

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2007

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, 2007.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our February board meeting was published on January 18 and 25, 2007 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, North Bend Eagle, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Jedlicka 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:

Alm	Bailey (arrived 5:35)	Boyd
Bruner	Bull	Eden
Hannah	Hilger	Johannes
Johnson	Kavan	Meduna
Pieke	Reitmajer	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Vrana	Jedlicka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Mountford	Breunig	Murren
Miyoshi	Gottschalk	Angle

Barkley

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

None

b. NRCS Report

Doug Wagner was present and reported on the CRP Signup and the Federal Budget.

c. NARD Report

Johnson reported on the Legislative Conference and the current status of our self directed health insurance program.

d. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

e. Education Program

Renaë Held and Joel Jorgensen gave an update to the Board on the Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve minutes from the January 8, 2007 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Nebraska Water Law Conference - Update Given

2. Central Plains Irrigation Conference - Update Given

3. Nebraska Water Tour

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to waive our normal out of state limits to allow additional Directors and Staff to attend the Nebraska Water Tour, June 4-7, 2007. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

1. Alliance Summit - Update Given

2. Monthly Report

Coordinator Verhoeff was present to give the Monthly Alliance Report.

c. Bob Weaver

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the January Bob Weaver Bill in the amount of \$2,500 and bill LPSNRD and PMRNRD for their share. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. NWRA Dues

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve 2007 NWRA dues in the amount of \$850. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Republican Basin Issues - Update Given

f. Monthly Education Programs - Update Given

g. Directors Retreat - Update Given

h. Sub-Committee Assignments - Update Given

I. Director Vacancy

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Eden, to appoint Roland Renter to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 1. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time Roland Renter took the Oath of Office.

j. Bruno Water Line - Update Given

k. Butler County Line - Update Given

l. Legislation - Update Given

m. '07 Recognition Banquet

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to have the 2007 Recognition Banquet in Butler County (KC Hall, David City), on Sunday, December 2nd, 2007. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

a. Director Laptop Computers - Update Given

4. Personnel - None

a. On Call Policy - Update Given

b. Employment of Curt Becker

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to authorize Mountford and Miyoshi to work with Becker to come up with an employment plan to be presented for Board Approval on February 12th. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to create a position for another Conservation Technician and offer the position to Curt Becker. Funding for the position and salary will be as discussed and set by the Executive Committee. A special motion will be needed to extend this position beyond June 30, 2007. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. NARD Health Insurance

Director Johnson gave an update that NARD will be billing each NRD \$2,000 per employee to build the cash reserve for our self insured program. The LPNNRD will be a part owner in the assets of the insurance pool. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to pay NARD \$2,000/employee or \$42,000 to build the cash reserve for our self insured program with the LPNNRD part owner in the assets of the insurance pool. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Statements - Update Given

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the Managers expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Agenda. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days - Update Given

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

B. EDUCATION, OPERATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Nothing to report.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Report Given

b. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Report Given

c. South Fremont 205 Study - Report Given

d. Conservation Tree Program - Report Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 - Report Given

f. Saunders County Road Structure (Bob Kavan)- Report Given

g. Revenues for No-Till Grass Drills - Report Given

h. Piping Plover & Least Tern Recovery Program

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to assist the Plover and Tern Recovery Program with \$5,000 during the next nesting season (2007). Motion failed.

AYE: Bailey, Boyd, Bruner, Bull, Eden, Johannes, Reitmajer, Sabatka

NAY: Alm, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Pieke, Renter, Saalfeld, Vrana and Jedlicka

i. New Vehicle

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to purchase a 2007 Dodge Ram SLT 3/4 Ton 4x4 pickup thru the State of Nebraska Purchasing Department for \$20,497 and sell the 1997 3/4 Ton Ford pickup after water sampling is completed this fall. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Boyd, Bruner, Bull, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan,
Meduna, Reitmajer, Renter, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Vrana

NAY: Alm, Pieke, Jedlicka

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. New Applications - None

b. Payment Requests - None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education

1. Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve up to \$1,000 for purchase
of Soil & Water Stewardship material. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Information

1. 35th Anniversary - Update Given

2. Viaduct - Update Given

3. Annual Report

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve up to \$5,000 for printing
and distribution of the Annual Report. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Acreage Expo

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to share a booth rental (\$100 split three
ways), at the Ag Expo with Lower Platte South and Papio NRDs. Motion carried on
consent agenda.

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Abie/Linwood - Report Given

b. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Report Given

c. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to add a fee to our rules and
regulations for disconnecting and connecting water service to a customer if requested
at a rate of \$35 per incident during normal working hours and \$70 per incident outside
of normal working hours. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Bellwood - Report Given

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the February LPNNRD Education, Operations and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SUBAREA DELINEATION STUDY

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to award the contract for the Lower Platte North NRD Subarea Delineation Study to Olsson Associates for \$120,000 to be done over a two year time frame. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

The total number approved permits for 2007 is 3.

