

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Wanahoo Education Building, Wahoo, NE on Monday, July 8, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our July 13, 2020 board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website.

Chair Ruzicka informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meetings Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

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| Bailey | Birkel | Feala |
| Hilger | Johnson | Meduna (arrived 6:06) |
| Meyer | Olson | Pollard |
| Saalfeld | Saeger | Seier |
| Thompson | Veskerna | Yosten |
| Ruzicka | | |

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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| Hannah | Kavan |
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

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| Gottschalk | Breunig | Mountford |
| Andersen | Sabatka | Heimann |

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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes from the June 8, 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 – Update Given

2. Meetings

a. Pending - None

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Monthly Education Program – None

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting - Update Give

b. Staff Evaluations and Reviews –Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Johnson 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

d. Budget Workshop

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to hold the Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 5th at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Budget Hearing and Levy Hearing

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to hold our FY21 Budget Hearing on August 10th at 5:00 p.m. and our Levy Hearing on September 14th at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Preliminary '21 LPNRRD Draft Budget – Update Given

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July LPNRRD 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 – Update Given**
- c. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA) – Update Given**
- d. Wanahoo Auxiliary Spillway RCC Repair Quotes – Update Given**
- e. Cottonwood 21-A – Emergency Spillway – Update Given**
- f. Czechland Lake Camping Revenue – Update Given**
- g. Operations Budget – Update Given**

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

- a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given**
- b. Lake Wanahoo Primitive Cabins – Update Given**

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- a. Information**
 - 1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**
 - 2. Analytics – Update Given**
 - 3. Lake Wanahoo Advertisement with News Channel Nebraska – Update Given**
- b. Education – Update Given**

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- a. Colon – Update Given**
- b. Bruno – Update Given**
- c. Other – None**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July 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. Variance Expanded Water Use with Allocation

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the changes to the Variance Expanded Water Use with Allocation by making the variance a 3-year commitment and no approval after March 15th. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Well Permit Program

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the well permit for Larry Kaspar (Kaspar Tree Farms) on Section 34-T16N-R8E, Yutan Subarea. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

3. Nitrogen Management Areas

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to authorize Chairman Ruzicka to sign the contract from EA Engineering for \$4,300 to conduct soil coring within the nitrogen test strips. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Nitrogen Management Grant – Update Given

5. NRD Framework Project – Update Given

6. Cost-Share Programs

1. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

2. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER BUDGET – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payments for well decommissioning to Marvin Kasik for \$647.94; David Grotelueschen for \$1,000; Reznicek Farms GP – 2 Wells for \$1,204.06 and Tommy E. King for \$343.35. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

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

b. Lower Platte River Consortium

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve LPNNRD's Share of \$2,849 for desktop exercise to evaluation the projects identified in the Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Tile Drains – Update Given

d. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

7. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve Diers Family Farm SWCP application for livestock well, pumping plant and stock tank for up to 75% state reimbursement and balance covered by NRD funds. Motion carried on consent agenda. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve SWCP Payment to Terry and Spring Wendt - \$7,464.60 for the completed Planned Grazing System Project. Motion carried on consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

a. Shell Creek Channel Improvement/Benching Project – Update Given

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

c. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to ratify General Manager, Eric Gottschalk's signing of the NDEE Interlocal Governmental Grant Agreement for the Shell Creek Corridor Enhancement and Conservation Implementation Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda

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. Platte River Camera/Sensor Project

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Interlocal cooperation Act Agreement for Platte River Cameras and Sensors as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the partnership letter of support, as attached, for the Platte River Cameras/Sensors Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. North Bend Drainage District Project – FEMA/NEMA Grant Fiscal Agent – Update Given

c. Dodge County Platte River Breach Repair – Fremont Rod and Gun Club

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Dodge County Platte River Breach Repair (Fremont Rod & Gun Club) Project Interlocal Agreement as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

d. Fremont East Drainage Ditch Improvement Project Grant Application – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to have JEO present a scope of work for expanding our Dam Breach Overlay District in Saunders County for 15 existing dams and for conducting a future Levee Failure Tabletop Exercise. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve and authorize Board Chairman to sign Hazard Mitigation Plan Agreement/Dam Breach Amendment #3 with JEO total cost of \$8,100 for expanding our Dam Breach Overlay District in Saunders County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. MIKE CHVATAL DAM

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to increase the maximum 75% cost-share on the Mike Chvatal Dam from \$32,297 to \$46,356. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the four Nebraska Buffer Strip applications submitted by Mary Theresa Norton and Sheryl Hansen totaling \$9,330.08. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

9. OTHER

a. Fremont/Johnson Lake Aeration Project

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve 50% up to \$5,000 maximum assistance,

toward the City of Fremont's aeration system for Johnson Lake. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Data Loggers on Monitoring Wells

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize staff to order the data loggers from in-Situ as outlined in the quote at an estimated cost of \$18,565.27. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Thompson, 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 July 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.

Larry Feala, Secretary