

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
October 12, 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, October 12, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our October 12, 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
Pollard	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Ruzicka	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Hannah (Zoom)	Meduna	Meyer (Zoom)
Olson (Zoom)	Yosten	

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	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

Kyle Overturf presented the 2020 Annual Audit.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the September 14, 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 – Update Given

c. LARM Annual Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make payment of \$73,004 to LARM for our Commercial Property Insurance effective 10/1/20- 10/1/21 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Education Coordinator Position

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to create a new position of Education Coordinator and bring a full job description to the Board for review and approval. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Seier made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to create a new position of Education Coordinator and advertise to fill the position. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Union Bank Line of Credit – Update Given

b. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

c. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld 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.

d. Accounts Over 90 Days - Update Given

e. Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Audit

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept and place on file the 2020 Audit Report as prepared and presented by Almquist, Malzahn, Galloway and Luth. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the October 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) – Update Given

c. Clear Creek Fuse Plug Camp Ashland (FEMA) – Update Given

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

e. Wanahoo Auxiliary Spillway Crack Repair – Update Given

f. Czechland Lake Report – Update Given

g. Recreation Area Hay – Update Given

h. Vehicles – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Education Building Rentals – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. Long Range Plan

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to take off the table the approval of the Long-Range Plan. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hilger to approve the FY2021 Long Range Plan as attached to the Operations Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Education

1. September Education Programs – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the October 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 Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Pollard to approve the 17 applications for 1,111 acres and 145.447 Acre Feet (AF) depletion. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Birkel to approve the application in the normal development area for 17 acres with 3.825 Acre Feet (AF) depletion. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Area

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the potential condition requirement for S23-T14N-R6E with additional condition changes shown on the updated version dated 10-07-2020. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the expansion of acres in the restricted development area with no increase in consumption by implementing a 3-year allocation for 20.25 acre inches for well G-069761 on the 200.23 acres and the additional 62.5 acres. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Well Permit Program – Update Given

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs - Update Given

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Flow Member Maintenance Program – Update Given

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

8. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

- a. **Decommissioned Well Program**
 - 1. **Well Estimates – Update Given**
 - 2. **Plugged Wells - None**
- b. **Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies – Update Given**
 - 1. **Phase Area Update – Update Given**
 - 2. **ELM Modeling Project – Update Given**
- c. **Long Range Plane 2020-21 – Update Given**

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

5. OTHER

- a. **Comments from the Public – None**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the October 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve fall SWCP application from Norman Lindgren in the amount of \$6,044.25. 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. **Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project**

- b. **Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given**

- c. **Shell Creek Channel Improvement & Benching Project – Update Given**

- d. **Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve septic system upgrade within the Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Improvement Area to Jerry Korte in the amount of \$4,800. 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

a. Mike Chvatal Dam

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve \$46,356.49 payment to Mike Chvatal for his completed dam within the Cottonwood Creek watershed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 – Update Given

b. Platte River Breach Repair Project (Rod and Gun Club) – Update Given

c. Platte River Camera/Sensor Project – Update Given

5. NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM

a. Nebraska Buffer Strip Program Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program contract for annual payment totaling \$24,364.29 as listed in the Projects Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Nebraska Buffer Strip Program Applications

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the six Nebraska Buffer Strip Program applications to Rezac Farms Inc. totaling 15.9 acres and \$3,528.22. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

8. OTHER

a. Johnson Lake Aeration Project – Fremont – Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to approve payment of \$4,705.98 to Friends of Fremont for the Johnson Lake Aeration Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. NRCS 2020 Conservation Accomplishments - Update Given

c. Wolfe Project Repair – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Payment

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to pay Randy Brabec \$2,097.86 for his grass waterway project and Lands for Conservation payment. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Feala 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 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 October 12, 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