

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
April 13, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, April 13, 2020.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

This is our first completely on-line meeting which was made possible by Executive Order No. 20-03 from Governor Ricketts in an effort to address the current public health concerns brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic while allowing public entities to continue to conduct necessary business. This meeting is being held entirely via web and tele-conferencing with no public participation at the district's office. Staff is present at the office to facilitate and host the meeting, but no public is in attendance.

The agenda and supporting documents are available on the district's website – [www.lpnrd.org](http://www.lpnrd.org). A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law has been posted on the NRD's website as well as a link to the Governor's Executive Order.

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:**

Bailey	Birkel	Feala
Hannah	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan	Meduna (arrived 4:30 p.m.)	Meyer
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Sabatka

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Sabatka	Heimann
Elliott		

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report – Attached**

**c. NARD Report**

Bob Hilger gave the NARD Report.

**d. NRC Report - None**

**e. Manager Report**

Gottschalk reviewed is written report.

**f. Education Program – None**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 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**

**1. GMDA Summer Conference**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to send two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Conference June 9 – 12, Colorado Springs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Reports – None**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences – None**

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

**c. Land Auction Sale and Direction**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to authorize Chairman Ruzicka to sign sales agreement and closing documents on Site #15 after the auction on April 3, 2020.

**d. April Board Meeting Time – Update Given**

**e. Lower Platte North NRD Dealing with COVID-19 – Update**

**4. Equipment - None**

**5. Personnel – None**

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the February Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve Manager Gottschalk's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Wanahoo Education Building Refund Policy – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the April 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 AND OTHER PROGRAMS - None**

**3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS**

**a. Lower Platte North NRD Dealing with COVID-19 – Update Given**

**b. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers – Update Given**

**c. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair – Update Given**

**d. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA) – Update Given**

**e. Clear Creek Drainage District – Ditch #1 – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve cost-share assistance payment of \$4,240.87 to Clear Creek Drainage District on two projects. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the interlocal agreement in partnering with Clear Creek Drainage District to assist in Operation and Maintenance on a portion of Ditch #1. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**f. Platte Valley Drainage District**

Saeger a made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve written support and commitment from the NRD for up to \$65,000 to the Platte Valley Drainage District for their levee repairs due to the March 2019 flood event. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hilger, Johnson, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

**ABSENT:** Hannah, Kavan

**g. Conservation Tree Orders – Update Given**

**4. ROCK AND JETTY – None**

**5. LAKE WANAHOO**

**a. Free Access to Wanahoo Recreation Area due to COVID-19**

**b. Lake Wanahoo Primitive Cabins**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve Hancock Construction's bid of \$1,850 per cabin to provide interior finishing work for a total of \$11,100. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

**ABSENT:** Hannah

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the bid from Harris Electric for cabin electrical work to include wiring six cabins with two 20A circuits, 2 GFCI protected outlets, 2 single pole switches, 1 – 4' LED surface mounted light, all wiring and materials, 200 A outdoor service panel, breakers and meter socket and necessary trenching and conduit (\$5 per foot) \$6,950. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

**ABSENT:** Hannah

**c. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given**

**d. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given**

**e. Wanahoo Education Building Finish Work**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve final payment of \$8,835 to Hancock Construction for Wanahoo Education Building Construction. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Viaduct – Update Given**

**3. Analytics – Update Given**

**4. Promotional Video**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the contract with RedThread for the development of two departmental videos for \$16,065, with \$10,000 to be paid during this fiscal year and remaining amount to be paid next fiscal year. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Hilger, Johnson, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna

**NAY:** Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Kavan, Pollard, Thompson, Yosten, Ruzicka

**ABSENT:** Hannah

**5. Advertising Lake Wanahoo NRD Recreation Area**

Olson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the advertising contract with KMTV 3NewsNow for TV and digital advertising of the 15-second Lake Wanahoo commercial for \$2,200. Motion failed.

**AYE:** Veskerna

**NAY:** Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Yosten, Ruzicka

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the sponsorship with News Channel Nebraska for the Lake Wanahoo video at \$475/Month for two months at a total price of \$950. Motion carried.

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

**NAY:** Birkel, Meyer

**b. Education**

**1. March and April Education Programs – Update Given**

**2. Nebraska State Envirothon – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno – Update Given**

**c. Other – None**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the April LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**2. Lower Platte North NRD Dealing with COVID-19**

**3. REGULATORY**

**a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA**

**1. Supplemental Well**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the Well Permit for Merle and Joan Mueller Trust for the SE-NE-S30-T18N-R2E, Colfax county, which will require a water flow meter. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to put \$10,000 into next year's budget for Coalition dues with the possibility of reconsidering after evaluating next year's budget. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Chemigation – Update Given**

**4. GROUND WATER PROGRAM**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payments for well decommissioning to Wesch Trust for \$2,981.23; Tim Foltz for \$1,000; and Jordan Jisa for \$508.92 Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the NGG agreement and coordinator agreement until June 30,2022 and budget \$3,400 in the next 2 year's budgets for GeoCloud. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given**

**d. Nitrate Management Area NET Grant**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to have staff request and obtain RFP's from qualifying firms for geological interpretation and nitrate movement through the vadose zone in the phase areas for review at the April 30<sup>th</sup> Water Committee Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Water Flow Meters – Update Given**

**5. OTHER**

**a. GMDA Conference – Update Given**

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the April LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE**

**2. Lower Platte North NRD Dealing with COVID-19 – Update Given**

**3. SWCP**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to increase the Small Dam maximum to \$30,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the amended 2020 SWCP Policy as attached to the Project Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**a. SWCP Application Approvals**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve listed summer SWCP applications with a maximum cost-share of \$10,000: 20-S-2 Rick Beranek \$10,000; 20-S-3 Randy Beranek \$10,000; 20-S-4 Dennis Beranek \$10,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payments - None**

**c. SWCP Cancellations – None**

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

**3. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – None**

**2. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – None**

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed**

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

**2. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given**

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

**1. Lands for Conservation Applications**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the three listed applications as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes totaling \$12,672 under the LPNNRD's Lands for Conservation program guidelines. Motion carried on consent agenda

**4. Wahoo Creek Overlay Districts – Update Given**

**5. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Update Given**

**6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given**

**7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATION - None**

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed Payment**

Carol Rosicky/Francis Anderson – sediment and water control basin with tile outlet was previously approved at the January Board meeting. After acquiring all paperwork and further discussion with the Farm Manager in accordance with our policy regarding grant funded projects; Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna to approve payment of \$14,099.10, split 50% to Rosicky and 50% to Anderson for control basin with tile outlets. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Joint Venture city of Fremont, Dodge County, Rod and Gun Club – Flood Repair**

We have received a bill from Sawyer Construction Company \$36,077.50 for emergency repairs on the Platte River near the Rod and Gun Club as previously approved. Hannah made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize payment of \$36,077.50 to Sawyer Construction Company for emergency flood repair done on the Platte River near the Fremont Rod and Gun Club. Motion carried.

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

**ABSTAIN:** Saeger

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 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 April 13, 2020, 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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Larry Feala, Secretary