

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2001**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, February 12, 2001.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than February 1, 2001. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

**2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Bailey	Bull	Daufeldt
Eden	Grueber (arrived 5:50)	Jedlicka
Johannes	Johnson	Kavan
Langemeier (arrived 5:45)	Mastny	McDermott
Nelson	Saalfeld	Sabata
Sabatka	Sendgraff	Shelso
Wilke (arrived 5:45)		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Gottschalk	Angle
Conrad		
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		Ronald Dierking, Logan East
Marla Milliken, Saunders NRCS		Gary Lofts, Logan East
Carol Prokesh, Saunders NRCS		Fred Christensen, Logan East
Brad Soncksen, Saunders NRCS		Bob Lundeen, Logan East
Doug Bartek		Stan Stabb, Lower Elkhorn NRD
Betty Tracy		

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS**

**a. Appointment of Director - Sub-District 1**

Shelso made the motion, seconded by Sendgraff, to appoint Marv Eden to fill the vacancy in Sub-District #1. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. NRCS Report**

Brad Soncksen handed out and briefed the Directors on the 2000 Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Activities Report.

**c. NARD Report**

Don Kavan reported that the next NARD Board Meeting will be March 13, 2001 in Grand Island.

**d. Stan Staab - Rural Water Presentation and Request**

Staab and other presented a potential expansion plan for the Logan East Rural Water District. The new plan will use water purchased from Fremont. The new proposal includes hookups in LPNNRD. LENRD requests that LPNNRD cost-share \$5,000 toward the \$70,000 study. The matter was sent to the Water Committee for consideration.

**e. Cam Conrad - GIS Presentation**

Cam Conrad and Sharon Minarick have been working together in gathering and entering SWCP data on our GIS system. Cam gave a presentation of how conservation data can be used through GIS, to greatly aid the District in knowing where land treatment practices have been applied and where future work is most needed.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve minutes from the January 8, 2001 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. NARD Annual Washington, DC Meeting**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Bull, to authorize two staff and two directors to attend the NARD Washington, DC Meeting as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**2. River Rally 2001**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Bull, to allow up to 1 staff and 1 director to attend the River Rally 2001 as detailed in the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. National Watershed Coalition**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Bull, to allow up to two directors and two staff to attend the National Watershed Conference as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Reports**

**1. GMDA Conference**

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are reports from the recent GMDA conference held in New Orleans.

**2. Management Items**

**a. Directors Absences**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the absences for December from Jedlicka, Saalfeld, Grueber, Daufeldt and Mastny and for January from Jedlicka, Bailey and Saalfeld. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Director Attendance Record**

The 2000 attendance record for all Directors for Board and Committee Meetings is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

**c. Dues**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to pay the following dues for the 2001 year: National Watershed Coalition - \$50, Nebraska Water Resources Association - \$800, National Association of Conservation Districts - \$1,700. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Sand Creek Project**

**1. The Following Updates Were Given:**

 **Nieveen Court Case**

 **Nieveen Settlement Offer**

**2. Nieveen Land Use Offer**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to have Legal Counsel Lindahl inform the Nieveen's that the NRD plans to put the entire 120 acres to public use for the 2001 year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

At 7:03 p.m. Mike Murren left the meeting.

**3. Relocation Cost Update**

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to have Legal Counsel Lindahl review the right of way information received from Midwest Right of Way Services for Mike and Andrew Murren. It was further recommended to be sure proper disclosures are made for any potential conflict of interest due to Mike Murren's employment by the District. If no problems are seen it was further recommended that the relocation fee owed to Mike and Andrew Murren be paid in the amount as specified by Midwest Right of Way Services Inc. Motion carried all members present voting aye. Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a statement made by Mike Murren concerning a potential conflict of interest.

At 7:15 p.m. Mike Murren returned back to the meeting.

**e. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance**

**1. Drinking Water Septic Tank Study**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to proceed with the "Lower Platte River Corridor

Alliance initial assessment of drinking water affected by contaminants in septic tanks on the Lower Platte River or nearby Lakes” study at a cost to LPNNRD of \$1,500 and that the Manager by authorized to sign said interlocal agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Special Board Meeting**

A Special Board Meeting will be held by the LPNNRD, LPSNRD and PMRNRD on February 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Platte River Corridor Alliance Activities and the future direction of the Alliance. All Board Members are highly urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the LPNNRD Office.

