

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at Newman Grove High School, Newman Grove, NE on Monday, November 14, 2005.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than November 1, 2005. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Eden	Hannah	Hilger
Holstine	Jedlicka	Johnson
Kavan	Koertner	Larsen
Mastny	Pieke	Reitmajer
Saalfeld	Johannes (arrived 5:45)	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Sabatka	Schmid
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Gottschalk

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

None

b. NRCS Report

Eric Smith gave the NRCS Update.

c. NARD Report

Johnson reported on upcoming legislative issues and water problems facing the state.

d. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

e. Education Program

Newman Grove High School students gave their annual report to the Board on the health of Shell Creek.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve minutes from the October 10, 2005 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## 6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### 1. Meetings

##### a. Pending

##### 1. NACD Annual Meeting

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to authorize up to two Directors and two Staff to attend the NACD Annual Conference, January 29-February 2, 2006, in Houston, TX. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### b. Reports

None

#### 2. Management Items

##### a. Directors Absence - None

##### b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

##### 1. Monthly Report

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is the September LPRCA report.

##### c. Bob Weaver Bill

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the September bill from Weaver in the amount of \$1,079.17. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### d. Renner Bill

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve payment of \$661.31 to Shawn Renner for legal services on the Busing/Brauckmueller lawsuits. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### e. Nebraska Land Trust

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes is a progress report submitted by the Nebraska Land Trust.

##### f. Piping Plover Lawsuit - Update Given

##### g. Hiring of Engineering Firms

Discussion took place on how the District selects engineering firms for projects. We currently advertise "Request for Proposals" and ask that an amount for services be included. Roger Helgoth has requested that we interview firms, select who we feel is the most qualified, then negotiate a fair price for services. The Executive Committee suggests we continue our current methods, but formalize a written policy on our process.

h. NARD Lobbyist

Miyoshi was directed to talk with Dean Edson, NARD on potential backup Lobbyists if the need would ever arise for our NRD or NARD.

i. Director Retreat - Update Given

j. November Educational Program

Our annual report from the Newman Grove Science Club on the health of Shell Creek will be the November Educational Program.

k. LPNNRD Board Size

Chairman Johannes appointed a Sub-Committee which includes the following Directors: Kavan, Jedlicka, Sabatka, Johnson and Pieke. The Committee will have an update report by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

3. Equipment - None

4. Personnel - None

5. Finance

a. July-August-September Financial Statements

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the July-August and September Financial Statements as distributed to Directors. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

None

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the November LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, To approve two wildlife habitat contracts, Shirley Johannes \$630, Cheryl Goering \$68.80, at a total payment of \$698.80. Motion carried consent agenda.

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. Rawhide Creek & Ditch 8

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to accept the low bid of \$110/Hr Excavator; \$80/load Dirt' \$75/load Rock from Allan Kassmeier to accomplish the needed work on Rawhide Ditch 8 on the Diers property. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmayer, to advertise for the cleaning of Rawhide Ditch 8. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Lower Platte River Weed Management - Report Given

f. Bellwood Dam 2-C Bids - Report Given

g. 1993 Chevy Pick-up For Sale

The District is asking \$2,950 for the truck.

h. Conservation Tree Program - Report Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmayer, to pay Larry Karel \$2,000 for Platte River bank lining in Colfax County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The Yutan City Attorney has sent a letter on behalf of the City and homeowners being damaged by water run-off and sedimentation. Staff has contacted the landowner in violation to work out a solution. Staff will work with the City of Yutan, NRCS, utilities and the landowner this fall.

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education

1. Land Judging - Report Given

2. Mead Geo-caching - Report Given

3. Mead Groundwater Demo

b. Information

1. NARD Display

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Holstine, to lease one of the NARD displays

for a one-time fee of \$775-\$875. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Viaduct - Report Given

3. Long Range Plan - Report Given

4. Recognition Banquet - Report Given

6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

a. Abie/Linwood - Report Given

b. Bruno/David City - Report Given

c. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the MOU with Wahoo for construction and ownership of the first mile of Colon transmission water main. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Richland / Columbus Rural Water System - Report Given

e. Cedar Bluffs - Report Given

Schmid made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the November LPNNRD Operation-Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permits

As of November 2<sup>nd</sup> the total number of well permits to drill for 2005 is 197.

