

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

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our March 11, 2019 board meeting was published on February 28, 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:

Birkel	Feala	Hannah (arrived 1:50 pm)
Hilger	Johnson	Meduna (arrived 2:11 pm)
Meyer	Olson (left 3:45 pm)	Pollard
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Yosten
Ruzicka		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Kavan	Veskerna
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Oaklund	Andersen	Heimann
TePoel		
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 updated the Board on Legislative bills related to the NRD.

d. NRC Report

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Todd Bevitt, Buried Past Consulting updated the Board on their cultural findings on proposed Wahoo Creek

Dam Sites. Bob Heimann also gave an update on the Platte River Ice Agreement.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 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. Water Strategies Meeting – March 6th - Update Given

2. NARD Annual Washington DC Meeting – Update Given

3. GMDA Summer Meeting

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve up to two staff and two Directors attend the GMDA Summer Meeting in Salt Lake City, June 5-7. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve Directors Meduna and Yosten's excuse of absence from the February Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Game and Park Revenue

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to send a letter to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission requesting \$36,268.32 revenue from the 2018 Lake Wanahoo season. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Legislative Update – None

e. Farm Lease/Crop Share

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to authorize staff to enter into a Farm Lease/Crop Share agreement with Harvey Brabec for the 2019 farming season. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Area – Update Given

g. Request for Proposals for Accounting Service – Update Given

4. Equipment and Office – Update Given

5. Personnel

The Personnel Sub-Committee met on Monday, March 11th.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, 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 Birkel, that the March 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/CREP REPORT

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the Corners for Wildlife contract for Stuart Gerhold in Butler County of 38.2 acres and annual payment of \$3,820 for five years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. District Park Regulations

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to amend the District's Park Regulations with 001.18F which will not allow ATV/UTV use by the public on NRD Recreation Areas. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

c. NRD Grass Drills – Update Give

d. Lower Platte Weed Management Invoice

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to pay Papio-Missouri River NRD \$1,264.81 for the aerial spraying along the Clear Creek Levee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. NRD Owned Lots at Thomas Lakes

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve that easements be written for the five lots owned by the District at Thomas Lakes for the purpose of selling them in the future. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LAKE WANHOO

a. Park Permits – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Campsite Reservation Revenue Report – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Education/Recreation Building – Update Given

d. Pork Chop Island – Update Given

5. ROCK AND JETTY - None

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

- 1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**
- 2. 2019 Winter Viaduct – Update Given**
- 3. Morning Blend – Update Given**

b. Education

- 1. February – March 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 Birkel, that the March LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

2. USGS STREAM FLOW GAUGING SITES

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Olson to enter into an agreement to continue with the Leshara Water Quality Monitoring Site for additional 3 years (2019-2021) for \$19,685 with an annual cost of \$6,562. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

- 1. Irrigation Certification Policy – Update Given**
- 2. Well Permit Program**
 - a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**
- 3. Transfer of Acres – Update Given**
- 4. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – Update Given**
- 5. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given**
- 6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**
- 7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

8. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

9. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

a. 2019 LPNNRD Certification Classes for Nitrogen and Water Management

10. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells - None

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

2. Phoenix Database and Online Reporting

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve a quote from Phoenix WebGroup for \$73,100 for developing online reporting and the change order for \$3,950 with necessary payment set forth in quote made upon Board approval. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, that the March 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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the 2019 Conservation Practice Cost Docket and Lands for Conservation Guidelines as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

a. SWCP Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve \$7,759.42 SWCP Payment to Duane Pederson for construction of grassed waterway. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None

4. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation - None

a. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project – No New Business

b. Shell Creek Funding Update – No New Business

2. UNL Water Research Field Tour

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to cover registration fee and related costs, up to maximum cost of \$600, for Shell Creek high school students to visit the water research programs at UNL on April 22, 2019 as outlined in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. FYRA Wahoo Creek Watershed Planning Update & Invoice

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Feala, to instruct FYRA to proceed with extra work required on the economics task (contract No. 2.26) for Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan, as presented, with understanding not to exceed the total contract amount at this time. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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 Birkel, 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 five communities) in their District in our Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as attached to the Project Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None Given

8. OTHER

a. Fremont/Dodge County Drainage Issues – Update Given

b. Project Tour – None

c. Next Projects Committee Meeting - Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, that the March 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

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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 Birkel, to approve the March Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 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 March 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.

Larry Feala, Secretary