

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, September 8, 2014.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our September 8, 2014 board meeting was published on August 21, 2014 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Vice-Chair Hannah 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:

Bailey	Clausen	Gibney
Hagerbaumer	Hannah	Johannes
Kavan	McDermott	Meduna
Olson	Pieke	Ruzicka
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Taylor
Veskerna		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Birkel	Pollard	Hilger
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Heimann	Almond
Angle	Thompson	

Jovan Lausterer, NRD Legal Counsel

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst reviewed the NRCS Report.

c. NARD Report - None

Director Kavan reported the Fall Conference will be held in Kearney, NE September 21-23.

d. NRC Report

Director Johannes reported that the Commission will meet on September 23 after the NARD Fall Conference.

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Katie Camoron our ENWRA Coordinator gave an update on the HEM (Helicopter Electromagnetic Mapping) and the planned flight lines for this fiscal year.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending – Update Given

b. Reports – None

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve payment of \$3,300 to Bob Weaver for August services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. CCEI Lawsuit – No Update

e. NARD Fall Conference Resolutions – Update Given

f. Nebraska Water Leaders Academy – Update Given

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve participation of Director Joe Birkel in the 2015 Nebraska Water Leaders Academy and pay the initial \$1,500 fee and authorize Birkel to submit the final \$500 cost with his quarterly director's expenses. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Committee Meeting Dates and Board Retreat – Update Given

3. Equipment – None

4. Personnel - None

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report – None

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve Manager Miyoshi's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days – Update Given

d. Setting the FY 2015 Tax Rate and Budget

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to Set the F.Y. 2015 Tax rate at .047231 and approve Budgeted Expenses of \$11,115,098 and approve the State Budget as attached to the Executive Minutes Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pieke, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Veskerna

NAY: Taylor

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

A. WILD NE/CREP REPORT

1. Wild NE, WHIP, Contract Payments - None

2. CREP Payment(s) – None

3. New Contract (s) – None

B. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given

2. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study – Update Given

3. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Area – Update Given

4. Lake Wanahoo, Czechland and Homestead Haying – Update Given

5. Grass Drill Revenue – Update Given

6. Wahoo Chapter Ducks Unlimited – Update Given

7. PL 566 Dam Assessments – Update Given

8. Homestead Lake Grassland Enhancement Grant

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to have NE Game & Parks proceed with the planning of the Homestead Lake Grassland Enhancement grant. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. ROCK AND JETTY

1. Applications - None

2. Payment Requests – None

D. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

E. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

1. Information

- a. KTIC Ads – Update Given
- b. Wahoo Newspaper eAds - Update Given
- c. Viaduct – Update Given
- d. SCWIG Open House – Update Given

2. Education

- a. David City High School Water Quality Testing - Update Given

3. Computer

- a. eMeeting – Update Given

F. RURAL WATER Systems

- 1. Bruno/David City Rural Water – Update Given

- 2. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to return \$100 deposit to Mary Wirka per Rural Water policy. Motion carried on consent agenda.

- c. Cedar Bluffs – Update Given

- d. Brainard and Dwight – Update Given

- e. Other – Update Given

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September LPNNRD Operations, 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. 2014 Well Interference Complaints – Update Given

- 2. Irrigated Acres for 2015 in the HCA and NHCA – Update Given

- 3. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

- 4. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to award a total of 415.2 acres for the year 2015 in the Non-hydrologically Connected Area of the Lower Platte North NRD. Motion carried.

