

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2002

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, July 8, 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than June 27, 2002. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Bull	Eden
Grueber (arrived 7:08)	Jedlicka (arrived 7:15)	Johannes
Johnson	Kavan	Langemeier
Larsen	Mastny	Nelson
Reitmajer	Saalfeld (arrived 7:15)	Sabatka
Sendgraff	Shelso	Wilke

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Heimann	Gottschalk
Angle	Sousek	
Greg Fetterman, LPRCA		Brad Soncksen
Nathan Collins, LPRCA		Chuck Folsom
Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Newspaper		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

Brad Soncksen was present and handed out a Conservation Provision Overview of the 2002 Farm Bill.

b. NARD Report

No new business.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve minutes from the June 10, 2002 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to table the Envirothon Meeting expense motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Eden, Johnson, Kavan, Larsen, Nelson, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Sendgraff

NAY: Bull, Grueber, Langemeier, Mastny, Shelso, Wilke

ABSTAIN: Johannes

2. Management Items

a. Director Absence

None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Fetterman presented the monthly Corridor Alliance report. A copy is attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

c. Sanders County -vs- MUD

Saunders County has appealed the decision from the State Appellate Court on the Saunders County -vs- MUD Case and is currently awaiting to hear on that item. It is the recommendation of Terry Schaaf and Loren Lindahl that the District wait until a response is received from the State Supreme Court.

d. Bob Weaver Bill

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Bob Weaver bill for \$2,315.84 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Mileage for Ralph Pieke - RC&D Work

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the District pay mileage expense for Ralph Pieke to attend RC&D meetings on behalf of LPNNRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

a. Imaging of NRD Records

It was the feeling of the Board that this item should be tabled for one year and be discussed at budget time in 2003.

4. Personnel

a. Total Personnel Costs

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a total cost for Personnel for F.Y. 02. The amount budgeted is listed along with all benefits along with the 9 month totals with benefits.

b. Managers Evaluation

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Clint Johannes is Chairing the evaluation for the General Manager on behalf of the Personnel Sub-Committee. Johannes has received 16 responses from the 19 Directors. He will compile those and discuss the evaluations with both the Personnel Sub-Committee and General Manager Miyoshi.

5. Finance

a. Approval of May Financial Statement

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the May Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. F.Y. 03 Budget

The total budget was prepared for distribution at the July Board Meeting with instructions being given to Committees for final review. The Budget Workshop will be conducted immediate following the Executive Committee on August 2nd it will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the NRD office.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Sendgraff, to conduct the Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on August 12, 2002 at the NRD office in Wahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July 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 - WHIP

No new payments for month of July.

2. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

a. The Following Updates Were Given:

- ✓ Operation and Maintenance Activities
- ✓ Rawhide Creek North Branch
- ✓ Community Forestry Program
- ✓ South Fremont Feasibility Study
- ✓ No-Till Grass Drill - Platte County

b. O & M Budget

Mastny made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the Executive Committee consider placing \$15,000 of unspent funds from account 403.0403 into an O & M Sinking Fund not to exceed \$100,000 in the future, this sinking fund would be used for future maintenance and possible catastrophes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve two bank stabilization payments, \$1,087.50 to Robert Foral on the Platte River in Colfax County and \$562.50 to Gayle Sheilds on the Platte River in Butler County pending inspection by Staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Chuck Folsom Rock and Jetty Payment Request

Each June, the District has allocated unspent rock and jetty funds toward landowner projects that were completed and waiting for possible payment. Over the past few years, the District has been assisting Chuck Folsom with constructing several jetties on the Elkhorn River. Chuck has recent bills totaling approximately \$6,350 and is requesting 50% cost share from the unspent FY 02 jetty funds. Grueber made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve 50% cost share with Chuck Folsom for jetties along the Elkhorn River. Motion failed.

