

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2003

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 10, 2003

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than January 30, 2003. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey (arrived 5:45)	Bull
Eden	Holstine	Jedlicka
Kavan	Langemeier	Larsen
Mastny	Pieke	Reitmayer
Saalfeld	Sabata	Sabatka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Johannes (NACD)	Shelso (NACD)	Johnson (NACD)
Wilke		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Breunig	Murren
Sousek	Heimann	Angle
Lisa Brichacek		Charles Karloff
Brad Soncksen		Harold Kolb
Dan Crouchley		EJ Wageman
Joe Proskovec		Dean Busing
Jeff Rawlinson		John Wageman
Harlan Riecken		Doris Karloff
Donald Veskerna		Steve Clark
Keith Jurgensen		Scott Sukstorf
Victor Humlicek		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Brad Soncksen gave an EQIP update to the Board.

b. NARD Report

Langemeier reported on the Legislative Conference held at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

c. Game and Parks Presentation

Jeff Rawlinson gave a presentation on the proposed Youth Outdoor Skills Training Facility. Eden made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the NRD accept and approve the project proposal as presented to the Board.

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Alm, to table the previous motion until after the February 26, 2003 Lake Wanhoo Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Holstine, Kavan, Larsen, Mastny, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka
NAY: Bull, Eden, Jedlicka, Langemeier, Pieke, Reitmajer

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve minutes from the January 13, 2003 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. National Watershed Conference

The National Watershed Conference will be held June 8-11, 2003 at Council Bluffs, IA. Because of the National Meeting location it is the intent of the Executive Committee to send a reasonable number of Directors and Staff. Those wishing to attend should let Management know prior to the March Committee Meetings.

2. Management

a. Directors Absence

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Seventy applications were received for the Alliance Coordinator Position. Manager Johnson has narrowed it to ten candidates on the finals list. Those ten candidates are being reviewed by Johnson, Oltman and Miyoshi. Johnson will do the final interviews for selecting the top candidates.

c. Saunders County -vs- MUD

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that the Lower Platte North NRD issue an "Order to Dismiss the Petition" of Saunders County concerning the "Saunders County

-vs- MUD” matter as filed on October 4, 2001. It was further recommend that LPNNRD agree to jointly file action against MUD on the following conditions:

1. Laws of the State of Nebraska as listed in the above petition are being broken;
2. Saunders County agrees to be a joint partner in any further action;
3. At least five landowners agree to be join partners in any further action.

Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Bull, Eden, Holstine, Jedlicka, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabata, Sabatka

NAY: Pieke

ABSTAIN: Alm

d. Groundwater Coalition

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, that the District not join the Groundwater Coalition at this time but revisit the issue at Budget time in July. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. National Watershed Coalition Dues

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to pay the National Watershed Coalition dues in the amount of \$50. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Bob Weaver Bill

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to pay the Bob Weaver bill in the amount of \$1,370.83. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Resignation of Director Wilke

Attached to the Executive Committee Minuets is a copy of a resignation letter received from Director Wilke. Board Chairman Johnson has declared a director vacancy in Sub-District 5 and assigned the following Directors to a Search Committee. This includes Pieke, Johannes, Langemeier and Jedlicka with Johannes acting as the Sub-Committee Chairman. The four man sub-committee is to have a recommendation at the March Board Meeting.

h. GMDA/NWRA Intern Program

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to contribute \$100 toward the GMDA/NWRA summer intern program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ◆ 2003 Legislative Schedule
- ◆ Nebraska Habitat Coalition - Piping Plover
- ◆ Pallid Sturgeon Task Force
- ◆ Lower Platte River Cumulative Impact Study

3. Equipment

No new business.

4. Personnel

Two additions to the NRD family occurred during January. Emily was born to Ann and Daryl Brodd. Hailey was born to Shaula and Tracy Ross. Congratulations go out to these families.

b. Report on CPR and First Aid Training

Twelve NRD staff members were trained on CPR and First Aid on January 14th. The total cost to the District for the training was \$240.

5. Finance

a. December Financial Statement

The December Financial Statements will be mailed with the minutes to all Directors.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve the Manager's expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable over 90 days

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to write off the \$35 bill from LeRoy Nelson. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

B. OPERATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP REPORT

a. Payments

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve two WHIP/Wild NE contracts for a total payment of \$1,005.

France Thompson	Saunders	\$385.00
James Greer	Saunders	\$620.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Material Payment

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve payment of \$132.25 to George Menke, Platte County for grass seed planted on his WILD NE property. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

- a. The Following Updates Were Given:
- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
 - ✓ South Fremont Feasibility Study
 - ✓ Tree Program
 - ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
 - ✓ Grass Drill Update
 - ✓ Vehicles

b. Equipment

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to sell the 3100 DUAL loader that was used on the JD 4430. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. ROCK AND JETTY

No new business.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * NACEE
- * GMDA Ads
- * Viaduct
- * Annual Report

b. Soil and Water Stewardship Materials

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to make materials available to area churches and schools for the 2003 Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

Eight new Well Permits were approved last month.

