

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 7, 2005

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, March 7, 2005.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than February 24, 2005. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Holstine
Jedlicka	Johnson	Kavan
Koertner	Larsen	Mastny
Reitmayer	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Schmid	Johannes	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Pieke	Sabata
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Sousek	Murren	Gottschalk
Angle	Heimann	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. NRCS Report

No Report.

b. NARD Report

Johnson reported on the NARD Board Meeting that was held earlier that day. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Bull, that the Directors reaffirm that Manager Miyoshi is doing the best possible job for the District. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report with the Directors.

d. Education Programs

Director Johannes and Jedlicka updated the Board on the Spear T Ranch, and Central Public Power and Irrigation District water rights issues which are currently before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve minutes from the February 14, 2005 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. National Watershed Conference

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to send two directors and two staff to the National Watershed Conference in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Lower Platte NRD's to Washington, DC

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize Miyoshi one extra day of travel (March 9) to Washington, DC to work with Congressmen and Staffers. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes are copies of the NACD Annual Conference reports.

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence - None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

No report was given.

c. Bob Weaver Bill

No Bob Weaver Bill for January.

d. Election Costs for Saunders County

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find documents from Patti Lindgren, Saunders County Clerk showing our election cost of \$1,977.77 for 2004. A second page shows our cost would have been \$353.17 if we elected by sub-district

e. National Watershed Coalition 2005 Dues

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay membership dues in the amount of \$50 to the National Watershed Coalition for 2005. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Legislative Issues - Report Given

g. Shawn Renner Bill

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the Shawn Renner bill in the amount of \$1,206.01. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment

No new business

4. Personnel

a. Benefits for TSP Employee Candace Leu

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize benefits to Candace Leu our TSP employee in Saunders County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Hiring Saunders County Clerk

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to offer the vacant Saunders County NRCS/NRD Field Office Clerk position to Kelly Bartek. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Authorization of Overtime

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the district authorize up to 165 hours of overtime for employee Mike Sousek to be used by July 1, 2005. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Approval of January Financial Statement

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the January 2005 Financial Statement as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Review Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable over ninety days were reviewed by the Executive Committee. Director Johnson asked the Executive Committee to review our Accounts Receivable policy next month.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the March LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment on five Wildlife Habitat contracts at a total payment of \$1,712.50, Greg Wilke \$415 expires, Duane Emanuel \$400, Joseph Nicolas \$195, David Hawley \$90, Walter Long \$612.50. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Report Given

b. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Report Given

c. Vehicle Replacement

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to purchase a 2005 Dodge Ram Regular Cab 4x4 pickup at the approximate price of \$17,557. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study - Report Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 Cleaning

Reitmajer made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to pay Pruss Excavating 80% of the contracted price which is \$12,050.40 (of \$15,063) for the Rawhide Ditch 8 Cleaning Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye. The remaining amount will be paid after the dirt is leveled.

f. Tree Program - Report Given

g. Lower Platte Weed Management Group - Report Given

h. Platte River Ice Reporting - Report Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to add Al Enfield to the Bank Stabilization cost-share list. Motion carried on consent agenda. Mr. Enfield has also applied to the Corps of Engineers for a 404 permit.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Nothing to report this month.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education

1. Nebraska environmental Literacy Survey - Report Given

2. Soil and Water Stewardship Week - Report Given

3. Midland Lutheran Science Fair - Report Given

4. Earth Wellness Festival - Report Given

b. Information

1. Annual Report - Report Given

2. Agro-Environmental Trail - Report Given

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

1. Linwood - Report Given

2. Abie - Report Given

3. Bruno / David City Rural Water System - Report Given

4. Colon / Wahoo Rural Water System - Report Given

5. Richland / Columbus Rural Water System - Report Given

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

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. LOWER PLATTE NORTH MONITORING WELLS

a. Sighting Locations of New Wells - Report Given

b. Groundwater Quality Sampling - Report Given

2. CITY OF ASHLAND REQUEST FOR GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the LPNNRD contact DEQ to set up a meeting with City of Ashland officials to discuss ground water management areas near superfund sites. Motion carried on consent.

