

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
August 10, 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, August 10, 2015.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our August 10, 2015 board meeting was published on July 30, 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
Ruzicka	Sabatka	Saalfeld
Seier	Veskerna	Hannah

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Pollard

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Almond	Angle

Legal Counsel Lausterer

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

Jason Gabel, Lake Wanahoo Park Superintendent was present to update the Board on Lake Wanahoo attendance and activities at the Lake.

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst reviewed the NRCS/NRD August report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported that the Annual Conference will be September 27-29 in Kearney.

d. NRC Report

Manager Miyoshi reported that the NRC will meet at the annual NARD Conference.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Simon Rock, HDR was present and discussed Lower Platte Basin-Wide Management Plan Water Banking.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Groundwater Foundation National Conference – Update Given

2. NARD Fall Conference – Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve Director Birkel’s excuse of absence from the June Board Meeting. 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 \$3,400 to Bob Weaver for July services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. LARM Insurance for F.Y. 2016

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the League Association of Risk Management 2015-2016 Resolution and authorize management to sign, selecting the 180 day and 2 year commitment option that will resulting in a 4% premium reduction each of the next two years. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. NARD Foundation Auction Item

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to authorize management to purchase an auction item up to \$250 for the NARD Foundation Benefit Auction held at the NARD Fall Conference in September. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. NARD Membership Dues

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to pay our F.Y. 16 NARD Membership Dues in the amount of \$23,802.54. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. Lower Platte Basin Coalition Dues

Olson made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to pay our F.Y. 16 Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Dues in the amount of \$20,000 to NARD. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

h. CCEI Lawsuit

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to make payment of \$8,558 to CCEI for interest during the appeal process with the stipulation that no additional fees or charges will be made to LPNNRD concerning the CCEI vs LPNNRD case. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Birkel, Kavan

i. 1 to 1.1 Ratio for Sub-Districts

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Olson, that Chair Hannah appoint and Sub-Committee to look into the different possibilities of going to a 1 to 1.1 ratio. Motion failed.

AYE: Clausen, Gibney, Johannes, Olson

NAY: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

j. NWRA Dues

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve and make payment to NWRA for F.Y. 16 dues in the amount of \$1,950 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

k. Quarterly NRDF Payment

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to authorize the Board Treasurer and General Manager to make payment to the Union Bank Note in the same amount as received from the Natural Resources Development Fund. Motion carried on consent agenda.

l. New Director of Natural Resources – Update Given

m. NARD Video Project

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the NETV NRD Video Project increase from \$3,000 to \$3,710. Motion carried on consent agenda.

n. Electronic Voting

Gibney made the motion, seconded by Olson, to have Legal Counsel Lausterer prepare a resolution for NARD asking for legislation to include NRDs on the list of those who can vote electronically at board meetings. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Johannes, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Hannah

NAY: Hilger, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Ruzicka, Veskerna

o. Yutan Fire and Rescue Request – Update Given

p. Licktieg Property – Update Given

3. Equipment – None

4. Personnel

a. Shell Creek Coordinator Position

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve and establish the “Shell Creek Watershed Coordinator” position and approve the “Shell Creek Watershed Coordinator Job Description” as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Hire Shell Creek Coordinator

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to hire Melissa Foreman to fill the Shell Creek Coordinator position at the recommended rate of pay and have her continue to be stationed at the Platte County NRCS Office in Columbus. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report - None

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the LPNNRD F.Y. 16 Budget as distributed at the Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Kavan

e. Estimated Valuations – Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the August 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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to make a CREP payment of \$72.16 for Tim and John Gronenthal Trust in Platte County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. O & M Crew – Update Given

b. District Grass Drill Rentals – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Grassland Hay – Update Given

d. Fremont General Investigation Flood Study

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to make payment of \$100,000 to the Corps of Engineers for the Fremont General Investigation Study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Lower Platte Weed Management – Update Given

- f. Bellwood 3-B Renovation – Update Given**
- g. Review 2016 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 Web Ads – Update Given**
 - 2. County Fairs – Update Given**
 - 3. ACI Conference – Update Given**
 - b. Education**
 - 1. Watershed Education Toolbox - Update Given**
 - 2. Range Judging Contest – Update Given**
 - c. Computer**
 - 1. Board Room Projectors – Update Given**
- 6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given**

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the August LPNRRD 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. Violations Policy – Update Given**
- 2. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given**
- 3. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – None**
- 4. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area – None**
- 5. Well Permit Program**
 - a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**

b. Sandy Pointe Development Public Water Supply Wells

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the two Public Water Supply Wells for Sandy Pointe Development in the NE¼ of the SE¼ Section 24, T13N, R9E and SE¼ of the SE¼, Section 13, T13N, R9E of Saunders County, both in the Wann Subarea. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Terry Beller Stock Well Permit

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the livestock well permit for Terry Beller in the SE¼ of the SW¼, Section 13, T20N, R4W in Platte County, of the Lower Newman Grove Subarea. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Brach Johnson Well Permit Application – Update Given

6. Special Quantity Sub-Areas – Update Given

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

8. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

10. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

11. James Barta Drain Tile Issue – 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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve cost share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Jane Stara Revocable Trust for \$943.11. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Ground Water Sampling – Update Given

3. OTHER

a. LPNNRD Water Programs Budget – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the August 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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to pay John Temme \$212.63 cost-share for tree planting in Boone County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancelations - None

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve a \$5,015.50 SWCP cost-share payment to Helen Brabec for Basins/Tile work in the Cottonwood Creek Watershed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None

f. Sand/Duck Creek Payments – None

g. Wahoo Creek Watershed Cost-Share Payments

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following Wahoo Creek Watershed cost-share payments:

<u>Gregg Fujan</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile & Basins</u>	<u>\$5,320.67</u>
<u>Martin Barry</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$303.89</u>
<u>Don Furasek</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile & Waterway</u>	<u>\$729.87</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$6,354.43</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Approving SCWIG as LPNNRD Advisory Sub-Committee

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Olson, to appoint the Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group (SCWIG) as our advisory Sub-Committee, formally ratify the draft set of policies for the group, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes and affirm SCWIG Sub-Committee co-Chair’s Matt Bailey and Ray Flood and Secretary, Gene Wissenburg. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Establishment of Part-Time Shell Creek Coordinator Position – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed – Update Given

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

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

c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update Given

d. Review of Draft Projects Budget – Update Given

e. Mike Chvatal Dam Assistance Request - Update Given

f. Wahoo to Lake Wanahoo Trail

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve relocation of the Wahoo to Lake Wanahoo trail alignment as shown on the map attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the August LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Payment to Newman Grove for Shell Creek Sampling Equipment/Supplies

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve \$332.16 payment to Newman Grove Public Schools for reimbursement on water testing supplies and sampling equipment for sampling Shell Creek. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Newman Grove Science Club Assistance Request

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the purchase and reimbursement of a new LaMotte SMART3 Colorimeter at an estimated cost of \$958.50 from Forestry Suppliers. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the August consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The September Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 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 August 10, 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.

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Joe Birkel, Secretary