

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 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, February 11, 2019.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our February 11, 2019 board meeting was published on January 30, 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	Feala
Hannah	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan, Alex	Meyer	Pollard
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Veskerna
Ruzicka		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Meduna	Olson	Yosten
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

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

**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 Legislative Conference that was held January 28-29, 2019.

**d. NRC Report**

**e. Managers Report - None**

**f. Education Program**

Sam Kolterman, Wahoo High School senior was present to give his review of the CEO program and the time he spent with Lower Platte North NRD.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the January 14, 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 – Update Given**

**2. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. Director Retreat – Update Given**

**b. Reports**

Attached to the minutes is the Water Strategies Monthly Report.

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Director Sabatka’s excuse of absence from the January Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Wanahoo Recreation Area – Update Given**

**c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given**

**d. Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement**

Feala made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve Legal Counsel Lausterer’s retainer agreement effective January 2019 to January 2021 and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Requests for Proposals for Accounting Services – Update Given**

**f. Nebraska Land Trust**

The Board appointed Nancy Meyer as the voting alternate for the Nebraska Land Trust.

**4. Equipment and Office – Update Given**

**5. Personnel**

The Personnel Sub-Committee will meet on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

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

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the February LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**2. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Mark Seier was elected as Chair and Bill Saeger was elected Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee.

**3. WILD NE/CREP REPORT – None**

**4. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS**

**a. Sale of JD4430**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to sell the District’s 4430 and authorize staff to get the best possible price. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Vehicle – Sell and Replace**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to sell the 2010 Chevy Crew Cab at the best possible price using Kelly Blue Book values and purchase a 2019 Chevy Crew Crop off the State of Nebraska Contract for \$30,658. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Grass Drill Revenue Saunders County – Update Give**

**d. Mowing Rental Rates – Update Given**

**e. Arbor Day Tress for Education**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to purchase tree seedlings from the Arbor Day Foundation for student not to exceed \$1,500 and add \$215 for bags to put the trees in and \$240 planting instruction cards. Motion carried.

**f. Rawhide Ditch 8 Easement Area - Update Given**

**g. Wanahoo Wildlife Lands Management – Update Given**

**h. Western Sarpy/Clear Creek (WSCC) O & M Manual – Update Given**

**5. LAKE WANHOO**

**a. Permits – Update Given**

**b. Wanahoo Education Building**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meyer, to accept the following bids for the Lake Wanahoo Education Building:

<u>Glass Garage Door</u>	<u>Superior Door, Omaha</u>	<u>\$5724.00</u>
<u>Double Entry Door</u>	<u>Keystone Glass Company</u>	<u>\$5391.00</u>
<u>General Contracting</u>	<u>Hancock Construction</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

- c. Pork Chop Island – Update Given
- d. Staffing for 2019 Recreation Season – Update Given
- e. Equipment Purchase – Update Given
- f. Other – Update Given

6. ROCK AND JETTY - None

7. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Television Advertising

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to promote the Lake Wanahoo through television advertising on WOWT, KOLN/KGIN, KMTV, and News Channel Nebraska, not exceeding the budgeted amount of \$12,865. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Additional Video Promotion

Seier made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to combine video production and television advertisement with KLKN-TV not to exceed \$6,500. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Hannah, Hilger, Meyer, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna

**NAY:** Birkel, Feala, Johnson, Kavan, Sabatka, Ruzicka

4. Pure Nebraska – Update Given

5. Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarship – Update Given

6. Pheasant Forever Donation Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to donate \$250 to the Pheasants Forever Lower Platte Chapter for the annual banquet in recognition of their partnership and assistance to the Lower Platte North NRD projects and efforts. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Education

1. January –February Education Programs – Update Given

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the February LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**2. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Dave Saalfeld was elected Chair and Frank Pollard was elected as Vice-Chair.

