

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, April 8, 2019.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our April 8, 2019 board meeting was published on March 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:

Bailey	Birkel	Feala
Hannah	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan	Meduna	Meyer
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Thompson

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

Gottschalk and Heimann gave an update on flooding damages and ongoing repair planning.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the minutes from the March 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. GMDA Summer Conference - Update Given

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Directors Veskerna and Bailey's excuse of absence from the March Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Request for Proposals – Accounting

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the scope of work for accounting services and start advertising for Request for Proposals. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. LPNNRD Flooding - Update Given

e. Sponsorship Policy

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that all donations to the Lake Wanahoo Education Building will be recognized, but will not be earmarked for specific items. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

NAY: Meyer

4. Equipment and Office – Update Given

5. Personnel

a. Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes

1. Maternity Leave

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to add maternity to our leave policy, by allowing 80 hours lump sum and allowing additional banked hours above existing cap. (8 hours per pay period/16 pay periods for a max of 128 hours). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Permanent Position of Wanahoo Supervisor

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve making the Wanahoo Supervisor position a permanent position. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Information and Education Department

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve increasing the Information/Education salary to \$55,000 immediately with review in six months and to add a part-time I & E Assistant/Receptionist position at 30 hours per week maximum. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. General Manager Evaluation

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve moving General Manager annual evaluation to May/June and to increase salary to match Assistant Manager salary \$101,526 effective immediately. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. "District Firsts" – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Staff

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to ratify the hiring of Richard Mullen as Lead Wanahoo Recreation Technician with a starting date April 1, 2019. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld 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 Receivable and Payable – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the April 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 - None

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. No-Till Grass Drills – Update Given

b. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

c. Haying of District Recreation Areas

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve advertising and go to bid for the harvesting of hay at Lake Wanahoo, Czechland, Homestead Lake in which bids would be done by the ton. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. O & M of Wetland Restoration of Sand Creek Environmental Watershed Restoration Project

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to send a letter of request to the Corps of Engineers and NE Game and Parks Commission asking for their assistance in doing a comprehensive wetland

evaluation study as required I the O & M manual to determine what needs to be done for optimal wetland development around Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Flooding District Wide

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to allow staff to consult with engineering firms to obtain cost estimates on District sponsored projects damaged by floods and for their assistance with obtaining Federal and State financial assistance.

Meduna moved to amend the motion, seconded by Johnson, that after consultation have staff develop a scope of services for the Operations Committee and Board consideration. Amendment carried.

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

NAY: Hannah

The Amended motion now reads: to allow staff to consult with engineering firms to obtain cost estimates on District sponsored projects damaged by floods and for their assistance with obtaining Federal and State financial assistance. After consultation, have staff develop a scope of services for the Operations Committee and Board consideration. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Hannah

4. LAKE WANHOO

a. Park Permits – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Campsite Reservation Revenue Report – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Flooding Damage – Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Part-Time Staffing – Update Given

e. Lake Wanahoo Mower Purchase

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the bids from Ty’s Outdoor Power and Service for two Hustler Z Diesel 60” mowers totaling \$25,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Lake Wanahoo Improvements – Update Given

g. Lake Wanahoo Promotions – Update Given

5. ROCK AND JETTY - None

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. County Fairs

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve having LPNNRD exhibit booths at up to 6 county fairs in our District during summer 2019. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Education

1. March/April Education Programs – Update Given

2. Spring Conservation Sensation – Update Given

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the April LPNNRD 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. Irrigation Certification Policy

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Feala, to clarify that once an irrigated acre has been certified as either a "historically irrigated acre" or has been issued a variance by the District those acres are no longer subject to the "two of the last ten years" rule as described within the District's groundwater rules and regulations. As a result, certified irrigated acres will not be retired by virtue of the fact they have not been put to beneficial use by the landowner for an extended period of time or length of contract. Once the certified irrigated acres are put back into beneficial use by the landowner, they shall be subject to the then existing rules and regulations of the District. The District retains the right to amend its groundwater rules and regulations should it later determine it as necessary or appropriate (ergo landowners should govern themselves accordingly as the District is not precluded from later adopting a rule for retirement of certified irrigated acres). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

3. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

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

5. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

6. Water Flow Meters – Update Given

a. Flow Meters and Remote Equipment Grant Opportunities

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, for staff to submit a Small-Scale Grant for the purpose of receiving remote information from the SQS areas that is due April 24, 2019. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. Cost Share Programs

a. Well Sample Kits

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to allow staff to promote water sampling kits immediately and to pay the additional cost of \$17.50 for domestic wells within the District that was compromised during the flood. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – 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. Variance Scoring Sheet – Update Given

12. Phase Areas – Update Given

b. Chemigation -Update Given

c. 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 Meduna, to approve payment for well decommissioning to Curtis Havelka for \$375 and Gary Wirka for \$877.13. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

c. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. GMDA Summer Conference – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, that the April 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

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the 2019 SWCP Policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the five Summer SWCP applications totaling \$57,500 as listed below:

19-S-1	Jala LLC	Terrace/Tile Outlet	\$10,000
19-S-2	Dennis Beranek	Terrace/Tile Outlet	\$10,000
19-S-3	Roger Fujan	Terrace/Tile Outlet	\$12,500
19-S-4	Hartman Family	Terrace/Tile Outlet	\$12,500
19-B-1	Gary Meister	Terrace/Tile Outlet	\$12,500

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Tree Cost-Share Applications

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve five tree planting applications totaling \$2,496.51 as listed below:

Waylan Dickey	Platte	\$217.50
Chad Hansen	Dodge	\$1038.56
Billy Chromy	Saunders	\$595.95
Jamey Hanis	Saunders	\$304.50
David Fowlkes	Madison	\$340.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Payments - None

d. SWCP Cancellations – None

e. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Lands for Conservation payment to Mary Jo Lierman for \$23,247. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation Applications

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve nine Lands for Conservation applications totaling \$42,180 (222 Acres) as listed below:

Darrell Kubik	19 Acres	\$3,610.00
Zach Kastl	24 Acres	\$4,560.00
Tyler Osmera	32 Acres	\$6,080.00
Roger Fujan	30 Acres	\$5,700.00
Joe Petersen	32 Acres	\$6,080.00
Marvin Ptacek	40 Acres	\$7,600.00
Gregg Fujan	9 Acres	\$1,710.00
George Cejka	30 Acres	\$5,700.00
Raymond Urban	6 Acres	\$1,140.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation - None

a. Shell Creek Project Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve Shell Creek Septic System Inspection and Upgrade applications for Laura Brandl (\$3,300) and Mark Etling (\$3,300) as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization - No New Business

2. Shell Creek Flood Damage Inspection – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Sites Planning Update & FYRA Invoices – Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II – Update

3. Olsson Design Update and Invoices – Update Given

4. Buried Past Update and Invoice – Update Given

c. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – None

d. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

e. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None Given

f. OTHER

1. Flood Damages in LPNNRD – Update Given

2. Lake Ventura Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given

3. Next Projects Committee Meeting - Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Dock System Pork Chop Island

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the quote of \$26,276 from Meeco Sullivan for dock system at Pork Chop Island. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Feala, Hannah, Johnson, Meduna, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

NAY: Birkel, Hilger, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard,

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that all bills be approved, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

ABSTAIN: Meyer

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld 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 May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 April 8, 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