

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
August 12, 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, August 12, 2019.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our August 12, 2019 board meeting was published on July 25, 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
Hilger	Johnson	Kavan
Meduna	Meyer	Olson
Pollard	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Ruzicka	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Yosten
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

The NRCS report was attached.

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

Janelle Kaufman was present to update the Board on the Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the July 8, 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. NARD Employee Benefits/Stop Loss Committee Report - Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the absence request from Director Yosten from the June Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. UBBNRD Interlocal Agreement

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve and authorize Chair Ruzicka to sign the Interlocal Agreement with UBBNRD to provide clerical assistance to the NRCS Office in Butler County as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Union Bank – Deposit Account for Education Building

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Feala, to authorize management to set up a checking account at Union Bank to hold and refund deposits on the Lake Wanahoo Education Building with Gottschalk and TePoel as authorized signers. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. LARM 2019-20 Renewal Proposal

Olson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the LARM Insurance Renewal Resolution which requires the NRD to provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 20, 2021. (180 day and 2-year commitment; 4% discount). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. NRD Farm Plans – Site #15

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to notify Harvey Brabec our intentions not to renew our farm rental agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. General Manager Evaluation

Personnel Sub-Committee met with Manger Gottschalk to go over his annual evaluation. Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Birkel, that due to Manger Gottschalk's outstanding performance a \$1,500 annual pay increase will be awarded, equal to all other staff receiving the same performance rating. This

increase will be retroactive to July 1, 2019. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June Financial Statements as presented and distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, 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. F.Y. 20 Budget

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget with total expenditures of \$6,578,860.00. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August 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 Drill – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Dam Conduit Joint Repair

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay Peerless Compaction Grouting \$35,478 for the repairs on the Wanahoo Dam Spillway and Olsson Associates \$1,500 for their inspection, concrete repair recommendation and report. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Flood Damage Repair Wanahoo Dam Plunge Pool

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to have staff move forward advertising for RFQ's/RFP's from Engineering firms for the repair design, construction services and construction oversight to the Wanahoo dam plunge pool. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Flood Damage Repair Rawhide Ditch #8

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to have staff move forward in advertising for RFP's for Engineering services in repairing Rawhide Ditch 8 and potentially hire a firm at the September Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Fuse Plug Repair at National Guard Camp Ashland

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to move forward advertising for RFP's from contractors to repair the Fuse Plug in Camp Ashland. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Saunders County Road E – Clear Creek Levee – Update Given

g. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study – Update Given

4. LAKE WANHOO

a. Permit Sales – Update Given

b. Camping Sales – Update Given

c. Education Building – Update Given

d. Pork Chop Island – Update Given

e. Hedges Construction Final Bill

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve additional charges submitted by Bob Hedges Construction minus \$1,100 for insulation install labor for a total of \$8,658.36. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Website – Update Given

b. Education

1. August – September Education Programs – Update Given

2. I & E Assistant/Receptionist – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

2. NET (Nebraska Environmental Trust) Grant – Update Given

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize Daryl Andersen to work with the necessary NRD's to address the new 10/50 hydrologically connected ground and surface water map

proposed by the State in relation to the Lower Platte Missouri Tributary Stream depletion factor.
Motion carried.

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

NAY: Hannah

2. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area) – Update Given

3. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area) – Update Given

4. Variance Extension Request

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the extension for Variance LPN-V-013-02781 for James Macholan to drill an irrigation well Fall – 2019 and install the pivot fall/winter 2020-21. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

6. Cost-Share Program

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to pay Donald Birkel \$951.53 for decommissioning an irrigation well in Butler County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Lower Platte River Consortium

c. Ground Water Quality Sampling

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to pay the invoice for \$2,432.50 to Papio Missouri River NRD for domestic sampling project conducted for homeowners effected by the 2019 flood. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. AEM (Airborne Electromagnetic Survey Flights)

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka to pay the invoice to ENWRA for \$150,000 for third and final payment on WSF Contract #5189. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

b. USGS Steam Flow Gauging Sites

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to pay the invoice for \$17,090 to USGS for 2 stream gages and 1 real time groundwater level monitoring site. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August 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

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the twelve Fall 2019 SWCP applications as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes totaling \$149,602.18. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. UP Railroad Shell Creek Bridge Removal/County Road 15

Olson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to reaffirm our support with the U.P. Railroad bridge replacement project and work toward an eventual cooperative agreement with Colfax County on channel improvements and benching associated with the projects at County Road 15. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

3. Shell Creek Project Payments (319 Grant)

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the \$3,300 cost-share payment to Laura Brand for construction of new septic tank system as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the \$10,242.29 cost-share payment to Carol Goering for dam repair as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Shell Creek Grant Funding

Hannah made the motion seconded by Birkel to approve the Shell Creek 319 Grant Agreement with NDEE when received and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetlands Project - 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. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation (LFC) Payments – Update Given

5. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation (LFC) Application Approvals

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve Gary Prochaska's Lands for Conservation application for up to \$13,860 upon NRCS certified completion of conservation work. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation (LFC) Cancellations

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to formally approve cancelling the three Lands for Conservation approvals totaling \$15,770 as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. Wahoo Creek Water Quality Plan Phase II Funding

Meduna made the motion seconded by Hannah, to approve the Wahoo Creek 319 Grant Agreement with NDEE when received and authorize the Board Chair to sign after Legal Counsel review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to support the Joint Water Management Advisory Board's (JWMAB) recommendation to select JEO Consulting Group Inc. as the engineering firm for moving forward with needed tasks for completing the Flood Mitigation and Resiliency Plan, contingent on receiving the FEMA and Water Sustainability Fund assistance funding. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – Update Given

7. OTHER

a. Budget Review – Update Given

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with LPSNRD

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Amendment No. 4 wo the Interlocal Agreement with LPSNRD which allows them to assist the City of Ashland with their Well Head Protection Area which a portion of area is within the Lower Platte North boundaries. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Feala, 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

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 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 August 12, 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