

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, January 14, 2019.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our January 14, 2019 board meeting was published on December 27, 2018 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Birkel 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, Alex	Meduna (arrived 1:38)
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Ruzicka	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Feala	Sabatka
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Elliott	Heimann
TePoel	Schomer	
Legal Counsel Lausterer		
Mark Walkenhorst		

At this time the Oath of Office was administered to new Directors Johnson and Meyer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst was present to go over his written report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on the upcoming Legislative Conference to be held January 28-29, 2019.

d. NRC Report

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program - None

g. Report Director Vacancy Sub-Committee

Director Bailey reported that the sub-committee received three applications. Interviews were conducted with two of the candidates. Bailey made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to appoint Chris Yosten to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 4. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time the Oath of Office was administered to Director Yosten.

h. Report from Nominating Sub-Committee

Director Hannah reported that the Nominating Sub-Committee met and would be bring forth one candidate for each of the elected positions.

Birkel opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Chair 2019.

Hannah on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Ruzicka for Chair.

With no further nominations Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gene Ruzicka as Chair. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten

ABSTAIN: Ruzicka

Birkel opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Vice-Chair 2019.

Hannah on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Pollard for Vice-Chair.

With no further nominations Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Frank Pollard as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten

ABSTAIN: Pollard

Birkel opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Secretary 2019.

Hannah on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Feala for Secretary.

With no further nominations Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Larry Feala as Secretary. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Birkel opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Treasurer 2019.

Hannah on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Hilger for Treasurer.

With no further nominations Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Seier, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Robert Hilger as Treasurer. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hannah, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten

ABSTAIN: Hilger

Birkel opened the floor for nominations for NARD Delegate for 2019.

Hannah on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Hilger for NARD Delegate.

With no further nominations Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Robert Hilger, NARD Delegate. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hannah, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten

ABSTAIN: Hilger

Birkel opened the floor for nominations for NARD Alternate for 2019.

Hannah on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Hannah for NARD Alternate.

With no further nominations Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for John Hannah, NARD Alternate. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten

ABSTAIN: Hannah

At this time newly elected Chair Ruzicka took over. Ruzicka thanked Birkel for his leadership the last two years.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 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 – Update Given

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

2. Basin Caucus Meetings – Update Given

3. Director Retreat – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences - None

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. Federal Government Shutdown – Update Given

d. Director Vacancy Sub-Committee Report – This item was taken earlier

e. Officer Nominating Sub-Committee Report – This item was taken earlier

f. Committee Meeting Dates and Time

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to set the following dates and times for our standing committee meetings:

Water Committee – Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Projects Committee – Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Operations Committee – Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Executive Committee – Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. District Accounting

Meduna made the motion, that the District advertise request for proposals for performing our accounting and financial needs effective July 1, 2019. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

h. Wanahoo Education/Recreation Building

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve up to \$12,907 for McConnell Thermal Services to complete spray-on insulation for roof and walls of the Wanahoo Education Building. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

i. Wanahoo Recreation – Update Given

j. Adding Wanahoo to O & M Sub-Committee

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve moving Lake Wanahoo Recreation Operations reporting responsibilities to the current O&M/I&E/RW Committee and renaming that Committee “Operations Committee.” Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel - None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the November Financial Statements as presented and distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the January LPNDRD Executive Committee Minutes be

received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Erosion Repairs – Update Given

c. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levees – Update Given

d. District Park Regulations

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the District Park Regulations which pertain to all three of the District’s recreation areas as attached to the Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

ABSTAIN: Johnson

e. Dirt Sales - Update Given

f. Fremont/Dodge County Drainage Issues – Update Given

g. Wanahoo Dam Joint Repair – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY - None

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. 2019 Calendar - Update Given

b. Education

1. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

2. January Education Programs – Update Given

3. Saunders County Youth Ag Tour

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve \$250 for the Saunders County Ag Tour Scholarship. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the January LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water 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. Variance and Well Permit Extension

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to allow an extension to Tim Shanahan for Variance LPN-V-017-0454 in Section 28-T16N-R7E in Saunders County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Variance Requests in Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (NDA) – Update Given

3. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

4. Fremont-Dodge County Drainage Improvement Options – Update Given

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

6. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

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

a. 2019 LPNNRD Certification Classes for Nitrogen and Water Management

11. Groundwater Rules and Regulations Discussions – Update Given

b. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve a well decommissioning payment for an irrigation well in Platte County to Platte Center Development LLC for \$1,067.55. Motion carried on consent agenda.

- 4. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies**
 - a. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given**
 - b. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given**
- 5. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given**
- 6. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given**
- 7. OTHER**
 - a. GMDA Annual Conference - Update Given**
 - b. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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 – Update Given

a. SWCP Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve \$12,500 SWCP Payment to Lazy J Cattle and \$12,500 payment to Dwayne Lanc for completed conservation projects as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve request for cancellation for Ernest Osmera’s SWCP application as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – Update Given

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation

a. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project – Update Given

2. Cover Crop Event Sponsorship Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve contribution up to \$1,000 toward the Shell Creek Cover Crop Event to be held January 16, 2019 Ag Park in Columbus after it is determined what is needed after receiving other NRD contributions. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Bailey Levee Project Appreciation Letter – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Plan Development Update & Invoices – Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Archaeological/Cultural Resources Investigations – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II – Update Given

4. Hazard Mitigation Plan

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve JEO for updating our HMP and Flood Risk Analysis for Fremont and Schuyler (contingent on reimbursing us 25% of local costs) and to present a contract for approval consideration at the January 14th Board Meeting.

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the HMP Plan contract submitted by JEO and authorize Board Chairman to sign contract. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – None

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None Given

7. OTHER

a. Discussion on Fremont/Dodge County Drainage Issues – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the January LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. SWCP Payment Approval

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment to Dorothy Hladky in the amount of \$12,500 for work completed on terraces and basins. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Nebraska Cover Crop And Soil Health financial Assistance

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to support the Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference to be held February 14, 2019 at ARDC in the amount of \$1,200. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten

NAY: Birkel, Hannah, Meduna, Saalfeld, Ruzicka,

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Meduna, 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the January Consent Agenda as amended (by deleting 6.A.3.h and 6.A.3.i.). 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 11, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:43 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 14, 2019, 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