

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Newman Grove High School, Newman Grove, NE on Monday, November 12, 2018.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our November 12, 2018 board meeting was published on November 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	Feala	Hannah
Hilger	Kavan, Don	Olson
Pollard	Ruzicka	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Birkel

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan, Alex	McDermott	Meduna
Sobota		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Elliott	Benal
TePoel		
Nancy Meyer		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

NRCS written report was presented as an attachment.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on the NARD Board Meeting that was held earlier that day.

d. NRC Report

The next NRC meeting will be held December 18th in Kearney.

e. Managers Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

The Newman Grove students gave their annual update on the status of Shell Creek.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the minutes from the October 8, 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

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. GMDA Winter Meeting

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve up to three staff and four directors to attend the GMDA Winter Conference January 7-9 in Phoenix, Arizona. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. NACD Annual Meeting – Update Given

b. Reports

1. NARD Benefits Committee Report – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve Director Thompson’s excuse of absence from the September Meeting and Director Olson’s excuse of absence from the October Meeting as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Dodge County Tax Roll Collection

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to authorize management to send a letter to Dodge County Treasurer authorizing them to deduct \$310.21 from our account for the tax roll correction for Gene Ruzicka. Motion carried on consent agenda with Ruzicka abstaining.

d. Nebraska Game and Parks Permit Agent Agreement – Update Given

e. NRD Owned Property - Update Given

f. 2019 Board Meeting Dates – Update Given

g. Lake Wanahoo Park Permit Rules – Update Given

h. NRD Recreation/Education Building Update

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve an additional \$1,700 for the increased concrete to provide a 5.5” floor for the project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. Building Funding Update – Update Given

4. Equipment

a. October Wanahoo Shed Break-In – Update Given

5. Personnel

a. Staff Recognition

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to authorize Management to utilize our existing budget to purchase gift cards to be given out o employees in recognition of “District First” actions and attitudes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Hilger 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. Union Bank Line of Credit

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to renew our \$400,000 Line of Credit with Union Bank and Trust as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the November 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 – None

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Area - Update Given

b. Fremont 205 – Update Given

c. Clear Creek Levee – Update Given

d. Rawhide Ditch 8 Easements - Update Given

e. Wahoo Chapter Ducks Unlimited

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve and sign the amended agreement between Lower Platte North NRD and the Wahoo Chapter Ducks Unlimited in which a third hunting blind was added at the Wanahoo Path Program Area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Swedeburg B-2 Thorston Dam – Update Given

g. Wanahoo Dirt/Sand Sales – Update Given

h. Czechland Recreation Area – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY - None

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Long Range Plan

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve and adopt the FY2019 Long Range Plan as presented. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

3. Guest Presentation – Citizen Scientist Water Testing Program

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to assist with sharing the information provided by the Citizen Scientist Water Testing Program. Motion carried.

AYE: Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Kavan-Don, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna

NAY: Saeger, Thompson, Birkel

b. Education

1. Land Judging - Update Given

2. New Education Programs – Update Given

3. November Education Programs – Update Given

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

Hannah made the motion to approve accepting Phoenix Web Groups Meter Reading Proposal for \$14,000 as attached to the O-E-RW Minutes. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve accepting Phoenix Web Groups Meter Reading Proposal at a cost not to exceed \$13,700. Motion carried.

AYE: Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Birkel

NAY: Kavan-Don, Saalfeld

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the November LPNRRD 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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to take from table the motion to add the Sparling Bluewater Electromagnetic Flow Meter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to add the Sparling Blue Water Electromagnetic to meter to the LPNNRD approved meter list and to only allow any electromagnetic meter installation in locations where groundwater will not discolor the meter's reading eye. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. LOWER PLATT RIVER CONSORTIUM – UPDATE GIVEN

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Excess Water Complaint

2. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. Hynek Farms LLCs Supplemental Well Application

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to approve a supplemental well permit for Hynek Farms LLC for SE¼-SW¼-S5-T16N-R6E Saunders County as outlined in the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Cost-Share Program

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Flow Meter Cost-Share in SQS #2 – Update Given

4. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

5. Richland – Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

6. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

4. 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. Soil Moisture Cost-Share Policy – Update Given

2. Remote Sensing Equipment – Update Given

3. SWS #2 – UNL Collaboration – Update Given

c. Dakota Monitoring Wells – Update Given

d. Fall Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given

e. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. GMDA Annual Meeting – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the November 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 - None

b. SWCP Payment - None

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation

a. Vavricek Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve paying the Mainelli Wager \$1,484.50 invoice for engineering services provided on the Kramer Stabilization Project extension (Vavricek – change order No. 2) as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the application and certification for Payment No. 5 to Kohl Construction totaling \$53,241.08 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Shell Creek Project Approvals/Payments

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve paying Penne Screen printing \$37.33 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve John Gehring’s sediment basin/tile outlet system application of \$38,000 for work to be done under the 319 grant. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Firm Selected for Wahoo Creek Engineering Services – Update Given

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

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

4. Wahoo Creek Cultural Resource Investigations – Update Given

4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – Update Given

5. NEBRASKA BUFFER STIP PROGRAM PAYMENT

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve eleven Nebraska Buffer Strip Program contract payments totaling \$14,852.94 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – Update Given

7. OTHER

a. Hazard Mitigation Update – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Sabatka 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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the November Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye with Ruzicka abstaining from item 6.A.3.c.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The December Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018, 3:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 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 November 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.