

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 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, October 12, 2015.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our October 12, 2015 board meeting was published on October 1, 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	Clausen	Feala
Gibney	Hagerbaumer	Hilger
Kavan	Johannes (left 7:53)	Olson
Pollard	Ruzicka	Sabatka
Saalfeld	Seier	Veskerna
Hannah		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Birkel	McDermott	Meduna
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Angle	Heimann

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**

Mark Walkenhorst NRCS/NRD October report was presented.

**c. NARD Report**

Hilger reported on the Annual Conference held September 27-29 in Kearney.

**d. NRC Report**

Manager Miyoshi reported that the NRC met at the annual NARD Conference.

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

The NARD Foundation Video was shown to all Directors.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. GMDA Annual Conference**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to waive our normal policy and approve attendance of up to five staff and five directors at the January 2016 GMDA Conference. 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 Pollard, to approve payment of \$3,400 to Bob Weaver for September services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**d. Lickteig Property – Update Given**

**e. Wahoo Sign Agreement – Update Given**

**f. Closed (Executive) Session – Update Given**

**3. Equipment - None**

**4. Personnel**

**a. Almond Leave Payout**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to payout the leave balance owed to Mike Almond in the amount of \$2,904.99 subject to taxes and withholdings as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Accountant Position**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to ratify hiring Cassi Deerson for the Accountant Position with a starting date of October 28. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Information and Education Position – Update Given**

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the July Financial Reports as distributed to all

board members. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**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. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days – Update Given**

**d. 2015 Audit**

The Audit Sub-Committee and Executive Committee met with HBE on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and reviewed the 2015 Annual Audit in great detail.

Cindy Love, HBE gave a brief overview of the 2015 Audit Report to the Directors via speakerphone during the Board Meeting and answered questions from the Directors.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that Management set up a meeting within the next month with the Village of Bruno to discuss the Bruno Rural Water financial status. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Clausen, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

**NAY:** Gibney

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Olson, to accept and place on file the June 30, 2015 Annual Audit as prepared by HBE LLP. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the October 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**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to accept the low bid of \$6,800 from Midwest Tree Cutters, Milford for tree removal at Homestead Lake as part of the Ne Wild Grant. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to pay Mohrman Farms \$111.58 for their two CREP Contracts. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**a. O & M Crew – Update Given**

**b. Bellwood 3-B Dam Rehabilitation**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to accept the low bid of \$51,000 from Cuba Construction for the rehabilitation of Watershed Dam Bellwood 3-B. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Wanahoo Haying – Update Given**

**d. Wanahoo SRA – Update Given**

**e. Aerial Spraying**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Feala, to pay Sky Copters Inc. \$2,640 for work completed on the Platte River Western Sarpy Clear Creek Project and bill Contractor Klocke Inc. \$2,640 for reimbursement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**f. Fremont GI Flood Study – 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**

**b. Education**

**1. Range Judging Contest – Update Given**

**2. Nebraska Green Schools Initiative – Update Given**

**c. Computer - None**

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

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno – Update Given**

**c. Brainard – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the October 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. Violations Policy – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to have our attorney Jovan Lausterer review and comment on the LPNNRD Violations Policy at the October 12, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve the variance requests for the 39 highest scoring individuals as listed on the 2015 Limited Development Ranking Sheet as attached to the Water Committee Minutes and request that the next two, James Mick and Ronald Sladky be contacted to see if an agreement can be reached to allow one of them to be approved at the next Committee Meeting, if no agreement is reached then both the variance request will be denied for 2015-2016. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

- 3. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given**
  - 4. Well Permit Program**
    - a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**
  - 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**
  - 9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**
  - 10. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given**
  - 11. LPNRND Operator Certification – Update Given**
  - 12. LPNNRD Acre 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 – Update Given**
    - b. Ground Water Studies**
      - 1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment - Update Given**
      - 2. LPNNRD Database – Update Given**
- 3. OTHER**
    - a. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given**
    - b. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

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

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. SWCP REPORT**

- a. SWCP Fall Application Approvals**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the SWCP Fall applications totaling \$20,750 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve three cost-share payments totaling \$20,450.22 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. SWCP Cancelations - None**

**d. Cottonwood Creek Payments – None**

**e. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None**

**f. Sand/Duck Creek Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve Sand/Duck Creek cost-share payments totaling \$12,313.02 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**g. Wahoo Creek Watershed Cost-Share Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve four Wahoo Creek cost-share payments totaling \$13,540.19 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**h. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None**

**2. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Newman Grove School Science Club Assistance Payment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a \$958.50 payment to Newman Grove Public School for their purchase of a colorimeter for analyzing Shell Creek water samples as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

**2. Shell Creek Plan – Project Design**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to have the Assistant Manager work with the Colfax County Engineer, Mark Mainelli, for submitting Shell Creek Watershed project design proposals for approve consideration at the October 12, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Seier made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve and authorize Chair Hannah to sign the Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc. Shell Creek Watershed design proposal as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes that authorizes design of three creek restoration sites at a cost of \$49,040. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed – Water Quality Plan (PIP) 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. LPNNRD District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update Given**

**d. Review of Projects Financial Statement - Update Given**

**e. Platte Center Project Payment Request**

Olson made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve a \$13,936.67 (50%) cost-share payment to Platte Center for Bank Stabilization work completed pending staff inspection as attached to the Project Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Segment 5 – Big Sandy**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Feala, to bill Big Sandy Homeowners Association \$44,300 for additional excavation of material from the lake that is not covered under the COE Contract. Once payment is received from Big Sandy the NRD is authorized to make the \$44,300 payment to the US Army Corps of Engineers for additional work on the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, 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 Pollard, to approve the October consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The November Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 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 October 12, 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

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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