**f. NHD Grant**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to submit the grant application to the Nebraska Technology Committee for the National Hydrography Database project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**g. Bob Weaver Billing**

Daufeldt made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the Bob Weaver bill for October, November and December as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**h. Legislation**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to direct Manager Miyoshi to send letters to our State Senators and Senator Dirks stating that our NRD does not support LB586. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**i. 2001 Recognition Banquet**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the Recognition Banquet for 2001 be held at the Fremont Country Club as it has been the past two years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Equipment**

No new business.

**4. Personnel**

**a. GIS Specialist Position**

Miyoshi regretted to inform the Board the GIS Specialist, Cam Conrad has turned in his resignation effective at the end of February. Miyoshi noted the diligent work that Conrad has done for the District taking our GIS program to new levels.

**5. Finance**

**a. Financial Reports**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the December Financial Statements as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the Managers expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Signing Checks**

It was discussed about authorizing extra Directors to sign checks on behalf of the District. It was felt we should stick with our current policy which authorize the Treasurer and the other three elected officers to sign checks on behalf of the NRD.

**B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to elect Mastny as chair of the O & E Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to elect Bull as Vice Chair of the O & E Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**1. WHIP REPORT**

**a. Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve five WHIP contracts at a total payment of \$2,475.

<u>Frances Thompson</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>22 acres</u>	<u>\$385</u>
<u>Charles Styskal</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>38 acres</u>	<u>\$620</u>
<u>William Ryan</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>22 acres</u>	<u>\$385</u>
<u>Donna Havlik</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>44 acres</u>	<u>\$770</u>
<u>John Lajba</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>21 acres</u>	<u>\$315</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

**a. The Following Updates Were Given:**

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Czechland Silt Dam and Sediment Removal System
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North and West Branch Studies
- ✓ Homestead Lake
- ✓ Tree Program

**b. Tandem Axle Trailer**

Bull made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to accept a quoted price of \$3,475 from S & W Welding in West Point for a Tandem Axle Trailer. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Bull, Daufeldt, Eden, Grueber, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Mastny, McDermott, Nelson, Sabata, Sabatka, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

**NAY:** Jedlicka, Langemeier, Saalfeld

### **3. ROCK AND JETTY**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to pay Dean Arps \$1,000, James Drahota \$2,000 and Ames Diking District \$2,992.50 for bank stabilization work accomplished along the Platte River pending inspection by staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

The District has not received any new complaints.

### **5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

#### **a. The following Updates Were Given:**

- \* Public Service Announcements
- \* Weather Station
- \* David City Parks Web Site
- \* Annual Report

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the February LPNNRD Operation and Education Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to elect Lumir Jedlicka as the Water Committee Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to elect Dave Saalfeld as the Water Committee Vice Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### **1. REGULATORY**

#### **A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

##### **1. Well Permits**

Sargent Irrigation has requested that the NRD drop the late fee for Rick Fangman permit. Dale Schindler from Sargent felt that he attempted to get all of the proper paperwork filed and failed to get a permit from the NRD only because he was misinformed of which NRD the well was located in. Supporting documentation is on file. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to drop the late fee for the Rick Fangman well permit. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### **2. Distribution Manifold and Calibration Meter Cost-share**

The cost-share program has concluded for the fiscal year. A total of nineteen applications for calibration meters and thirteen applications for distribution manifolds have been received. There are more applications than there is money available in the cost-share budget. The applications were ranked based on parameters such as amount of land covered in the LPNNRD, number of irrigated acres, and number of acres in the Platte Valley. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve cost-share for the top 15 ranked applications for calibration meters and to consider the remaining applications as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve cost-share for the top 9 ranked applications for distribution manifolds as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Shelso, to approve the following individuals for cost-share on calibration meters: Eugene Siroky, Dennis Snitily, Rodney Kratky, Ray Otto. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. Nitrogen Certification Classes**

A total of 161 producers attended the first nine training sessions in November, December 2000 and January 2001. Letters were sent to producers, not certified in Butler and Saunders County, regarding training sessions in January. There are seven more classes scheduled for February and March 2001. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the LPNNRD not allow cost-share assistance to those who have not completed their nitrogen certification. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Vadose Zone Sampling**

Sendgraff made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept the low bid of \$3,325.50 from UNL Water Center to conduct the Vadose Zone Sampling. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. The Following Reports Were Given:**

