

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**June 8, 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 Lake Wanhoo Education Building, Wahoo, NE on Monday, June 8, 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](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	Feala	Hannah
Hilger	Johnson	Meyer
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Birkel	Kavan	Meduna
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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**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes from the May 11, 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 - None**

**b. Reports – None**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences – None**

**b. Monthly Education Program – None**

**c. Plans to Return Office to Fully Staffed Operation – Update Given**

**d. Proposed Insurance Premiums FY 20-21 - Update Given**

**e. LARM Workers' Compensation Final Audit**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay LARM \$7,714.70 for Workers' Compensation for the 2018-2019 Pool Year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**f. June Board Meeting – Update Given**

**4. Equipment - None**

**5. Personnel**

**a. Annual Staff Evaluations - Update Given**

**b. Cost of Living and Merit Based Wage Adjustments**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to budget \$26,000 for FY '21 salary adjustments to be distributed by the General Manager. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Education Coordinator Position – Update Given**

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the April Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, 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**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the June 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**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay the Corners for Wildlife annual contract of \$3,820 to Gerhold Inc. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

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

**b. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair**

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve and authorize signing Rawhide Ditch 8 repair Change Order#2, Final Payment Application, Certificate of Substantial Completion and pay Husker Engineering Inc \$187,791.72. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay Kirk Brand \$400 per the Temporary Easement for the loss of crop yield due to compaction for Ingress/Egress on the Rawhide Ditch 8 repair project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**d. Czechland Hay**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to accept the \$42.50/ton bid from Dan Ourada to hay Czechland Lake Wildlife Area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Cottonwood 22-A – Hawley Seasonal Cabin – Update Given**

**f. Cottonwood 21-A – Emergency Spillway – Update Given**

**g. Operations Budget – Update Given**

**4. ROCK AND JETTY**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay James Drahota 50% of his \$3,500 invoice or \$1,750 for work on his Platte River Bank Stabilization in Colfax County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**5. LAKE WANAHOO**

**a. 2020 Fireworks at Lake Wanahoo – Update Given**

**b. Primitive Cabins – Update Given**

**c. Tent Camping Re-Opened – Update Given**

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

**e. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue- Update Given**

**6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Analytics – Update Given**

**3. County Fairs – Update Given**

**b. Education – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno – Update Given**

**c. Other – None**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the June 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. NET Grant – Vadose Contaminant Movement**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to have staff negotiate a contract with LRE/JEO to develop a geological framework for the purpose of a desktop tool for analyzing contaminate movement for different best management practices not to exceed \$56,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**2. Supplemental Well Permit**

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve the well permit for a supplemental well with the following conditions; water flow meters are installed on the new and existing wells, an annual report submitted to LPNNRD and the Barta Family will allow the LPNNRD to add the new well to the LPN GWEL system for spring and fall water level measurements. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

**4. Geological Framework**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to participate in a WSF grant with PMRNRD and LPSNRD for the purpose of hydrogeological framework and to budget \$21,500 over the next two fiscal years. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**5. Cost-Share Programs**

**1. Flow Meter Maintenance Program**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay the invoice \$4,497.50 to Tri-City Meters for 2020 meter maintenance which fulfilled the 4-year contract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Chemigation – Update Given**

**c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given**

**3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payments for well decommissioning to Justin Lee for \$503.44; Line Rider LLC for \$637.62 and Walter Bohaty 2 Wells for \$2,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**1. CSD Agreement**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to sign the amended agreement with UNL-CSD for an extension to June 30, 2022. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. New Monitoring Wells**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to pay the invoice to METOS USA for \$91,975.45 for equipment to install remote readers on monitoring wells along with setting up weather stations to assist in irrigation management. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**d. Vadose Soil Sampling**

An invoice in the amount of \$3,302.67 from UNL Water Center on the analysis work being done on the vadose soil sampling is attached to the Water Committee Minutes. This work is being done under contract.

**4. Lower Platte Consortium – Update Given**

**5. OTHER**

**a. Phoenix Database**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay Phoenix WebGroup \$18,275 for contract work developing online reporting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Comments from the Public – None**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the June 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**

**a. SWCP Application Approvals**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve three SWCP applications totaling \$28,571.20. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. SWCP Payments**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve SWCP Payments to Marcella Divis - \$7,382.50, Marie Roh - \$12,500, David Johnson - \$376.50, Randy Johnston - \$648, Darlene Kavan - \$5,701.50 and Hartman Family Trust - \$12,500 – totaling \$39,108.50. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**d. SWCP Cancellations – None**

**e. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals – None**

**1. Lands for Conservation Application**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve LFC application for Carl and Dorothy Peterson Trust- 38 Acres and a total payment \$7,524. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation**

**a. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – Update Given**

**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**

**a. Levee Stabilization – Fremont Rod and Gun Club**

Discussion took place on the levee stabilization project on Fremont Rod & Gun Club property that LPNNRD, Fremont and Dodge County assisted with emergency repair (each contributed \$36,077.50). A description of the proposed project is attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. The total project cost is \$612,380 with the hopes to receive \$450,000 from a community Block Grant (CBG). This would leave \$162,380 to be shared by local partners. The Board discussed our potential partnership and contribution to this proposed project. One important issue to address is that a public entity should take ownership of the project area (secure project easements) if additional public funding is allocated to this project, which is now on private land. Fremont was discussed as the logical entity for securing easements to establish this as a public project. Pollard made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to contribute 30% up to \$50,000 assistance to the Levee Stabilization Project on the Fremont Rod & Gun Club property contingent on an approved interlocal agreement by the partners. Motion carried.

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

**ABSTAIN:** Meyer

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

**6. NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve two Nebraska Buffer Strip Program contract applications to Janice Wilke Trust and Mark Wilke. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**8. OTHER**

**a. Fremont/Johnson Lake Aeration System Assistance Request – Update Given**

**b. Colfax County/Wolfe Project – Update Given**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the June LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Transfers Into Sinking Fund Accounts**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve moving \$600,000 of unused budgeted funds into the LPNNRD Flood Reduction Sinking Fund and to approve moving the unspent balance of \$5,900.90 into the Shell Creek Sinking Fund for future project needs. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to establish an Emergency Flood Damage Repair Sinking Fund and move the unspent balance of \$63,922.50. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, 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**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the June Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The July Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 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 June 8, 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

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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