

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**February 10, 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, February 10, 2020.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our February 10, 2020 board meeting was published on January 30, 2020 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	Feala
Hannah	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan	Meduna (arrive 1:44 p.m.)	Meyer
Pollard	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Ruzicka

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Olson	Thompson	Veskerna (NACD)
Yosten		

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Breunig	Mountford	Andersen
Sabatka	Schomer	Heimann
Elliott	Oaklund	

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. Manager Report - None**

**f. Education Program**

Mike Sotak with FYRA Engineering was present to update the Board on the Lake Wanhoo Stilling Basin.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 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. Directors Retreat – Update Give**

**2. NARD Washington DC Conference**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve two staff and two directors to attend the NARD Washington DC meeting March 12-18, 2020. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Reports**

**1. Legislative Conference - Update Given**

**2. GMDA Meeting – Update Given**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences – None**

**b. Monthly Education Program – Update Give**

**c. Election Deadlines – Update Given**

**d. RFP – Auctioneer Services**

Pollard made the motion, seconded Saalfeld, to accept Kobza Ag and Home bid to auction 120 acres in Saunders County (16-16-5) to the terms as presented in their proposal. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Advertising of Committee and Board Meetings**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to move toward advertising our Committee and Board Meetings on our website only. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**f. NRD Security and Security System – Update Given**

**4. Equipment - None**

**5. Personnel**

**a. Dodge County NRD/NRCS Field Assistant**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to ratify the hiring of Ashley Keeler to fill the Dodge County NRCS Field Office Assistant position. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

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

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, 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**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that the February LPNDRD 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. No-Till Grass Drill Platte County - Update Given**

**b. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers – Update Given**

**c. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair – Update Given**

**d. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Feala, to get a second opinion of the Lake Wanahoo Stilling basin repair. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Sand/Duck Creek Project Accreditation – Update Given**

**f. Clear Creek Drainage District – Ditch #1**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to work with Clear Creek Drainage District to establish an Operation & Maintenance Interlocal Agreement to assist with Operation and Maintenance financial assistance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**g. New Vehicle Purchase**

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to purchase a Chevy ¾ ton extended cab 4 x 4 pickup on the State of Nebraska contract for \$30,730. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**h. District Park Regulations**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to amend the District Park Regulations to state that target practice and/or sighting in firearms is prohibited on District Recreation areas based on lack of designated areas and safety concerns. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Feala made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to amend to District Park Regulations stating that a motorized vehicle such as a "Snow Dog" or equivalent can be used by a handicapped individual with a medical release form from a doctor to access a NRD Lake for the purpose of ice fishing.

Meduna moved to amend the motion, seconded by Meyer, to add to have a signed waiver on file. Amendment carried.

The amended motion now reads: to amend to District Park Regulations stating that a motorized vehicle such as a "Snow Dog" or equivalent can be used by a handicapped individual with a medical release form from a doctor and have a signed waiver on file to access a NRD Lake for the purpose of ice fishing. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Ruzicka

**NAY:** Birkel, Saeger

**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 Dog Training Facility – Update Given**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to have the dog training group develop a comprehensive plan/proposal for a site located on the Wanahoo Property. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Lake Wanahoo Camping Additions – Update Given**

**6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Analytics – Update Given**

**b. Education**

**1. January Education Programs – Update Given**

**2. I & E Assistant/Receptionist – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve a 13% rate increase for Bruno RWD to apply to both water usage and monthly service fee effective May 2020.

Hannah moved to amend the motion, seconded by Pollard, that if David City raises water rates those rates will take effect immediately. Amendment carried all members present voting aye.

The amended motion now reads: to approve a 13% rate increase for Bruno RWD to apply to both water usage and monthly service fee effective May 2020 and if David City raises water rates those rates will take effect immediately. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Other – None**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that the February LPNDRD 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. Variance Reconsidered**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve Variance LPN-V-013-0240 for Juranek Ag with the condition of a water flow meter installed, annual water use report and a 3-year rolling allocation of 23.86-acre inches. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve Variance LPN-V-014-0407 for John Wotipka if acres are decreased from 99 to 80 acres as proposed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**2. Well Permit Program – Update Given**

**a. Well Permits Approve – Update Given**

**3. Morse Bluff Well Permit – Update Given**

**4. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given**

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

**6. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – LPNDRD - Update Given**

**7. Cost Share Programs**

**a. Municipal Well Water Use Information – Update Given**

**b. Flow Meter and Variance Policy**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to authorize staff to send a letter to producers with a deadline of March 13, 2020 to contact NRD Staff on how they will come into compliance on the flow meter policy. The letter should outline all potential violations, if compliance is not met. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

**9. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to move the Richland-Schuyler Nitrogen Management Area Phase 2 Area to a Phase 3 Area as per testimony and documents presented from hearing conducted on January 30, 2020. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. Richland-Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given**

**11. LPNDRD Operator Certification – Update Given**

**b. Livestock Water Permits - Update Given**

**3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the cost-share reimbursement payment of \$1,000 to Selma Schmit Limited Partnership for the proper decommissioning of one irrigation well in Butler County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies**

**1. Vadose Soil Sampling – Update Given**

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

**3. Nitrogen Management – Update Given**

**4. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given**

**c. Water Flow Meters – Update Given**

**d. Groundwater Quality Sampling – Update Given**

**e. WaterSmart Grant Update**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to allow staff to negotiate with the METOs Company for additional \$60,000 of equipment to fulfill the WaterSmart Grant funding, upon the Bureau of Reclamation approval for the change of scope area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites – Update Given**

**5. OTHER**

**a. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that the February 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**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the 2020 NDNR Conservation Cost Docket for SWCP application practices as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**a. SWCP Application Approvals - None**

**b. SWCP Payments - None**

**c. SWCP Cancellations – None**

**d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve 5-acre LFC payment to George Cejka totaling \$950. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given**

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

**3. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given**

**4. Wahoo Creek Dam Breach Overlay District (Zoning) – Update Given**

**4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Update Given**

**5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given**

**6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATION - none**

**7. OTHER**

**a. John Dorcey – Tile Outlet Concern - Update Given**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, that the February LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS – NONE**

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Birkel, 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**

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

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned

at 4:21 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 February 10, 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.

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Larry Feala, Secretary