of \$36,925.01 to the Union Bank Loan (Lake Wanahoo) as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Equipment – None

4. Personnel – This item was taken at the end of the meeting

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the May Financial Report as distributed to all directors. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days – Update Given

d. Budget – Update Given

e. Estimated Valuations – Update Given

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

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Wild NE/CREP Report – None

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. O & M Crew – Update Given

b. Tree Program

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay NARD \$11,456.42 for the tree seedlings purchased through Bessy Nursery for the District's conservation tree program. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Czechland Camper Revenue – Update Given

d. Wanahoo Hay Bids

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept the high bids for hay of \$67.50 per ton from Dan Kadavy for Wanahoo Area A and \$64.00 per ton from Darren Sutton for Wanahoo Area B. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Wanahoo SRA – Update Given

f. Fremont Flood Study

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve and authorize signing of a new FCSA (Federal Cost Share Agreement) Agreement between the Department of the Army and Lower Platte North NRD to complete the flood protection study for Fremont, NE at a local cost of \$275,000 (district and partners). Also, to approve a new Amendment to the COE Fremont South GI Study Inter-Local Agreement that will share the \$275,000 cost of this study between LPNNRD, Fremont, Inglewood and Dodge County. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Hilger

g. Budget – Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment – None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Nebraska State Fair – Update Given

3. County Fairs – Update Given

4. Wanahoo Signs – Update Given

b. Education

1. Watershed Education Toolbox - Update Given

c. Computer

1. Board Room Projectors

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to purchase two Epson 585w projectors and two Da-Lite Cinema Contour 110” projection screens for a total cost of \$5,070.

Birkel moved to amend the motion, seconded by Sabatka, by removing the reference to screens and insert to pursue other options for screens. Amendment carried all members present voting aye.

The Amended motion now reads; “to purchase two Epson 585w projectors and pursue other options for screens”, that passed with all members present voting aye.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July LPNNRD Operations, Education 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. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

a. Russ Larson Variance Request – Update Given

b. Frank Vech – Update Given

2. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – None

3. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area – None

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. Steve Frahm Well Permit Request

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the supplemental well permit for Steve Frahm in in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 3, T13N, R9E to irrigate 65 acres in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 3, T13N, R9E and 65 acres in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 34, T14N, R9E all in the Todd Valley subarea. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Claire Ehernberger Well Modification

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve modification of well permit LPNNRD-015-1567 in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 35, T18N, R4E in the North Bend Subarea of Colfax County from a replacement well to a supplemental well. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Special Quantity Sub-Areas – Update Given

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. Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Network – Update Given

c. SENSE Program – Update Given

9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

10. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

11. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve cost share payments to decommission an irrigation well for Phil Buhman for \$666.95 and to decommission an irrigation well for Goedeken Farms Inc. for \$602.48. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Elkhorn Loup Model – Update Given

2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells - Update Given

d. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes for the Week of June 22 – Update Given

1. Bacteria Sampling – Update Given

2. Toxic ~~Alge~~Algae – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Water Programs Budget – Update Given

b. GMDA Summer Session – Update Given

c. 2015 Summer Interns – Update Given

d. Comments from the Public – Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments – None

c. SWCP Cancelations - None

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments - None

e. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None

f. Sand/Duck Creek Payments – None

g. Wahoo Creek Watershed Cost-Share Approvals – None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan – Update Given

2. LPNNRD Acceptance of SCWIG Grants

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve LPNNRD accepting from SCWIG (Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group) management of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant (NET) 10-161-3 with the condition that ~~this change is approved by NET~~NET approves this change. It is further approved ~~to send to send~~ a letter to NET requesting that LPNNRD accept sponsorship and administration of SCWIG's NET Grant (10-161-3), as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. It is further approved to appoint Assistant Manager Mountford as grant administrator to execute necessary documents and ~~paperwork~~paperwork. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water

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

2. Wahoo Creek RCPP Pre-Applications

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve submitting two Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) pre-applications to the NRCS for assistance to build up to four Wahoo Creek Watershed Structures as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

b. FY 2015 Project Invoice

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve payment of \$3,619.67 to Mel and Kitty Bailey for 50% of the Mainelli Wagner & Associates invoice (\$7,239.33) as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, for obtaining a no-rise certification for the Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project. Motion carried.

AYE: Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

ABSTAIN: Bailey

c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve resolution number 7-13-15, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, to formally adopt our District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Review of Draft Projects Budget – Update Given

e. Wanahoo Wetland – Water Table Problems – Update Given

5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - None

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the amended July consent agenda (agenda item 6.D.4.b. was removed). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Agenda Item 6.A.4.a. was taken at this time

6.A.4.a. FY 16 Salaries

Olson made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to go into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss personnel salaries and authorize the following staff to stay: Miyoshi, Mountford and Legal Counsel Lausterer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, go out of Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to accept and approve the amended salary worksheet dated 7/1/15 as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Johannes, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Kavan, Sabatka

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.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 July 13, 2015, 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.

Joe Birkel, Secretary