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to hold a public hearing at the next Water Committee meeting on November 30, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. to amend the Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations to establish a well permit condition that all NEW water users use a flow meter or time totalizer to measure the flow from that well and report to Lower Platte North NRD the total gallons or total acre inches pumped by that well in a given year to the Lower Platte North NRD by January 31 of the following year. If required, the well owner will allow access to the well when it is running by Lower Platte North NRD personnel to take a flow measurement. This well permit condition will apply to all NEW water uses on well permits approved by the Lower Platte North NRD after October 1, 2005. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Cost-Share Programs Reports

- a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given
- b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given
- c. Cost-Share Application for Manure Testing  
Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve cost share payment for testing of two laboratory samples for manure nutrient management to Randy Fendrich for \$39.98. 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 Area Options - Update Given
- 7. Surface Water Rights - Update Given
- b. Chemigation - Update Given
- c. Livestock Waste Permits - Update Given
- 2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS
  - a. Decommissioned Well Program
    - 1. Well Estimates - Update Given
    - 2. Plugged Wells  
Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve cost-share payment to decommission the irrigation well for Glenn Mumm for \$605.94 and a domestic and municipal well for the City of Newman Grove for \$701.33. Motion carried on consent agenda.
  - b. Well Head Protection Areas - Update Given
  - c. Groundwater Quality - Update Given
  - d. Groundwater Energy Levels - Update Given
  - e. LPNNRD Monitoring Wells - Update Given
  - f. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead - Update Given
  - g. MUD and Landowner Survey - Update Given

h. Star Breeding Livestock Monitoring Wells - Update Given

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. Toxic Algae - Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Groundwater Management District Association

1. Annual Conference - Update Given

2. GMDA & NWRA Intern Program

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to contribute \$200.00 to the Groundwater Management Districts Association intern program with the National Water Resources Association.

b. NRD Water Programs Conference - Update Given

c. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Jedlicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to expand our current Groundwater Management Area Advisory Board to include representatives from across the District. Staff is directed to prepare an outline for the Water Committee to work from. The Water Committee will have details ready by our December Board Meeting.

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, that the November 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 Increased Allocation Approvals

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to increase allocations as shown on the following approved SWCP Fall Applications:

			75%	TOTAL
05-S-29	Terry Kubik	increase C/S	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
05-S-23	Curtis Cihal	increase C/S *	\$12,800	\$12,800.00
05-S-37	Ray Sedlacek	increase C/S *	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,200.00
05-C-45	M. Dvorak	increase C/S *	\$10,992	\$10,992.00

\* - Majority of the increase is due to County Avg. increases

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Payments

None

d. Small Dam Deposit

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to return the \$500 small dam deposit to Norma Matulka. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Nebraska Buffer Strip Program Payments

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the 2005 Nebraska Buffer Strip Program Payments as attached totaling \$20,984.80. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Richard Rerucha - Small Dam Application Request

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to not fund the small dam application for Richard Rerucha. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. Reinhart Miller Cost-Share Request - Update Given

2. WATERSHEDS

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the following Conservation Plans:

<u>Date signed</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Landowners Name</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>New -or- Rev.</u>	<u>Description Plan</u>
10/3/2005	Butler	Vavrina Farms	32-16-4	75.7	Rev	Conservation Plan
10/3/2005	Butler	Terry Vavrina	27-16-4	95	Rev	Conservation Plan
10/20/2005	Butler	Joseph Reisdorff	2-15-2	5	Rev	Conservation Plan
10/20/2005	Butler	Linda Sabata	17-15-3	107.7	Rev	Conservation Plan
10/20/2005	Butler	Rudy Svoboda	6-15-3	72.3	Rev	Conservation Plan
10/20/2005	Butler	Rudy Svoboda	5-15-3	208	Rev	Conservation Plan
10/20/2005	Butler	Rudy Svoboda	34-16-3	75.8	Rev	Conservation Plan
9/5/2005	Boone	Charles Flood	NW 33-21-5	155	New	EQIP No Till
9/14/2005	Boone	Timmy Krueger	14-21-5	4.9	New	CRP Signup 30
9/21/2005	Boone	Carmen Eucker	35-21-5		New	CRP Signup 30
9/1/2005	Boone	Larry Temme	21-22-6	2	New	CRP Signup 30

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUPS

a. Shell Creek Improvement Group - Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Cedar Bluffs Drainage Improvement Project Request

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve 50% cost share for the Cedar Bluffs Drainage Improvement Project based on actual costs up to a maximum \$5,000 assistance. 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

b. Snitily WRP

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve paying a \$200 permit application fee to Saunders County Zoning for construction of the Snitily WRP wetlands project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Wanhoo Farmland Rental Rates for 2006

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to increase the Wanhoo property rental rates by three dollars per acre for dryland (from \$90 to \$93) and one dollar per acre for irrigated land (from \$151 to \$152) based on the 2004 - 2005 rental rates in Eastern Nebraska. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

a. Project Update Given

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to accept and place on file the November Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Cost-Share Estimate Increase

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to increase the following SWCP cost-share amount to complete the field.

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Requested</u>
<u>05-S-40 Roland Kavan</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Duck Creek Grant Application Approval

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following Duck Creek Grant Application approval:

	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>C/S Total</u>
<u>Larry Johnson Septic System Replacement</u>	<u>\$4,867</u>	<u>\$2,433.50</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Koertner made the motion, seconded by Reitmajer, to approve the November consent agenda as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The December Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005, 5:30 p.m. Lower Platte North NRD Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 14, 2005, 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.

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Ted Bailey, Secretary