

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2018**

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, Wahoo, NE on Monday, March 12, 2018.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our March 12, 2018 board meeting was published on March 1, 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	Hannah (arrived 2:00 p.m.)	Hilger
Kavan, Alex	Kavan, Don (arrived 1:39 p.m.)	McDermott
Meduna	Olson	Pollard
Ruzicka	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Birkel	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Feala	Sobota
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Heimann
Schomer	Mountford	Andersen
Oaklund	Elliott	TePoel

Legal Counsel Lausterer
Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst was present to give the NRCS Report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger gave the NARD Report.

d. NRC Report - None

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Mike Sotak, FYRA Engineering was present to discuss the various types of flood water reduction dam designs

and what options might be considered for future dams in the Wahoo Creek Watershed.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the minutes from the February 12, 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

b. Ourada Lawsuit

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the settlement and release of all claims agreement with Larry and Cynthia Ourada as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Murren Lawsuit – Update Given

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. GMDA Summer Meeting – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to send up to two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Meeting May 29 – June 1 in Savannah, Georgia. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Summer Banquet – Update Given

b. Reports

1. Water Strategies Meeting – February 27th – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Director Meduna’s excuse of absence from the January Meeting and Director Ruzicka and Olson’s excuse of absence from the February Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Election Certifications – Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Recreation

Meduna made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to authorize the General Manager to send a letter to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission requesting the \$40,018.61 revenue from Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Seier made the motion, seconded by Olson, to proceed with the planning process and development of an Education Building and improvements at Pork Chop Island at Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Legislative Update – Update Given

h. Farm Lease /Crop Share

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the 2018 Farm Lease/Crop Share agreement with Harvey Brabec as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. NRD/NRCS Conservation Technician Letter of Resignation

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to accept NRD/NRCS Conservation Technician Kelly Bartek's letter of resignation, as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes, and approve the General Manager's compensation recommendation. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan-Alex, Kavan-Don, McDermott, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna

ABSTAIN: Meduna

b. Posting of NRD/NRCS Conservation Technician Position

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Kavan-Don, to approve advertising for filling the NRD/NRCS Conservation Technician position stationed at the Saunders County NRCS Office in Wahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the January Financial Statement as distributed to all board members. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts over 90 Days – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the March LPNNRD 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. WILD NE/CREP REPORT – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Lake Wanahoo SRA – Update Given

b. Fremont 205 Study and Platte River Flood Plain Mapping – Update Given

c. Grass Drill Revenues – Update Given

d. Tractor & Shredding Rate

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Kavan-Don, to set the District's tractor/shredding rate at \$70/hour. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. 2018 Corners for Wildlife – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to reimburse Country Brothers LLC, Jason Feala \$2,000 for their work completed on the Platte River and Skull Creek pending inspection by staff and to pay the Feala's additional funding at the end of the year if funding remains in the Rock and Jetty budget. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Pheasants Forever Donation Requests

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, 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.

3. LPNNRD Communications Plan

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Kavan-Alex, to adopt the internal and external media relations plan as an addition to the information and education section of the LPNNRD General Operating Policies. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan-Alex, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna

NAY: Kavan-Don

b. Education

a. May Committee Meeting – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the March 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. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

b. Groundwater Management Area

1. Groundwater Rules and Regulations

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the updated Groundwater Management Map as presented for the purpose of converting white areas to red or blue areas. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given

3. Cost Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

b. Flow Meter Cost-Share in SQS #2

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment of \$5,390 of cost-share funding from WSF and NRD funds to the following individuals: \$770 to Hemmer Land LLC; \$1,540 to Mark Fittje for 2 meters; \$770 to Ran-Shar Farms Inc.; \$1,540 to Henry Bock for 2 meters; and \$770 to Larry Mohrman. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

5. Richard-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

6. Richland-Schuyler Phase 3 Area

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the transfer of acres within Section 22-T17N-R3E without expanding the current acres that are certified. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

a. 2018 LPNNRD Certification Classes for Nitrogen and Water Management

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

d. 2017 District Wide Water Use Reports – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the \$436.46 cost-share payment to James Poulas for well decommissioning. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

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

2. Platte and Elkhorn River Valley Integrated Water Monitoring - Update Given

3. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given

d. Other

1. UTV Purchase

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve accepting the state contract quote for a Polaris Ranger 570 for \$9,567.10, installing a glass windshield for \$700 and adding 8 ply tires for \$500. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given

3. Project Sense – Update Given

4. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, 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 REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment to Laverne Kucera for \$12,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – Update Given

e. Tree Cost-Share Approvals

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the tree cost-share applications totaling \$2,178.99 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Hamata-Vavreck Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given

2. Kramer Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the final \$1,115.72 invoice to Mainelli Wagner & Associates for engineering services provided on the Shell Creek/Kramer Bank Stabilization Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Shell Creek Research Group Assistance Request

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve \$1,450.45 assistance to the Newman Grove High School Shell Creek Research Group for water testing supplies and equipment for the 2018 sampling season as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Sites 26 and 27 – FYRA Planning Invoices – Update Given

5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE - Update Given

6. OTHER

a. Local Work Group Meeting - Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the March LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Susie Leu Contract Employee

Kavan-Don made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to have Susie Leu as a contracted “employee on call” so she can be utilized as needed at the rate of pay set at \$16.43 per hour as outlined in the attached letter. Motion carried all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

7b. Flow Meter Cost-Share in SQS #2

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve flow meter cost-share payment to Douglas Macken for \$770. Funds will come from Water Sustainability Fund and NRD. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

McDermott 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

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, 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 Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 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 12, 2018, 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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Frank Pollard, Secretary