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permit

The total number of permits for 2005 is 8

2. Cost-Share Programs Reports

Gated Pipe to Pivot Conversion

Irrigation Well Sample Kits

Domestic Well Sample Kits

Manure Laboratory Test Cost-Share

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve cost-share payment for three manure laboratory analysis' to Steve Wieser for \$55. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Nitrogen Certification Report - Update Given

4. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

5. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Ground Water Management Plan - Update Given

b. Chemigation - Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits - Update Given

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve cost-share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Loren Fittje for \$629.66. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Well Head Protection Areas

1. Weston - Update Given

2. Newman Grove

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the LPNNRD review the cost share funding submitted on proper NRD forms for the decommissioning of two abandoned municipal wells owned by the City of Newman Grove, but to exclude payments for the use of a crane for pump and obstruction removal. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Groundwater Energy Levels

d. Star Breeding Livestock Monitoring Wells - Update Given

e. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead - Update Given

f. MUD Landowner Survey - Update Given

5. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS - Update Given

6. OTHER

a. GMDA Summer Session - Update Given

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the March 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 & Extensions

None

b. SWCP Approvals

None

c. SWCP Payments

None

d. SWCP Policy Review and Update Process - Report Given

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Duck Creek - 319 Grant

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay \$270.58 to Kolac Korner Café and \$75.00 to the National Hall Association in Prague for the Duck Creek 319 meeting expenses as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. FSA, EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

None

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUPS

a. Shell Creek Improvement Group - Report Given

5. OTHER

a. Nebraska Great Plains RC&D Dues

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the \$150 dues payment to the Nebraska Great Plains RC&D. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 - Update Given

3. North Bend 205 - Update Given

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT

a. Project Update Given

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Koertner , to purchase the following lots as part of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project: Project Number 2R (Lot 49 Thomas Lakes) and Project Number 9R (Lot 42 Thomas Lakes). Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Eden, Hannah, Holstine, Johnson, Kavan, Koertner, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Sabatka, Schmid, Johannes,

NAY: Bailey, Bull, Jedlicka, Saalfeld

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to purchase Project Number 14R and have house removed at owners expense by 10/1/05 as part of the Western Sarpy/Clear Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Bank Stabilization & Creek Flow Improvement Newman Grove

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the approved amount of \$3,450 or 50% of actual (\$3,592.50) for work accomplished on the Newman Grove Bank Stabilization and Channel Clearing Project, pending inspection by staff. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Western Sarpy /Clear Creek Project Payment

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay PMRNRD \$137,496.55 for our F.Y. '05 share of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Army COE Feasibility Cost-Share for South Fremont 205 Study

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve, and authorize Chairman to sign Army COE's Feasibility Cost-share agreement for South Fremont's 205 Study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.d. Shell Creek Grant Update and Support Request - John Hannah

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to redirect up to \$7,000 of Shell Creek Land Treatment funds to cost-share up to 25% of the Rye Grass for Conservation Initiative as proposed by Director John Hannah. The initiative is to be directed and monitored by LPNNRD Projects Committee. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bull, Eden, Holstine, Jedlicka, Kavan, Koertner, Larsen, Mastny, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Schmid, Johannes

NAY: Johnson, Sabatka

ABSTAIN: Hannah

7.e. Approve Payroll Service Agreement with PrairieLand RC&D

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payroll service agreements between the District and PrairieLand RC&D, which allows each entity to handle each other payroll activities and administer funds associated with the Shell Creek 319 EPA Grant and the Shell Creek Conservation Program promotion effort. Motion carried all members

present voting aye.

7.f. Payment to PrairieLand to Administer Conservation Program Promotion

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay \$4,500 to PrairieLand RC&D to conduct and administer the Conservation Promotion Program in Shell Creek Watershed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.g. Shell Creek Watershed Meeting Expense Request

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the following watershed meeting expenses: Barnes Mini Market - \$12.96 and City Café in Newman Grove - \$64.20. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.h. SWCP Small Dam Application

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve SWCP Small Dam Application cost share for Norma Matulka, Butler County for \$5,739.50. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the March consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

None

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005, 7:00 p.m. Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 November 8, 2004, 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 tot he 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.

Ted Bailey, Secretary