2. Cost Share Programs

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve cost share funding of 50% up to \$1,100 for the calibration meters for Lawrence Zimmer, David Nicolas and John Pachta and 50% up to \$300 for a distribution manifold for John Pachta, and if further State Funding becomes available to approve additional cost share funding of 50% up to \$1,100 for a calibration meter for Keith Woita, Robert Sabatka, Dennis Brabec and Jim Poulas and 50% up to \$300 for a distribution manifold for Keith Woita, Robert Sabatka and Dennis Brabec. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Nitrogen Certification

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to order 1,000 Nitrogen Certification books and to charge a fee to cover the cost of the books for those individuals requesting a second copy. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ☛ Phase 2 Meetings
- ☛ UltraSonic Flow Meter
- ☛ Chemigation

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Decommissioned Wells
- * Wellhead Protection Areas
- * Rural Water Systems
- * Ground Water Quality

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. Payments

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

SWCP		15%	75% Payment
02-S-39	Charles Divis	\$ 776.76	\$3,883.78
02-S-38	Mark Kaspar	\$ 800.73	4,003.64
02-D-21	Eugene Larsen		2,716.25
02-D-18	Kroeger/Vacek		5,303.94
02-D-20	Darrell Umscheid		3,308.97
02-S-40	Donald Chvatal		1,843.05
02-S-35	Norm Lindgren		7,090.93
02-S-27	Bonnie Roberts (Tom)		7,025.73
02-S-28	Kathleen Johnson(Kenneth)		6,724.79

02-S-41	R & R Paseka	\$1,480.22	7,401.09
<u>D.C. Lake Project:</u>			
	John Coufal	\$ 6,651.18	
Grand SWCP Total			\$59,011.06
EQIP Match:		(15%)	
	Clair Sirocky (Site 15)	\$ 821.40	
CRP Incentive:		(25%)	
	Dennis McCloud	\$165.00	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Cancellations

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve the following SWCP cancellations:

02-S-24	Joe Hanis	\$10,000
02-P-14	John Sonderman	\$942
02-P-15	Luther Bakenhus	\$4,991
02-P-17	Edward Bakenhus	\$4,216

Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Sites 30 & 31

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to separate Skull Creek Dam Site's 30 & 31, and only proceed with an application and feasibility report for Site 31 at this time. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve the following conservation plans:

Signed Farm Plans: January 2003

<u>David Schmidt</u>	<u>Butler</u>
<u>Hilger Brothers</u>	<u>Butler</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☼ Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners
- ☼ NW Butler County Landowners Committee

b. Shell Creek Locally Led Landowners

1. Assistant to Newman Grove High School for Water Quality Testing

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve 50% of the cost of water testing equipment for the Newman Grove Public School, up to \$236.08 total assistance. Recommendation carried.*

2. Funding for Shell Creek Conservation Program Promotion

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to commit up to \$4,500 of our budgeted funds toward the Shell Creek Conservation Program Promotion and to work toward completing a partnership agreement with other participants for this effort. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. ELKHORN BREAKOUT ACCESS ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Mountford said that the NRCS has met on the Ron Bauermeister Wetland Reserve Contract area. The NRCS will report back soon on any restrictions for replacing the subject access road, that also protects the IPA Project from erosion. Ken Kotera said that the area is being surveyed for project alternatives.

6. OTHER

a. Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society - Healthy Farms Conference

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to become a member of the Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society (\$100) and donate two NRD travel coffee mugs for their Conference's silent auction. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported that the NRCS is surveying the former Snitily property for eligible acres that we may enroll into the Wetlands Reserve Program. Murren has been working with the surveyor and neighboring landowner to correct property boundary discrepancies while getting the property signed into WRP. Bull made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay GLS Surveying \$600 for correction property boundary discrepancies. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Murren reported that since the Army Corps of Engineers headquarters has approved the Wanahoo Project, there have been several meetings on addressing project details.

9. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

The Papio/Missouri River NRD continues to answer several Army Corp's of Engineers questions on the completed Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR).

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Fifth Amendment to Addendum I

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the Fifth Amendment to Addendum I of the Sand Creek Environmental Restoration Project Interlocal Agreement

and authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment Number 5 with COE. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Well Registration - Fremont School

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the NRD approve the late water well permit (LPN-003-378) for Fremont Public school. All applications and fees have been received. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Bull made the motion, seconded by Sabata, to approve the February consent agenda. 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 10, 2003. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lumir Jedlicka, Secretary