

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, December 12, 2016.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our December 12, 2016 board meeting was published on November 24, 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	Gibney	Hagerbaumer
Hilger	Kavan	McDermott
Meduna	Olson	Ruzicka
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Seier
Sobota	Veskerna	Hannah

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Pollard

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Benal	Oaklund	TePoel
Schomer	Angle	Gottschalk

Legal Counsel Lausterer

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

Ron Morrissey is requesting assistance from LPNNRD to have the Natural Resources Commission amend their minutes from the September 8, 2016 meeting.

b. NRCS Report

Jami Thoene 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

Paul Woodward gave a presentation on the Platte to Elkhorn groundwater study that is currently underway.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Off Site Water Table Concerns Near Sand Creek – No new Update

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. GMDA Winter Meeting – Update Given

2. NACD Annual Meeting – Update Given

3. NARD Legislative Conference - Update Given

4. January 9, 2017 Board Meeting – Start time for this meeting has been changed to 9:00 a.m.

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Monthly Education Program

c. Nominating Sub-Committee – Update Given

d. Meeting Procedures

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the “Lower Platte North NRD Policy and Procedures” as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Use of NRD Logo

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to “Trademark” the NRD Logo” and “LPNNRD Name with the Logo” with the State of Nebraska. Motion carried consent agenda.

f. Election Results - Update Given

g. Groundwater Management and Protection Act Coalition

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to make payment of \$1,500 to the Groundwater Management and Protection Act Coalition for FY17 dues as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Director Retreat – Update Given

i. Letter from ACEC – Update Given

j. Meals at Board Meetings

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to discontinue serving meals to Board Meetings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

k. Ourada Complaint – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Union Bank Interest Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to make the semi-annual interest payment of \$15,545.45 to Union Bank as shown on the billing attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the December 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. Wildlife View Proposal on Wanahoo - Update Given

b. Rawhide Land Partnership Paul Gifford Drive – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level Advisory Committee

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to accept the recommendation from the Lake Level Advisory Committee to authorize advertising for “Requests for Proposals” from Engineering Firms to complete the Army Corps of Engineers Section 408 for permission to lower Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Rawhide Ditch Repair

Saalfeld made the motion seconded by Veskerna, to pay Thompson Construction \$11,360 for completed work on Rawhide Ditch. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sand/Duck Dam 15 Boundary Survey

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to have JEO survey the Sand/Duck Creek Dam 15 property and establish permanent markers on the west line between Dam 15 and the Ourada property at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Fremont GI Study – Update Given

g. Czechland Recreation Camping Revenue – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY - NONE

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

2. Long Range Plan – Update Given

b. Education

1. Butler County Government Day - Update Given

2. Newman Grove Girls Scouts – Update Given

3. Nature Education Trail/Disc Golf Course – Update Given

c. Computer – None

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna to approve the monthly service charge of \$.75 per Colon Sewer customer with an annual rate review (This charge will be collected from the Rural Water District's quarterly reimbursement payment to Colon) if Colon wishes for LPNNRD to continue collecting city sewer fees, beginning the first quarter of 2017. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the December LPNNRD 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

a. Martin Erickson Variance Request

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to take the Martin Erickson Variance Request off the table. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Variance Request LPN-V-015-0427 for Martin Erickson for a new irrigation well and to irrigate 151 new acres in the NE1/4, Section 20, T14N, R7E of the

Swedeburg subarea which is a Restricted Development Area with listed variance conditions as shown on the document "Variance Request Conditions for LPN-V-015-0427 for Martin Erickson Irrigation Well in NE1/4, Section 20, T14N, R7E of the Restricted Development Area". Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve Tri-City Meters as the contractor to operate the LPNNRD Meter Maintenance Program at a cost of \$55 per meter. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Sobota, Hannah

NAY: Clausen, Veskerna

2. REGULATORY

a. Groundwater Management Area

1. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. Birkel Request Well Permit Application

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve a new supplemental well for Joe Birkel in the SE1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 29, T16N, R3E, in the Octavia Subarea of Butler County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Special Quantity Sub-Areas – Update Given

3. Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

4. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Flow Meter Cost Share in SQS #2

1. Questions on Flow Meter Cost-Share Program

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve an increase in flow meter cost share funding rate for wells within the LPNNRD Ground Water Energy Level Network and the Special Quantity Subarea; for 8 inch Meters to \$1,000 with \$770 from the Water Sustainability Fund and \$230 from LPNNRD and for 6 inch meters to \$749 with \$577 from the Water Sustainability Fund and \$172 from LPNNRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Flow Meter Cost-Share in SQS #2

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve payment of cost share funds for Flow Meters in Special Quantity Subareas #2 to well owners as attached to the Water Committee Minutes using Water Sustainability Funding of \$42,732 and Lower Platte North NRD funding of \$460. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

7. Richland - Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

- 8. Richland - Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given**
- 9. LPNRND Operator Certification – Update Given**
 - a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve cost-share payment to decommission the stock well of Louis Kavan for \$639.91 in Saunders County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.
 - 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**
 - d. Former Ordinance Plant Near Mead – Update Given**
- 4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**
 - a. USGS Steam Flow Gauging Sites**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the Joint Funding Agreement between US Geological Survey and the Lower Platte North NRD for stream gauging on Wahoo Creek at Ashland, Shell Creek near Columbus and the continuous reading ground water monitoring well located on University of Nebraska Property at the Agricultural Research and Development Center at an annual cost of \$16,725. Motion carried on consent agenda.
- 5. OTHER**
 - a. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given**
 - b. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the December 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 Veskerna, to approve the following SWCP Application:

Larry Muhle Colfax County Emergency Terrace/Basin Repair \$1,000

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

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

15-B-5 William Perk Terrace/Tile \$11,408.59

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancelations – None

d. Nebraska Buffer Strip Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve nine Buffer Strip payments totaling \$15,008.32 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – Update Given

f. Wahoo Creek Grant Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve a Wahoo Creek Grant Payment to Ed Sladky totaling \$3,300 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. SWCP Policy Changes – Update Given

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed – Update Given

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

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

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to be equal partners with LPSNRD and PMRNRD to complete the LPRCA Watershed Water Quality Plan and provide up to \$5,741.67 toward this effort.

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – No new information

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

c. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given

6. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee Report – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the December 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

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Olson, 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 Veskerna, to approve the December Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Birkel

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 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 December 12, 2016, 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