

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 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, May 11, 2015.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our May 11, 2015 board meeting was published on April 23, 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	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Seier	Veskerna
Hannah		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Schomer	Oaklund

Gottschalk

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 May report.

**c. NARD Report**

Hilger reported on the upcoming Basin Tour to be held June 15-16.

**d. NRC Report**

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 Board

Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Reports – Update Given**

**b. Pending**

**1. GMDA Summer Meeting**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to send up to two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Meeting June 10-12 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences - None**

**b. Bob Weaver**

**1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given**

**2. Monthly Bill**

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

**c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given**

**d. CCEI Lawsuit – None**

**e. Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition – Update Given**

**f. NARD Information and Education Proposal**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that LPNNRD supports the NARD effort to produce an hour long program with NET on the History and Accomplishments of NRDs and budget \$3,000 for FY 2016 for this production. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Equipment – None**

**4. Personnel – None**

**a. FY 2015-2016 Salary Ranges**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the LPNNRD Salary Ranges for F.Y. 2016 with maximum changes limited to 10% up or down as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the March Financial Report as distributed to all directors. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the May LPNDRD 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to pay Larry Bruhn’s CREP contract payment of \$77.08. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS**

**a. O & M Crew – Update Given**

**b. Wanahoo SRA - Update Given**

**c. Wanahoo Dam**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to make payment to Olsson Associates in the amount of \$838.50 for instrument monitoring on the Wanahoo Dam from October 2014 to March 2015. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Zeppelin Dam Renovation**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to pay Zeppelin Farms (Sean McFadden) \$1,658.29 for the pipe to repair his dam which is directly above Bellwood 5-H after staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Czechland Lake Improvement – Update Given**

**f. Recreation Area Signage**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to proceed with placing 6 signs at NRD recreation areas with local sheriff office numbers. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. ROCK AND JETTY**

**a. Payment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to assist David Marshall in cost-sharing on his Platte River bank stabilization project at \$910. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given**

**5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Recognition Banquet – Update Given**

**3. Viaduct – Update Given**

**b. Education**

**1. Soil and Water Stewardship Week – Update Given**

**2. Spring Conservation Sensation - Update Given**

**3. National Land Judging Request**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to provide \$150 to help sponsor the Raymond Central Land Judging team's trip to National Land Judging in May 2015. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Water Education Toolbox – Update Given**

**c. Computer**

**1. Online Payment Processing - Update Given**

**6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the May 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 Request Penalty**

**2. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given**

**3. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given**

**4. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area – None**

**5. Well Permit Program**

**a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**

**b. KWEA Replacement Well Modification**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve modification of the well permit LPN-009-1077 from a replacement to a supplemental well permit and allow LPN-007-967 (G-147448) to be placed again on active status as requested by KWEA LLC. Motion carried.

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

**NAY:** Hannah

**c. Ryan Loseke Stock Well Permit Application**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the livestock well in the SW¼-SW¼-S36-T19N-R1E in the Platte Center subarea and the Platte-Colfax SQS area of Platte County as requested by Ryan Loseke. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. Certified Irrigated Acre Transfer Request**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the transfer of 17.9 certified irrigated acres from a field in S1/2, NW 1/4, Section 29-T18N-R1E in the Lower Shell Creek subarea of Platte County to a field of 5.4 acres in the SE1/4, SE1/4, Section 30-T18N-R1E in the Lower Shell Creek

Subarea of Platte County; to a field of 5.3 acres in SW1/4, SE1/4, Section 30-T18N-R1E in the Lower Shell Creek subarea of Platte County; and to a field of 7.2 acres in the NW1/4, SW1/4, Section 30-T18N-R1E in the Lower Shell Creek subarea of Platte County as requested by Todd Mueller. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. Special Quantity Sub-Areas**

**a. LPNNRD SQS Operator Certification Classes – Update Given**

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

**9. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given**

**10. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given**

**b. Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Network**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve cost-share payment of \$1,533 to the 18 producers listed on the spreadsheet ‘LPNNRD NAWMDN – 2015’ as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**11. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

**12. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area**

**13. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given**

**a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – 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 – None**

**b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies**

**1. Elkhorn Loup Model – Update Given**

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

**3. Future Ground Water Studies – Update Given**

**c. Test Holes and New Monitoring Well – Update Given**

**d. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given**

**3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. USGS Water Quality Monitoring on Shell Creek**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment of \$5,250 to USGS for continued water quality monitoring at the Shell Creek monitoring station north of Columbus as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Precipitation Gauging Network – Update Given**

**4. OTHER**

**a. GMDA Summer Session – Update Given**

**b. 2015 Summer Interns – Update Given**

**c. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the May LPNDRD 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**

Saalfeld made the motion seconded by McDermott, to approve the following SWCP applications:

<u>David/Cynthia Hartman</u>	<u>Skull Creek</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$9,559</u>	<u>(25% EQIP)</u>
<u>Maryland Novacek</u>	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Cropland to Grass</u>	<u>\$2,436.60</u>	<u>(75%)</u>
			<u>\$12,035.60</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

<u>14-B-42</u>	<u>Walter Bohaty</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>
<u>14-D-49</u>	<u>Gary Mintken</u>	<u>Diversion</u>	<u>\$2,386.32</u>
			<u>\$3,011.32</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. SWCP Cancelations – None**

**d. Cottonwood Creek Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the following Cottonwood Creek cost-share payments:

<u>Thomas Kloser</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$4,257.44</u>
<u>Shanahan Family Tr.</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$4,252.71</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**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 Environmental Enhancement Plan – Update Given**

**2. Shell Creek Environmental Trust Grant Approval**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve acceptance of the \$155,000 Environmental Trust Grant for the Shell Creek Watershed and ratify Assistant Manager Mountford's signing of the grant contract and documents as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase I – 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 Projects Financial Statement – Update Given**

**e. NEMA Repetitive Property Loss Acquisition Project – Update Given**

**f. LPNNRD Local Working Group Meeting – Update Given**

**g. Platte Center Elm Creek Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given**

**6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT - Update Given**

**7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given**

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7a. SWCP Payments**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

<u>Dennis Prochaska</u>	<u>595 Trees</u>	<u>\$600.95</u>
<u>Ann Olmer</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$567.50</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,168.45</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7b. GMDA Planning Meeting**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve expenses for Larry Angle to travel to Sacramento June 17-19 to make arrangements for the January 2016 GMDA Conference. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7c. David Deerson Reclassification of Well**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve that David Deerson's Well Permit LPN-01301397 be modified from "Replacement" to "New" (the abandonment has already taken place). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the May consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The June Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 May 11, 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