

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, December 10, 2018.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our December 10, 2018 board meeting was published on November 29, 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
McDermott	Meduna (arrived 2:40)	Olson
Pollard	Ruzicka	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Sobota	Thompson	Veskerna
Birkel		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Elliott	Heimann
Legal Counsel Lausterer		
Nancy Meyer		
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 reported on the upcoming Legislative Conference to be held January 28-29, 2019.

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

Dave Ruder with Live Well Go Fish gave a brief review of this activity this past season at Lake Wanhoo.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the minutes from the November 12, 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. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

2. NACD Annual Meeting

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to send up to four staff and two directors to the NACDE Annual Meeting in San Antonio, February 2-6, 2019. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Director Retreat – Update Given

4. Basin Caucus - Update Given

b. Reports

1. Water Strategies Federal Update – Attached to Executive Minutes

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve Director Kavan-Alex, Meduna, Bailey, Sobota and McDermott excuse of absence from the November Meeting and Director Sobota from the October Meeting as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Office Nominating Sub-Committee – Update Given

d. Director Vacancy Sub-District 4

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to declare a vacancy in Sub-District 4 effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. January Executive Committee Time – Update Given

f. Lake Wanahoo Update - Update Given

g. NRD Owned Property – Update Given

4. Equipment

a. October Wanahoo Shed Break-In – Update Given

5. Personnel

a. Staff Recognition – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the October Financial Statements as presented and distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, 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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the December 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. Fremont 205 – Update Given

b. Clear Creek Levee – Update Given

c. Czechland Lake Recreation Area – Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Hay Revenue – Update Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 Easements - Update Given

f. Bellwood Dam 2-C Reclassification – Update Given

g. District Park Regulations – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY - None

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Lake Wanahoo Promotional Video – Update Given

b. Education

1. December Education Programs – Update Given

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve an 8% increase to our water rate and meter rate to the Colon RWD to go into effect February 2019. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the December LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. VIDEO – Update Given

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Marian Meduna Variance Extension

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a 90 day extension starting January 1, 2019 for installing the irrigation systems on Marian Meduna Variance LPN-NDV-016-0039. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meduna

ABSENT: Thompson

2. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites – Update Given

3. Expansion of Acres

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hilger to approve the expansion of acres for 5.6 acres to Ryan Loseke with consumptive use limited to 26.29 acre feet over a 3 year rolling allocation from Irrigation Well G-120056. Motion carried all members present voting yea.

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. Kyle Herchenbach Livestock Well Permit Application

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the livestock Well Permit for Kyle Herchenbach for the NW¼-SW¼-S23-T20N-R3W in Platte County, Lower Newman Grove subarea. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. UNL-DNR-LN Agreement and Contract for SQS #2 Area

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve signing of the agreement with UNL and DNR to relinquish the transducers to LPNNRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

7. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – 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. Chemigation – Update Given

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

b. New Dakota Monitoring Wells

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve paying Tony Sayer \$400 and Brad Loseke \$450 for crop damages including seed cost and labor occurred when the NRD drilled 2 Dakota wells. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Phoenix Workgroup – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the December 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 Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve SWCP Payment of \$10,409.87 to Carl Sousek as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve LFC payments to Ray Urban - \$6,732, James Smaus - \$3,762, Jerome Urban - \$1,386 and Patrick Bartek - \$2,178 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation

a. Vavricek Shell Creek Bank Stabilization Project

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve the final pay application No. 6 from Kohl Construction which includes completion of change order No. 2 (\$7,352.93) plus an additional \$1,319.90 for retainage that was held on change order No. 1 (Hamata) for a grand total of \$8,672.83 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

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

2. Wahoo Creek Cultural Resources/Archaeological Investigations - Update Given

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

4. Wahoo Creek Sites 26 & 27 Scope Change Request to NRC

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to authorize staff to work with FYRA in providing detailed information to the Natural Resources Commission explaining scope changes on Wahoo Creek Dam Sites 26 & 27. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update Given

5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – Update Given

7. OTHER

a. Discussion on Potential Sale of NRD Property – Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the December LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. UNL Field Trip – Newman Grove Students – No Action Needed

b. Variance Extension and Well Permit

Tim Shanahan has submitted to the District a variance extension request for his application LPN-V-017-0454 in Section 28-T16N-R7E, Saunders County. The application for a new well to irrigate 135 acres was approved 11/13/17 and letter were sent 11/15/17. Mr. Shanahan feels that the letter was lost in the mail. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to send the Tim Shanahan variance extension request back to Water Committee to discuss in further detail. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hannah, 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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the December Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 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 December 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.

Frank Pollard, Secretary