

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2018**

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, Wahoo, NE on Monday, September 10, 2018.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our September 10, 2018 board meeting was published on August 23, 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	Feala	Hannah
Hilger	Kavan, Alex	Kavan, Don
Meduna	Olson	Pollard
Ruzicka	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Sobota
Veskerna	Birkel	

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

McDermott	Thompson
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Elliott	Schomer
Legal Counsel Lausterer		

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS**

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report**

Walkenhorst was present to review the NRCS report as attached.

**c. NARD Report**

Hilger reminded all Director about the upcoming NARD Fall Conference September 23-25.

**d. NRC Report - None**

**e. Managers Report**

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

Keith Glewen was present prior to Board Meeting to report on the Cover Crop Clinic held earlier in the year.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the minutes from the August 13, 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 – No New Information**

**b. Murren Lawsuit – No New Information**

**2. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. NARD Fall Conference – Update Given**

**2. UNL Great Plains Regional Water Symposium – Update Given**

**b. Reports – Update Given**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve Director Seier and Hilger’s Excuse of Absence from the July Board Meeting and Directors Olson, Meduna, Sobota and Sabatka’s Excuse of Absence from the August Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given**

**c. NARD Resolutions - None**

**d. November Board Meeting**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to hold our November Board Meeting in Newman Grove High School with a presentation from the Shell Creek Crop at 3:15 p.m. and Board Meeting starting at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Lake Wanahoo Education/Recreation Building**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve McAtee Concrete Construction as low bid for concrete work on Wanahoo Education/Recreation Building not to exceed \$30,556. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**f. Lake Wanahoo NRD Recreation Area**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Feala, to set the price of Wanahoo NRD Park Permits as follows: Outside the District \$25, Within the District \$15 and Dailey \$5. Included with each NRD Park permit they will have the option to buy a duplicate at half price. It was further recommended to maintain the current camping fees. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan-Alex, Kavan-Don, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna, Birkel

**NAY:** Sabatka, Saeger

**g. Executive Committee Meeting September 27 – Update Given**

**4. Equipment – None**

**5. Personnel**

**a. Operation and Maintenance Technician**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve General Manager’s recommendation for hiring the Operation and Maintenance Technician position. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given**

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, 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 and Set Property Tax Rate**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the LLPNNRD FY19 Budget as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes and set the 2018 (Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate at .036212 cents per one hundred dollars of valuation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September 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. Wanahoo Dam – Update Given**

**c. Fremont 205 Non-Structural – Update Given**

**d. Seven Upstream Dam Crediting With COE - Update Given**

**e. Clear Creek Levee – Update Given**

**f. Grass Drill Revenue – Update Given**

**g. Czechland Camping - Update Given**

**4. ROCK AND JETTY - None**

**5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

- 1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**
  - 2. Viaduct - Update Given**
  - 3. NARD Fall Conference – Update Given**
  - b. Education**
    - a. September Education Programs - Update Given**
- 6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**
- a. Colon – Update Given**
  - b. Bruno – Update Given**
  - c. Other – None**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September 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 - None**

**3. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**a. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)– Update Given**

**b. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve variances LPN-NDV-018-0048 – Kyle Osmera for 23 acres (5.18 AF) and LPN-NDV-018-0047 – Anthony Meister for 67 acres (15.08 AF). Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan-Don, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna, Birkel

**ABSTAIN:** Kavan-Alex

- c. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**
- d. Irrigation Letter Request – Update Given**
- e. SQS #2 – UNL Collaboration – Update Given**
- f. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given**
- g. Cost-Share Program**
  - 1. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given**
- h. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**
- i. Richland – Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

**j. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given**

**k. NET Grant Update**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to have staff submit the NET grant to include cost-sharing for remote soil moisture sensors and authorize Eric Gottschalk, General Manager to sign the application. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. CHEMIGATION – Update Given**

**5. GROUND WATER PROGRAM**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells – Update Given**

**b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies**

**1. Platte and Elkhorn River Valley Integrated Water Monitoring**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve payment of \$6,500 to the Papio-Missouri River NRD for the Platte and Elkhorn River Valley Integrated Water Monitoring. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Dakota Monitoring Wells – Update Given**

**d. Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given**

**e. Statewide Network Sampling – Update Given**

**6. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to make payment to USGS for \$16,860 for 2 stream gage sites and 1 groundwater real-time monitoring site. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. State Lakes Results – Update Given**

**7. OTHER**

**a. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the September 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**

**a. SWCP Application Approvals**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the Jon Gehring's SWCP Fall application for \$12,500 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve SWCP payment to William Kozicek for \$10,000 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. SWCP Cancellations - None**

**d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None**

**3. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation Phase I (PL-1586)–Update Given**

**2. Kramer Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given**

**3. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation Phase II Grant Application**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to authorize staff to submit new Shell Creek Watershed grant applications to NDEQ and NET for accomplishing additional water quality projects as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes and appoint Assistant Manager Mountford as the grant administrator to sign and submit necessary grant documents. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed**

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

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

**3. Wahoo Creek Requests for Proposals for Engineering Services – Update Given**

**4. Wahoo Creek Requests for Proposals for Cultural Resources Investigations – Update Given**

**4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

**5. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – Update Given**

**6. OTHER - None**

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE**

**a. Land Judging Contest**

Seier made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay registration costs (\$2.50) for students competing in the 2018 East Central Region Land Judging Contest. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. SWCP Payment**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Sobota, to approve the following SWCP Payment: 18-C-1 Randall Brabec – Grassed Waterway - \$744.99. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Kramer Shell Creek Stabilization Project Payment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to pay Mainelli Wagner \$2,709.82 for design services on the

Kramer Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**d. Request for Expansion of Irrigated Acres in SQS #2**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the expansion of 30 irrigation acres for John Dietrich from Well G-164643 located in W½-SW¼-5-19-2E with no additional consumptive water use as set by SQS #2 rules. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Olson made the motion, seconded by Feala, 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the September Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

A moment of silence was held to honor the passing of former Director Folsom.

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The October Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 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 September 10, 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