AYE: Bull, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso

NAY: Bailey, Johannes, Langemeier, Larsen, Mastny, Nelson, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Wilke

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Grueber, to approve \$2,500 cost-share payment to Chuck Folsom for jetties work along the Elkhorn River. Motion carried.

AYE: Bull, Eden, Grueber, Jedlicka, Johannes, Johnson, Kavan, Langemeier, Larsen, Nelson, Saalfeld, Sendgraff, Shelso, Wilke

NAY: Bailey, Mastny, Reitmajer, Sabatka,

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The District has not received any new complaints.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. The following Updates Were Given:

- * 30th Anniversary
- * Recreation Brochure
- * Wellhead Protection Brochure
- * County Fairs

b. Fremont 4-H Fairs

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to provide \$250 for the Fremont 4-H Fair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July LPNNRD Operation and Education Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

For 2002 the NRD has approved 46 new well permits.

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. The Following Reports Were Given

- * Well Registrations
- * Rural Water Systems
- * Wellhead Protection Activities
- * Former Ordnance Plant - Mead
- * Ground Water Quality
- * Phase II GWMA

b. Decommissioned Well Program

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve cost share payment to decommission the wells of Noyes W Rogers for \$1,810.04 and Tom Fehringer for \$162.85. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Payment Approvals

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following SWCP payments:

		<u>Total</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>01-S-47</u>	<u>Neil Schilke</u>		<u>\$8,403.67</u>	<u>\$ 6,302.75 + 302.75</u>
<u>01-S-66</u>	<u>Linda Schultzkump</u>		<u>\$1,305.60</u>	<u>\$979.20 + 638.33</u>
<u>01-D-37</u>	<u>James Noonan</u>		<u>\$2,258.19</u>	<u>\$1,693.64 + 381.36</u>

Recommendation carried. *

b. SWCP Cancellations

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to cancel the following SWCP payments:

<u>01-C-27</u>	<u>Lorene Knapp</u>	<u>\$7,100</u>	<u>01-S-42</u>	<u>R&R Paseka</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>01-B-32</u>	<u>Ernest Yindrick</u>	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>01-S-44</u>	<u>Joe Vrana</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>01-B-33</u>	<u>Joseph Shultz</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>01-S-48</u>	<u>James Brazda</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
<u>01-S-35</u>	<u>Doug Bartek</u>	<u>\$2,290</u>	<u>01-S-50</u>	<u>Arnold Johnson</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>01-S-36</u>	<u>Richard Nygren</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>01-S-52</u>	<u>Larry Johnson</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>01-S-39</u>	<u>John Brtek Trust</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>01-S-54</u>	<u>Eugene McDaniels</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

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01-S-55 Tom Roberts \$6,000
01-S-61 George Cejka \$1,343
TOTAL: \$91,733

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. CRP Supplement Payments

Grueber Made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following CRP Supplement payment:

Kenny Goff \$ 80.56

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Return Small Dam Deposits

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to return small dam deposits to the following landowners who successfully completed their project:

Fred Benesch \$500

Herbert Syring \$500

Lawrence Pokorny \$500

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. SWCP Funds Available for Irrigation Practices

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to remove the conversion of center pivot irrigation systems from high to low pressure as an eligible cost share practice under the SWCP program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Skull Creek Site 31/30

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve paying the \$1,090.37 bill from Olsson Associates. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bid Opening for Homestead Lake Sediment Structures

Langemeier made the motion, seconded by Larsen, to award the bid of \$17,052.84 to Schutt Construction for the Homestead Lake Sediment Structures. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following signed Conservation Farm Plans:

<u>Gerald Ehernberger X 2</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>Larry Novak</u>	<u>Butler</u>
<u>Victor Mares</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>Chris Kozisek</u>	<u>Butler</u>
<u>Gregory Beebe</u>	<u>Dodge</u>	<u>Kenneth Pestal</u>	<u>Saunders</u>
<u>John Cooper</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>James Macholan</u>	<u>Saunders</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Locally Led Landowner Groups

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a. The Following Reports Were Given:

