

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
May 11, 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, May 11, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

This on-line meeting is 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 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. 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
Hilger	Johnson	Kavan
Meduna	Meyer	Olson
Pollard	Saalfeld	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Veskerna
Ruzicka		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Hannah	Kavan	Yosten
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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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the April 13, 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

1. Mike Murren Concerns – Update Given

2. Meetings

a. Pending - None

b. Reports

1. NARD Benefits Committee Report – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. May Board Meeting Time – Update Given

d. Site #15 – Closing Proceeds - Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Kara Nelson Resignation

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the resignation of Kara Nelson our part-time receptionist/I & E Assistant effective May 15, 2020. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wanahoo Recreation Area Summer Staff

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve increasing hourly pay to Wanahoo summer staff \$0.50/hour and increase Josie Schnakenberg's hourly pay to \$12.00 per hour for her position as Wanahoo Park Entrance Supervisor effective May 9, 2020. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Receptionist/I & E Position – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the March Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

c. Accounts Over 90 Days - Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May LPNDRD 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. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers – Update Given

b. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve Rawhide Ditch 8 repair change order#1 for \$7,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA) – Update Given

d. Hay Bids on Recreation Area Lands

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve Meduna Family Farms bid of \$69.17/ton for the Lake Wanahoo Property and Daniel J. Kadavy bid of \$65/ton for Homestead Recreation Area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue- Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Update – Update

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. County Fairs

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve having LPNDRD set-up exhibit booths at up to 5 County Fairs in our District this summer. Motion carried.

b. Education

1. Education Programs – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarship

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to award Abigail Pohlen and Natasha Macholan the Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Program Scholarships. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Earth Day Online Activities – Update Given

4. Nebraska Tree-A-Thone – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permit Program – Update Given

2. Industrial Well Permit

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the industrial well permit for Barcel Mill and Lumbar. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

3. Well Permit Information – Update Given

4. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs

1. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payments for well decommissioning to Lichten Acres LLC for 430.50; J & E Plasek Family LLC for \$885.00 and Yindrick Farms LLC for \$4,795.18 (7 irrigation wells). Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given

- c. New Monitoring Wells - Update Given**
- d. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given**
- e. Nitrate Management Area NET Grant – Update Given**

4. OTHER

- a. Comments from the Public – None**

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May LPNDRD 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

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve summer SWCP application 20-C-2 for Livestock Well/Pipeline/Tank to Spring Wendt for \$12,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Practice Removal – Update Given

c. SWCP Payments – None

d. SWCP Cancellations – None

e. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals - None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – None

a. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the grant agreement with NDEE when received and after favorable legal review. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Shell Creek Lands for Conservation Application

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve LFC Application to Kane Muhle for 7 acres at \$198/acre totaling \$1,386. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Shell Creek Channel Improvement & Benching Project Bid Opening

Seier made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to accept the low bid from Pruss Excavating in the amount of \$167,962.32 for work on the Schuyler East Channel Benching. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the final Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve and authorize Chairman Ruzicka to sign the LPNNRD HMP Resolution as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATION – None

7. OTHER

a. Woodcliff (SID #8) Project Payment #3

Olson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment to Woodcliff’s (SID #3) third \$75,000 assistance payment for their completed Riverbank Stabilization Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Dodge County Hazard Mitigation Acquisition and Buyout Meeting – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. SWCP Payment

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve \$12,500 payment of William Kozisek for Terrace with Tile Outlets in Butler County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld 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 Johnson, to approve the May Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Feala, Hilger, Johnson, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Ruzicka

ABSTAIN: Meyer

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 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 May 11, 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.

Larry Feala, Secretary