

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, January 13, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our January 13, 2020 board meeting was published on December 26, 2019 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Ruzicka 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	Birkel	Hannah
Hilger	Kavan	Meduna
Olson	Pollard	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Feala	Johnson	Meyer (GMDA)
Saalfeld (GMDA)		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Sabatka	Schomer
Heimann	Elliott	

Sign in sheet attached to minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Jami Thoene reviewed the NRCS written report.

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger gave the NARD Report.

d. NRC Report

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program – None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Board

Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Off Site Water Table Concerns Near Sand Creek – None

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

2. Directors Retreat – Update Give

b. Reports

1. February Board Meeting – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the absence requests received from Directors Bailey, Johnson, Meduna, Olson and Yosten from the November Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. NRD Farm – Harvey Brabec

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to make payment of \$4,027.34 to Harvey Brabec for crop expenses for 2019 as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. NRD Farm

Meduna made the motion, seconded Pollard, to start advertising for Auctioneer Services to conduct a public auction on the District owned property at Sand Creek Dam Site 15. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Wanahoo Education Building Cleaning Contract

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the bid from CleanHomes – Wahoo as contractor to perform bi-weekly cleaning for the Wanahoo Education Building at a rate of \$75 per cleaning. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. I & E Assistant/Receptionist

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to hire Kara Nelson for the position of part-time I & E Assistant/Receptionist at a rate of \$13.00 per hour with a maximum of 30 hours per week. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Dodge County Field Office Assistant – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the November Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Receivable and Payable – Update Given

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS - None

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Wanahoo Dirt Sales - Update Given

b. Grass Drill Revenue – Saunders County – Update Given

c. Swedeburg (Thorston) Dam Renovation

Olson made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to make payment to ME Collins in the amount of \$26,390.20. Motion carried all members present voting aye. The added increase was 93 ton of rock riprap needed.

d. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers - Update Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair – Update Given

f. Clear Creek Fuse Plug at Camp Ashland – Update Given

g. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA) – Update Given

h. Sand/Duck Creek Project Accreditation – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Flood Victims – Update Given

d. Wanahoo Education Building Floor Staining and Sealing

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the low bid from J&R Concrete and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$5,770 to prep, stain and seal the concrete floor at the Lake Wanahoo Education Building. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. 2020 Calendar – Update Given

b. Education

1. Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarship – Update Given

2. December-January Education Programs – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the January LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permit Program – Update Given

a. Well Permits Approve – Update Given

2. Expansion of Acres Request

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the expansion of acres for Chad King on Section 23-22N-5W, Boone County for well G-044537 for an additional 40 acres (annual allocation 7.64) is limited 22.92 acre inches for 3 years and Steve Johnson Section 3-13N-8E, Sanders County for well G-135474 for an additional 50 acres (annual allocation 7.19) is limited to 21.57 acre inches for 3 years. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Surface Water to Groundwater Conversion – Update Given

4. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – Update Given

5. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – LPNNRD - Update Given

6. Cost Share Programs

a. WaterSmart Grant for Remote Sensing

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to have staff negotiate a potential contract with METOS USA company for remote reads on data loggers, flow meters and evapotranspiration rates (ET). Motion carried on consent agenda.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the quote from METO USA Company for \$38,075.34 to include remote reads from dataloggers, flow meters and ET information. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

7. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

8. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

9. Richland-Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

10. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve well decommissioning payment to John L Bender for \$1,000; Yindrick Farms LLC for \$1,153.77; K Four J Farms LLC for \$364.51; Steven V. Frahm for \$260.07. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay ENWRA dues for \$30,000 and Geo-Cloud for \$3,400 per interlocal agreement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Water Flow Meters – Update Given

d. McCrometer Flow Meters – Update Given

6. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. SWCP

a. SWCP Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a \$12,500 cost-share payment to Carol Rosicky for Completion of her water and sediment control basin project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – Update Given

3. UP Railroad Bridge Replacement/Channel Improvement Project – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update FYRA & JEO Invoices – Update Given

2. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve up to \$750 for amenities at the Wahoo Creek Water Quality Public Meeting to be held in Weston. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the JEO amendment to our Hazard Mitigation Plan agreement totaling \$18,000 as attached to include the addition of 22 entities in our Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATION - none

7. NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve NBSP 10-year contract to Dean Klug Family Trust with annual payment of \$232.75. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. OTHER

a. North Bend Levee Repair Project - Update Given

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the December LPNDRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to support the Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference in the amount of \$1,200. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Leave Benefit Payout – TePoel

Seier made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the leave time payout to Desire TePoel of \$4,081.31 less deductions. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the January Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 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 January 13, 2020, 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.

Larry Feala, Secretary