Aye: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hannah, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pieke, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Taylor, Veskerna

Nay: Hagerbaumer, Johannes, Kavan, Sabatka

- 5. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area - None

6. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. Supplemental Well Permit Application for Line Rider LLC

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the supplemental well in the N½ of the NE¼ in Section 21-T18N-R6E in Dodge County (North Bend Subarea) for Line Rider LLC. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Buhman Replacement Well Permit – Update Given

7. Irrigation Runoff Complaint – Update Given

8. Potential Violation of Expanded Irrigation – Update Given

9. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

a. Special Quantity Subareas NET Grant – Update Given

b. Special Quantity Subareas – Approved Flow Meters

Johannes made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the “LPNNRD Approved List of Flow Meters and Required Conditions” as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members voting aye.

c. Special Quantity Subareas – Water Allocation for 2015

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to set the water allocation in the Butler/Saunders Special Quantity Subareas for 2015 at 27 acre inches over a three year period. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

11. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay Olsson Associates \$12,446.39 for their monthly services in developing the Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan for the LPNNRD as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

12. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits – Update Given

13. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given

14. Certifying Acres in Saunders and Dodge Counties

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to allow Brian Sanderson to place a Corner Unit due to grandfathering and irrigate the field in the NW¼, Section 14, T16N, R7E. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

15. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

16. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – 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 - None**

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Elkhorn Loup Model

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve payment of \$5,000 to Lower Loup NRD for special training by USGS in the use and interpretation of the ELM model. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given

c. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Groundwater Sampling – Update Given

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. STATE LAKES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21

1. Bacteria Sampling – Update Given

2. Toxic Algae – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. 2014 Summer Interns – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the following SWCP applications:

<u>BRT Farms</u>	<u>Saunders</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>75%</u>
<u>Don Yindrick</u>	<u>Butler (Skull Cr.)</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile/Basins</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
<u>Gary Vandenberg</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	
<u>Daryl Glodowski</u>	<u>Colfax</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>		<u>\$12,500.00</u>
<u>Robert Schmit</u>	<u>Butler</u>	<u>Planned Grazing(EQIP)</u>		<u>\$340.83(14%)</u>
<u>Gary Mintken</u>	<u>Dodge</u>	<u>Diversion/Waterway</u>		<u>\$2,712.20</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the following SWCP payment:

<u>Raymond Sedlacek</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile w/EQIP</u>	<u>\$1,548.57 (15%)</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Payment

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the following Sand and Duck Creek payment:

<u>Raymond Sedlacek</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile w/EQIP</u>	<u>\$2,576.19</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the following Cottonwood Creek payment:

<u>Richard and Robert Paseka</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile (w/EQIP)</u>	<u>\$ 12,500</u>
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Wahoo Creek Watershed Payment

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the following Wahoo Creek Watershed payment:

<u>Richard and Robert Paseka</u>	<u>Lands for Conservation</u>	<u>100 acres</u>	<u>\$ 22,000</u>
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Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Grant Application

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the Shell Creek Grant application to NDEQ (EPA 319) and the Nebraska Environmental Trust and appoint Assistant Manager Mountford as the grant administrator and authorize him to sign the grant applications and all other required documents for the grants as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Shell Creek Watershed Plan Update – Update Given

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve and make payment on the \$31,057.50 invoice from EA Engineering for work completed on the Shell Creek Watershed Plan as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

d. Wahoo Creek Watershed

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment to JEO in the amount of \$1,250 for work completed on the Wahoo Creek Water Quality Plan - Phase I. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Report – Update Given

d. Platte County Mark Luchinger Grade Stabilization Project

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Olson, to cost share on the grade control portion of the Mark Luchinger project at 50% up to \$5,000, and if more detailed information is received from the County the Projects Committee will consider a higher funding level. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hannah, Johannes, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pieke, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna

NAY: Kavan

e. Review of Projects Financial Statement - Update Given

5. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT

a. Lake Wanahoo

1. County Road 17 Paving – Update Given

2. Income and Expense Lake Wanahoo – Update Given

3. Lake Wanahoo Trails

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to write a letter of support for City of Wahoo trail project that connects the City with Lake Wanahoo SRA. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Highway 77 Bypass Project – Update Given

b. Upstream Structures – Update Given

6. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. SWCP Payments

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

14-B-33 Robert Schmit W/S Basins \$4,065.57

13-C-48 Jeff Muhle W/S Basins & Diversion \$3,194.10

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the September consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The October Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have "Update Given" can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

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 September 8, 2014, 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.

Lon Olson, Secretary