

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 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, July 10, 2019.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our July 8, 2019 board meeting was published on June 27, 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 (arrived 6:29)	Meyer
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Yosten
Ruzicka		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Heimann	TePoel
Elliott		
Legal Counsel Lausterer		
Mark Walkenhorst		
Jake Miriovsky		
Sign in sheet attached to minutes		

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 - None

Bob Hilger gave the NARD Report.

d. NRC Report - None

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Jake Miriovsky from JEO updated the Board on the North Bend Dike Damage Repair.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the June 10, 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

b. Reports

1. GMDA Report - Update Given

2. Water Strategies Report – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the absence requests from Directors Hilger, Bailey and Seier from the June Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. LARM Workers Compensation Final Audit

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay LARM \$2,119.43 for Workers Compensation for the 2017-2018 Pool Year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Dodge County Tax Roll Correction

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize management to send a letter to Dodge County Treasurer authorizing them to deduct \$547.46 from our account for the tax roll correction for East Central District Health Department. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. HBE360 Engagement Letter

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve signing a letter of engagement with HBE360 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 for a monthly fee of \$6,550. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

f. NARD Hall of Fame – Update Given

g. NARD June Board Action – Update Given

h. Camp Ashland/Fuse Plug Area Study Proposal – Update Given

i. Water Strategies New Contract

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve a two-year extension with Water Strategies, LLC with the monthly price of \$5,400 beginning 7-1-19 and \$5,700 beginning 7-1-20. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

j. Lake Wanahoo Facility Rental Agreement

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Facility Rental Agreement for the Wanahoo Education Building as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

k. Wanahoo Recreation Area Update – Update Given

l. Sand Creek Site #15 – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Staff Evaluations - Update Given

b. Staff Position Move from Water Technician to Water Specialist

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve moving Brueggemann to the position of Water Specialist effective 7-1-19. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Information and Education Assistant/Receptionist Position

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to ratify hiring Lacey Sabatka to fill the Information and Education/Receptionist Position for 30 hours/week. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the May Financial Statements as presented and distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, 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

d. Budget Workshop

The Budget Workshop will be Tuesday, August 6th at 5:00 p.m. and NRD Office.

e. Budget Hearing and Levy Hearing

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to hold our FY20 Budget Hearing August 12th at 5:00 p.m. and our Levy Hearing September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July 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. Swedeburg "Thorston" Dam Renovation – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Dam Conduit Joint Repair – Update Given

c. FEMA and Damaged Site Update

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Meyer, to pay Bob Diers \$4,275 for repairs to the approach on his Rawhide Ditch 8 bridge to access his property on the north side for his livestock. Motion carried all members voting aye.

d. Fremont 205 Non-Structural Study - Update Given

e. O & M Budget - Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

5. LAKE WANHOO

a. Permit Sales – Update Given

b. Camping Sales – Update Given

c. Education Building Geo-Thermal Bid

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve K & S Mechanical bid for geo-thermal at a price of \$19,000. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Thompson

d. Education Building Sewer & Water Services

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve Doug Hedges bids of \$20,124.50 to install sewer and water service to the Wanahoo Education building. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Solar Electric Bid Installation

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve Solar Heat and Electric's bid of \$11,940 to install electric solar equipment to the Wanahoo Education Building. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Yosten

f. Hedges Construction Final Bill

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve Hedges Construction's additional charges of \$9,758.36 to finalize payment on the Wanahoo Education building erection. Motion failed.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Meduna, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna

NAY: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Thompson, Yosten, Ruzicka

g. Promotions and Events – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. KTIC Radio

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to continue the Display Ad Agreement with KTIC Radio for \$2,372.50 for one year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. County Fairs – Update Given

4. Water Department Video – Update Given

b. Education

1. Ag Tour Scholarship – Update Given

2. FY 2019 Education Programs – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July 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. Variance Request for Expanded Water Use from Existing Well with Acre Feet Allotment

Seier made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the variance for Dan Wondercheck to add additional 72 acres in the E½-NW¼-Section 10- 21N-5W, Boone County with a 27-inch rolling allocation over 3 years. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. NET Grant 2019

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay ET Gage Company \$1,321.16 for 2 ET Gage's as part of the best management projects within the phase area. Motion carried on consent agenda. A portion of the bill will be reimbursed by the NET Grant.

3. Water Flow Meters – Update Given

4. Vadose Sampling in Phase Areas

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve EA Engineering proposal for Phase 1 at \$26,458.33 and Phase 2 for \$8,341.67 for a total of \$34,800 with the samples taken to UNL Water Center for analysis. Reimbursement through a NET grant will be \$24,874, with a local match of \$9,400. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – LPNNRD – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve the adjusted amounts for the itemized reasonable rates of \$1,000 for any drilled well and \$1,500 for any hand-dug well and allow Committee to review and approve applications that exceed the total cap. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment for well decommissioning to Lawrence Hynek for \$647.39 and Mary Morrison for \$742.04. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Nebraska Environmental Trust – Update Given

c. Ground Water Quality Sampling

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make payment in the amount of \$719.30 to GeoInsight for 30 hydra sleeves for use on the dedicated monitoring wells. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. GMDA Summer Conference – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Committee Date and Time

Feala made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to move Water Committee Meeting to Thursday mornings and let staff coordinate times that work in conjunction with other Committee Meetings. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July 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

a. SWCP Application Approvals – None

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve cancellation of summer 2019 SWCP application 19-S-4 Hartman Family Trust. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Wahoo Creek Cost Share Approvals - None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

2. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetlands Project - Update Given

3. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

4. UP Railroad Shell Creek Bridge Removal/County Road 15 – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

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

2. Olsson Design Update and Invoices – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II - Update Given

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the City of Fremont on behalf of the Joint Water Management Advisory Board, to solicit a Request for Proposals from qualified engineers to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and, if awarded, perform professional services to develop flood mitigation and resiliency solutions to reduce the impacts of flooding on public and private infrastructure. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Olson, to budget \$33,333 in FY2020 toward our maximum local share on a proposed comprehensive flood/drainage assessment/study for the lower third of Dodge County to develop flood mitigation and resiliency solutions to reduce the impacts of flooding on public and private infrastructure. Motion carried on members present voting aye.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support to Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for Water Sustainability Fund assistance, as attached

to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – None

6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – Update Given

8. OTHER

a. North Bend Dike Damage Repair – Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the July LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Draft Projects Budget Review

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. SWCP Payment Approval

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve SWCP payment totaling \$9,820.64 to Gary Meister on contract 19-B-1 and Chad Hansen - \$1,038.56 for tree planting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Rawhide Ditch 8 Debris Clean-Up

Pollard mand the motion, seconded by Feala, to have staff move forward with advertising for RFP's, review proposals and accept the best proposal to remove the debris from Rawhide Ditch #8. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that all bills be approved, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same with the correction of the description on the Angela Bonne payment as a decommissioned well payment. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the July Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 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 July 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