- ☞ Chemigation
- ☞ Livestock Water Permit
- ☞ Manure Testing Software

**2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. The Following Reports Were Given**

- \* Decommissioned Well Program
- \* Wellhead Protection Areas
- \* Groundwater Quality - Platte Valley
- \* Mead NOP
- \* Ground Water Energy Levels

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

**C. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. SWCP REPORT**

**a. Approve SWCP Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	<u>75%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Sinking Funds:</u></b>			
00-S-45 John Kaspar	<u>\$9,432.28</u>	<u>\$1,113.41</u>	<u>\$10,545.41</u>

00-S-44 Arnold Kaspar	<u>\$8,645.91</u>	<u>\$1,729.18</u>	<u>\$10,375.09</u>
00-S-43 Bob Dauel	<u>\$5,805.21</u>	<u>\$1,161.04</u>	<u>\$6,966.25</u>
<b>State Funds:</b>			
00-S-22 Richard Meyer	<u>\$7,232.89</u>		<u>\$7,232.89</u>
<b>EQIP Match:</b>			
00-S-85 Duane Pavlik	<u>\$7,838.81</u>		<u>\$7,838.81</u>
<b>CRP Incentive:</b>			
00-CRP-6 George Menke	<u>\$25.06</u>	<u>\$ 25.06</u>	
00-CRP-7 Herbert Luchsingen	<u>\$39.60</u>	<u>\$ 39.60</u>	
00-CRP-8 Richard Brock	<u>\$183.93</u>	<u>\$183.93</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approve SWCP Applications**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the following SWCP application on land above proposed Lake Wanahoo (part of a previously approved landright agreement):

Charles and Shirley Divis Trust \$7,500 (Sinking Funds)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Discussion on Cost-Share for seed/seeding on Non-CRP Filter Strips**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to not pay cost-share for establishing grass on non-CRP filter strips at this time and highly encourage landowners to sign-up for establishing filter strips through CRP.

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Discussion on Irrigation Practice Applications for 2001**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to allocate \$10,000 of SWCP funds for irrigation water conservation practices in 2001 which is the same amount as last year. It was further recommended that the District evaluate and rank current applications on hand for approval consideration. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. WATERSHEDS**

**e. Skull Creek Watershed**

**1. Homestead Lake Construction Contract**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to allow Kobus an additional 24 working days (4 weeks) to complete construction of Skull Creek Dam 55 (Homestead Lake) with a April 15, 2001 deadline. It was further recommended that the contractor be held liable for liquidated damages to cover our added observation costs if work is not completed within the established working days and deadline. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Development of Fish Habitat Structure at Homestead Lake**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to proceed with development of fish habitat structure at Homestead Lake, not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Skull Creek Dam Sites 31 & 30**



Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to have Olsson Associates prepare a contract for completing a project proposal to NDNR for the Skull Creek Watershed Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Homestead Lake Recreation Development**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to have Olsson Associates prepare plans, specifications and bid documents required for Skull Creek Dam 55 (Homestead Lake) recreation components. It was further recommended to have District staff take the lead with the administration and construction observation for the recreation development, and retain Olsson Associates services on an "as needed" basis. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. FSA, EQIP and CRP PLANS SIGNED**

No Farm Plans for January 2001.

**5. LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION CORE GROUP REPORT**

**a. Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led - Watershed Plan Proposal**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve up to \$2,500 of funding and/or in-kind assistance for completion of a Watershed Plan for a sub-area in the Skull Creek Watershed, subject to grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. OTHER**

**a. Colfax County Road Dam Request**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve 50% cost-share for the Colfax County Road Dam as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, up to \$12,500 maximum assistance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Support of Residue Management Club**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve a \$75 membership to the Residue Management Club located in Platte County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT**

Murren gave a report on the January 31, 2001 Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting.

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7.a. Skull Creek Site 30 and 31 Contract for Engineering Services**

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the Proposed Letter of Agreement for Professional Service with Olsson Associates for preparing a project proposal to NDNR for Skull Creek

Sites 30 and 31 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7.b. Homestead Lake Change Order**

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve Change Order #1 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes and authorize Management to sign the Change Order when returned from Kobus Construction. Motion carried all members voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the February consent agenda as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

None

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2001. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Dean Johnson, Secretary