2. Cost-Share Programs Reports

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given

3. Nitrogen Certification - Update Given

4. David City Aquifer Level 1-A Area - Update Given

5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given

7. Ground Water Management Areas

a. DNR 2007 Annual Evaluation of Hydrologically Connected Water Supplies

b. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model - Update Given

c. Elkhorn Loup Model - Update Given

d. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA - Update Given

e. GWEL Flow Meter Grant - Update Given

b. Chemigation - Update Given

c. Livestock Waste - Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve cost share payment to decommission the two domestic wells and irrigation well for Ray Flood for a total of \$1,038.18, a domestic well for John Housley for \$578.57, two irrigation wells for Ray Ruzicka for a total of \$866.35, a stock well for Dennis Brabec for \$432.02, a domestic and stock well for Oliver T. Loken for a total of \$607.71 and two irrigation wells for Terry Homer for \$887.80. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given

c. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead - Update Given

d. MUD - Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. Pallid Sturgeon/Sturgeon Chub Task Force - Update Given

b. Memorandum of Agreement on Instream Flow Group - Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Ground Water Management Districts Association - Update Given

b. Swedeburg - Update Given

c. Nebraska Agricultural Water Management Demonstration Network - Update Given

d. Funding for UNL Study on Water Use of Soybeans - Update Given

e. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Vrana made the motion, seconded Pieke, that the January LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Cancellations

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to cancel the following SWCP cost share applications:

<u>06-S-4</u>	<u>Roger Harders</u>	<u>Planned Grazing</u>	<u>\$4,263.00</u>
<u>06-B-20</u>	<u>Robert Schmit</u>	<u>Flow meter</u>	<u>\$640.00</u>
<u>06-B-27</u>	<u>Rose Jambor</u>	<u>Planned Grazing</u>	<u>\$3,752.00</u>
<u>06-Bo-29</u>	<u>Orrin Strand</u>	<u>Sediment Basins</u>	<u>\$7,402.50</u>
<u>06-B-32</u>	<u>Richard Semrad</u>	<u>Terraces w/Tile</u>	<u>\$7,060.70</u>

TOTAL: \$42,978.65

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Fall Applications/Extensions

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following SWCP cost share extensions:

			75%
06-Bo-19	Donald Gaspar	Grade Stab.	\$10,000.00
06-C-3	Marcella Dvorak	Grade Stab.	\$9,860.45
06-S-25	Daniel Ourada	Cropground to grass	\$1,133.00
06-B-38	Tom Smaus	Terraces w/Tile	\$10,000.00
06-S-40	Schaper / Schmitz	Outlets into Terraces	\$9,644.78
06-D-42	Eugene Larsen	Terrace line w/Tile	\$1,990.50
06-P-43	Robert Hilger	W/S Basin	\$5,318.25
06-Bo-44	Paul Kettelson	Cropground to grass	\$803.85

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve (renew) the following SWCP cost share applications for small dams:

	Bruce Bartunek	Small Dam	\$3,855.00
	Donald Koenig	Small Dam (Shell Cr.)	\$6,299.25
	Jerry Hestekind	Small Dam (Shell Cr.)	\$6,342.10

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Payments

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve payment of the following SWCP cost share application:

	Approved	As Built	Payment	+/-
06-B-34 Randall Schawang	\$5,469.75	\$ 4,891.55	\$ 4,891.55	\$(-578.20)

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Duck Creek Applications -

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following SWCP cost share applications for the Duck Creek Watershed:

			15%
Larry Mach	EQIP Supplement	Terraces w/tile	\$341.77
Thomas Holtorf	EQIP Supplement	Terraces w/tile	\$11,397.38

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Duck Creek Payments

Vrana made the motion, seconded by, to approve the following SWCP cost share payments for the Duck Creek Watershed:

	Approved	As Built-90%	
06-DC-17 Terry Kubik	\$14,668.05	\$17,576.42	*(14,647.02 +2,929.40)
06-DC-10 Dale Shanahan	\$8,456.55	\$5,770.24	\$(-2,686.31)
06-S-34 Rita Paseka (EQIP)	\$10,000.00	\$3,622.76	\$(-6,377.24)
06-S-35 R/R Paseka (EQIP)	\$2,500.00	\$580.60	\$(1,919.40)
	Total:	\$27,550.02	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. SWCP Policy Updates for 2007 - Update Given

2. WATERSHEDS - Update Given

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUPS

a. Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group - Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

b. NE Sustainable Agriculture Society (NSAS) Dues & Conference Support

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to renew our Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society membership, at the \$300 Silver medal level, which includes us as a sponsor of their February 9-10, 2007 Conference. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Request to Administer Funds for Platte Center Scrap Tire Collection

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, that the LPNNRD act as the administering body for applying for and obtaining NDEQ grant funds for the Platte Center Scrap Tire Collection effort. It was further recommended that Assistant Manager Mountford be designated the grant administrator to review, sign and submit all required grant documents. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Second Amendment to Addendum " H", Lake Wanahoo Interlocal Agreement

Vrana made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve and authorize the LPNNRD Chair to sign the second Amendment to Addendum "H" of the Lake Wanahoo Interlocal Agreement, as attached to the Lake Wanahoo Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Sale of Old Grainery Located on Wanahoo Rental Property

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to give the grainery located on the Wanahoo rental house property to Zach & Lorinda Bryant. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT - Update Given

Vrana the motion, seconded by Pieke, to accept and place on file the February Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) Study

The Lower Loup NRD is applying for grant funding from DNR on the Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) study. They are asking for continued contributions from the NRDs. The total amount requested for the second year of this study is \$671,000 with a local match of \$134,340. Johannes made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve and budget \$3,000 for the Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) study for FY08. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007, 5:30 p.m. Lower Platte North NRD Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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 February 12, 2007, 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.

Dave Saalfeld, Secretary