**3. REGULATORY**

**a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA**

**1. Irrigated Acres for 2018 in the HCA and NHCA – Update Given**

**2. Variance Discussion – Update Given**

**3. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve variance LPN-V-018-0486 for the NW¼ of Section 2-22N-5W in Boone County in which the irrigated field needs to stay under the 20% Class 6-HEL soils policy as shown on the map. Options include pivot stops and reversing the pivot or utilizing a smart box control in which data will need to be furnished annually to LPN office showing that the pivot is not irrigating the part shown on the map. A flow meter is also required with an annual water use report. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. Groundwater Policies Review – Update Given**

**5. Well Permit Program**

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

**6. Water Transfer and Banking Policies – Update Given**

**7. Irrigated Acres Transfer**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the transfer of 22 acres in the NE 1/4 of S7-T21N-R5W to the NE 1/4 of S12-T21N-R6W, Boone County, for Paul Kettelson from Lower Platte North to Lower Loup NRD. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC)**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to appoint Bob Hilger and Larry Feala as Board Representatives to the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC). Motion carried on consent agenda.

**9. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to increase the number of meters for meter maintenance in the Spring of 2019 to other areas within the District with staff keeping the total cost within the NRD budget of \$10,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**11. Richland – Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

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

**13. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given**

**a. 2019 LPNNRD Certification Classes for Nitrogen and Water Management**

**4. GROUND WATER PROGRAM**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a well decommissioning payment to Beebe Production Enterprises LLC for \$327.23 and Beebe Seed Farms for \$376.88. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

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

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

**c. Dakota Monitoring Wells – Update Given**

**5. OTHER**

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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Kelly Thompson was elected Chair and Don Veskerna was elected Vice-Chair.

**3. SWCP – Update Given**

**a. SWCP Application Approvals - None**

**b. SWCP Payments - None**

**c. SWCP Cancellations - None**

**d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None**

**4. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation**

**a. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update**

**b. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve 75% cost-share up to a maximum of \$40,000 assistance toward the Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetlands Project. Motion carried

on consent agenda.

**c. Carol Goering Dam Repair Project**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve 75% cost-share assistance up to a maximum of \$6,000 assistance toward the Carol Goering dam repair project based on the water quality benefits to Shell Creek. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Potential Future Shell Creek Projects – Update Given**

**e. Shell Creek Research Group 2019 Water Testing Order Request**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Newman Grove School (Shell Creek Research Group) request for \$1,413.25 for water testing supplies and equipment for sampling Shell Creek in 2019 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed**

**1. FYRA Wahoo Creek Watershed Planning Update & Invoice – Update Given**

**2. Olsson Wahoo Creek Update & Invoices – Update Given**

**3. Buried Past Update and Invoice – Update Given**

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

**5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – None**

**6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**a. HMP Interlocal Agreement- UBBNRD**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Upper Big Blue NRD to include their portion of Butler County including four communities in their District in our Hazard Mitigation Plan Update totaling \$6,800 additional cost, provided that they agree to reimburse the LPNNRD \$1,700 (25%) as attached to the Project Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Hazard Mitigation Plan Interlocal Agreement with Fremont and Schuyler**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Interlocal agreements with Fremont and Schuyler for completing flood risk assessments and mitigation action identification (included in our approved HMP FEMA grant) as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes and authorize JEO to proceed with Phase II after Interlocal Agreements are received. Motion carried.

**7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None Given**

**8. OTHER**

**a. Lake Ventura Bank Stabilization Project Update/Future Assistance Update/Request – Update Given**

**b. Local Work Group Meeting – Update Given**

**c. Fremont/Dodge County Drainage Issues – Update Given**

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. WSF Contract Amendment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the contract amendment for our WSF #5201 for the Wahoo Creek Detention Sites 26(a), 26(b) and 27. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Feala 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**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the February Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Ruzicka

**ABSTAIN:** Bailey

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 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 11, 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.

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Larry Feala, Secretary