- ☼ Skull/Bone Creek Locally Led Landowners
- ☼ Northwest Butler County Landowners

5. Other

a. Newman Grove Project Request

Newman Grove Mayor Dale Walahoski has requested assistance toward a \$11,854 project to repair a storm sewer pipe. Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to not approve the cost share assistance request from Newman Grove to repair a storm sewer pipe. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. David City Restoration Project Update

Mountford handed out materials and updated the committee on David City's pursuit of project assistance from the Army COE, to improve drainage and reduce flooding northwest of David City.

c. Elm Creek/Valley View Payment Request

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay the \$1,251.50 bill from JEO for work completed on the Elm Creek Drainage Project (number 078D41) and bill the other three partnering entities for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Clear Creek D&DD Project Assistance Request

Dean Busing, Stan Keiser and Al Dinzole representing the CCD&DD were present at Projects Committee to request assistance clearing Clear Creek Ditches 4 and 6. Their request to the District is to provide 50% cost share up to \$50,000 assistance on this \$100,000 project. Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to table this agenda item until the next Projects Committee meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Draft Projects Budget Review

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to place the unspent \$4,720 of the unused FY 02 Shell Creek land treatment funds into the Shell Creek Sinking Fund as authorized by the Board last year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. SNITILY WETLAND PROJECT UPDATE

Murren reported Saunders County NRCS is processing an application for wetland development on the former Snitily property.

7. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

Murren reported that LRR is being reviewed by the ASA (Assistant Secretary of Army) and hoped to hear soon of the final recommendation.

8. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Murren reported that the LRR report is scheduled to be completed between August and October of this year.

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7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Kolb Farms Bank Stabilization (Rock & Jetty)

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment of \$1,000 to Kolb Farms for bank stabilization on Wahoo Creek near Ashland. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Clear Creek Levee Maintenance (Rock & Jetty)

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve payment of \$3,000 to Clear Creek Dike & Drainage for Levee Surfacing and Maintenance. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Czechland-Homestead Equipment Purchase

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the purchase of a used 7' X 12' single axle utility trailer for \$675, the trailer will haul the JD 1145 mower to and from Czechland and Homestead Lakes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.d. Advertise for Bids to Hay Czechland

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to advertise for bids to cut and bale approximately 50 acres of grass from Czechland Lake. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.e. Rawhide Creek North Branch Drainage Improvement

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to cost share \$625 out of \$1,350 on drainage improvement in Section 32 and 50% not to exceed \$8,000 for drainage improvement in Section 35 as part of the Rawhide Creek North Branch Improvement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.f. Pheasant Forever

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to authorize payment of \$4,500 to Pheasants Forever for Nebraska Buffers Partnership. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.g. Elkhorn Breakout Study

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to authorize contract payment of \$2,782.00 to JEO (Project #078D42) toward obtaining a certificate of no-rise for the proposed Elkhorn River Breakout Project access road. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.h. Meter Cost-Share

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the following Water Meters Applications:

<u>Don Nienaber</u>	<u>Platte County</u>	<u>\$427.28</u>
<u>George Haney</u>	<u>Dodge County</u>	<u>\$339.25</u>
<u>George Haney</u>	<u>Dodge County</u>	<u>\$339.25</u>
<u>George Cejka</u>	<u>Saunders County</u>	<u>\$395.10</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.i. SWCP Payments

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to approve the following SWCP Payment:

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01-Bo-31b Orrin Strand Grade Stab. \$679.56
Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.j. Village of Weston Dry Hydrant

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Bull, to cost-share at 50% or \$590.05 with the Weston Volunteer Fire Department on the Tim Vasa Pond-Dry Hydrant. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, to give the Recreation Facilitator a 2.5% raise. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Langemeier, that employees who are on probation not receive a raise until they are off of probation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Grueber made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the amended July consent agenda by removing item 6.D.5.e. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2002. Time and location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Clint Johannes, Secretary