

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
August 10, 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, August 10, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our August 10, 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:

Bailey	Birkel	Feala
Hilger	Johnson	Kavan
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Hannah	Meduna	Meyer
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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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the July 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 – Update Given

1. LARM Attorney e-mail

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr Visit to Lower Platte North NRD – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following director's absence requests: February – Thompson and Yosten, April – Sabatka, May – Yosten, June – Birkel and Meduna. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. LARM 2020-2021 Renewal Proposal

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the renewal proposal from LARM in the amount of \$72,133 which reflects a 2% discount for a 1-year commitment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Compensation for Staff at Salary Lid - Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Johnson 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. Accounts Over 90 Days - Update Given

Chair Ruzicka reported that the budget hearing for public input was held on August 10, 2020 at the Lake Wanahoo Education Building. Notice of the hearing was published in the Fremont Tribune on August 5, 2020.

d. Review of FY '21 Budget

Olson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget with total expenditures of \$7,782,546. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the August 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. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Olson made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve FYRA to do Construction Observation at a cost of \$62,524 for the Wanahoo Stilling Basin repair as attached to the Operations Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Yosten

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to accept Valley Cooperation low bid of \$1,452,069.27 to repair the Wanahoo Stilling Basin as attached to the Operations Committee Minutes and authorize Notice to Award Contract. It was further moved to authorize Chairman Ruzicka to sign the “Notice to Proceed” after legal counsel review. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Thompson, Yosten

c. Cottonwood 21-A – Emergency Spillway – Update Given

d. Community Forestry – Roll Call Veterans Memorial – Newman Grove

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to provide cost-share assistance up to \$1,000 to the Newman Gove American Legion Post 73 after the completion of their tree planting project around the Roll Call Veteran Memorial. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study - Update Given

f. Grass Drill Revenue Saunders County – Update Given

g. Wanahoo Property Dirt Sales – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve cost-share assistance of 50% of \$3,000 to Don Medinger for repair work on his jetty system on the Platte River pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanhoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanhoo Camping – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Lake Wanhoo Advertisement with News Channel Nebraska – Update Given

3. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education

1. Education Programs – Update Given

2. Wachiska Audubon Society

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to support the Wachiska Audubon Society with the LPNNRD contributing up to \$4,300 this fiscal year with the ability for Wachiska Audubon Society to apply for similar amounts in years two and three, contingent on other partners participation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the August 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. Variances – Update Given

2. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area) Update Given

3. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area) Update Given

4. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Area – Update Given

5. Well Permit Program – Update Given

6. Municipal Well Permit – Update Given

- 7. Irrigation Runoff Complaints – Update Given**
 - 8. Nitrogen Management Areas – Update Given**
 - 9. Cost-Share Programs**
 - 1. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given**
 - b. Chemigation – Update Given**
 - c. Livestock Water Permits – Update Given**
 - 3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**
 - a. Decommissioned Well Program**
 - 1. Well Estimates – Update Given**
 - 2. Plugged Wells – Update Given**
 - 4. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES**
 - a. Tile Drains – Update Given**
 - b. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given**
 - 5. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given**
 - 6. Drought Map – Update Given**
 - 7. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**
 - a. State Lakes – Update Given**
 - b. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment of USGS for steam gauges and groundwater monitoring well for \$17,090 per agreement 20NRJFA00170. Motion carried on consent agenda.
 - 8. OTHER**
 - a. NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr Visit to Nebraska**
 - b. Comments from the Public – None**
- Johnson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the August 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 Pollard, to approve six applications listed for fall completion under the LPNNRD SWCP with a total allocation of \$70,840.09. 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

a. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – Update Given

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

c. U.P. Railroad Colfax County Bridge Replacement Project – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update FYRA Invoices

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the FYRA Contract amendment totaling \$95,469 contingent on receiving NRCS amendment approval for reimbursing LPNNRD for the additional expense. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to budget up to a maximum \$100,000 for the North Bend Drainage District Improvement Project in FY 2021, with LPNNRD's final contribution being contingent on the amount of grant assistance and other partner financial contributions secured for the project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to send letters of support for FEMA/NEMA and CDG grant applications as needed for the North Bend Draining District Improvement Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to endorse the JWMAB review group's recommendation to select FYRA Engineering for assisting with the North Bend Drainage District Improvement Project subject to approval by the North Bend Drainage District, Dodge County and the City of Fremont. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

a. Draft FY21 Projects Budget Review – Update Given

b. NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr’s Visit of Nebraska – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS – None

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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 Pollard, to approve the August Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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 August 10, 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