

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, December 14, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

This meeting is being held via web and tele-conferencing with no public participation at the district's office Executive Order No. 20-36 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. Staff is present at the office to facilitate and host the meeting.

The agenda and supporting documents are available on the district's website – www.lpnnrd.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.

The advanced notice of our December 14, 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
Hannah (Zoom)	Hilger	Johnson (Zoom)
Kavan	Meduna	Meyer (Zoom)
Olson (Zoom)	Pollard	Sabatka (Zoom)
Saeger (Zoom)	Seier (Zoom)	Thompson (Zoom)
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Saalfeld

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Breunig (Zoom)	Mountford (Zoom)	Heimann (Zoom)
Lausterer (Zoom)	Sabatka	Gottschalk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report – Attached

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger reported on the Special Board Meeting of the NARD Risk Pool held December 11th to finalize the process to finance the new NARD office building. Hilger made the motion, seconded by Feala, to ratify and authorize Chairman Ruzicka to sign the dividend resolution as signed by the NARD Risk Pool Board Representative. Motion carried all members voting aye.

d. NRC Report - None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program – None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. Meetings

a. Pending - None

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Committee and Board Meeting Dates – Update Given

d. Retainer Agreement

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the \$500/month retainer agreement with Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer as attached to the Executive Committee minutes and authorize Chair to sign. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Officer Nominating Sub-Committee

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to appoint the Nominating Sub-committee of Birkel, Hannah, Hilger and Saalfeld and appoint Birkel as Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Education Coordinator Position

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve hiring Sydney Abbott for the permanent, full-time position of Education Coordinator. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Dodge County NRCS Field Office Assistant

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve hiring Luz Schafersman for the full-time position of LPNNRD Dodge County NRCS Field Office Assistant. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the October financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, 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

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the December 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. Western Sarpy Clear Creek O & M Addendum Agreement

Feala made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve and authorize General Manager to sign the Western Sarpy Clear Creek O & M Addendum and easements agreements as presented. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

e. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study - Update Given

f. Czechland Lake Camping Revenue – Update Given

g. Community Forestry

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to cost share 50% or \$512.65 to the Newman Grove American Legion Post 73 for tree planting at their Roll Call Veterans Memorial. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Czechland and Wanahoo Revenue - Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Cat Paws/Sediment Basin Cleaning – Update Given

d. Education Building Rentals – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

d. Auditor Report on Rural Water System Income Shortfalls – Update Given

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the December 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 Restricted Development Area

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the variance to expand acres without increasing consumptive use for the N½-NE¼-S15-T-13N-R8E from well G-072864. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Water Flow Meters – Update Given

3. Geological Framework Grant

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Feala, to authorize Board Chairman to sign the interlocal agreement with PMRNRD for LPNNRD participation in the geological framework project for an amount not to exceed \$45,200. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Hannah

4. Nitrate Tool Grant – Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs

- a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given
 - b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given
- 6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given
- 7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given
- 8. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given
- b. 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
 - c. Water Use Discussion – Update Given
- 4. OTHER
 - a. Comments from the Public – None

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the December 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 – None
 - 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 – Update Given
 - b. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given
 - c. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Application

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the septic system upgrade to Allen Zimmerman in the amount of \$12,598.32 and Reece Klug for \$4,800 cost-share through Shell Creek NDEE EPA 319 Water Quality Grant. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve \$4,800 cost-share payment to Jerry Korte for completed septic system upgrade. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Shell Creek Bank Channel Improvement /Benching Project – 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 – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

a. LPNNRD Reservoir Water Use Request – Update Given

b. SID #8 – Woodcliff Project

Jake Mirivosky, JEO Project Engineer and Lonnie Mahrt, SID representative provided details and presented their assistance requests. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to send Woodcliff project assistance request back to Projects Committee for more discussion. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Decommissioned Well Payment

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve payment of \$2,000 to new Branch Farms Inc. for decommissioning two wells in Saunders County S33-T15N-R8E (G-047089 and G-037726). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Meduna 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Director Hannah urged Directors to look at requiring flow meters on all irrigation wells within the District.

Director Sabatka reported he was contacted by a constituent about target shooting at Czechland lake and urged the NRD to post more signs.

Gottschalk presented Outgoing Directors Feala and Hannah with a plaque and thanked them for their years of service.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 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 December 14, 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