

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2021

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, February 8, 2021.

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 February 8, 2021 board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website.

Chair Pollard 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	Hilger
Johnson (Zoom)	Kavan	Lawrence
McGinn (Zoom)	Meyer (Zoom)	Olson (Zoom)
Ruzicka (Zoom)	Saalfeld	Saeger (Zoom)
Seier (Zoom)	Thompson (Zoom)	Veskerna (Zoom)
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Meduna	Sabatka
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford (Zoom)
Heimann (Zoom)	Andersen (Zoom)	Lausterer (Zoom)
Elliott (Zoom)		

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 his written report.

f. Education Program – None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2021 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. Meetings

a. Pending

b. Report

1. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve Directors Yosten, Saalfeld and Olson absences from Board Meetings as attached. Motion carried.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. District Insurance – Commercial Package – Update Given

d. Director iPads/Computer Stipend – Update Given

e. Wanahoo Stilling Basin Update – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel – None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the December Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the February LPNRRD Executive Committee Minutes be

received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to appoint Saeger as Chair and Seier as Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

3. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS – Update Given

4. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

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

b. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve alternative #1/Change Order (\$153,282.10), placing the sheet pile wall downstream, to direct General Manager to advise FYRA to have Valley Corp start as soon as possible and forfeit all current delay costs and the District realizes the risk of limited funding by FEMA and the threat of the approaching flood season. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Western Sarpy Clear Creek O & M Manuals – Update Given

d. Fremont Non-Structural 205 Study - Update Given

e. Grass Drill Rental Revenue – Update Given

f. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

g. Hazard Mitigation Grant – Ice & Water Level Monitoring – Update Given

5. ROCK AND JETTY – None

6. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Education Building Rentals – Update Given

d. 2021 Wanahoo Recreation Area Improvement – Update Given

7. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Shell Creek Watershed Scholarship – Update Given

2. Month In Review – Update Given

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the February LPNDRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chair

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Flow Meter Discussion

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

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

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the expansion of acres variance for Doug Ritthaler for the SW¼-S32-T17N-R8E in Saunders County for 20 acres. Motion carried on consent agenda.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, McGinn, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Meyer

2. Transfer of Irrigation Acres

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve Goedeken Farms acre transfer for 47 acres to the NE¼-S21-T18N-R1W with 37 acres from SE¼-S23-T18-1W and 10 acres from SE¼-S21-T18N-R1W. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Well Permitting Policy

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to start a dialogue with Saunders County Planning and Zoning, commissioners, and Zoning Administrator to share data on groundwater studies conducted by the NRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved

5. Water Flow Meter Violations – Update Given

6. Cost-Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program

7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

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

b. Ground Water Energy Levels - Update Given

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Plugged Wells

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve payment for well decommissioning to GDR Farms for \$788.45 and Hollst Brothers for \$1,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. Groundwater Committee Discussion – Update Given

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to hold the Water Committee Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. AltEn Facility Information – Update Given

6. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the February LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Election Projects Chair and Vice-Chair

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to appoint Sabatka as Projects Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to appoint Bailey as Projects Committee Vice-Chair. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

3. SWCP

a. SWCP Application Approvals – None

b. SWCP Payments

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve \$17,725.40 payment to Dires Family Farm for livestock well/pump/tank/pipeline with a breakdown: \$7,122.65 DNR reimbursement and the remaining balance of \$10,602.75 from the NRD SWCP local allotment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve \$10,679 payment to Dan Mensik for certified terrace and tile work. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals – None

e. 2021 LPNNRD Lands for Conservation

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to budget \$25,000 and to offer \$205/acre for completion of summer conservation work contracted through EQIP that fall outside the non-high priority watersheds. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the proposed 2021 Lands for Conservation (LFC) payment of \$205/acre for high priority watersheds (Wahoo/Shell) as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation

a. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve a \$506.25 (75%) cost-share payment to Tom Sprunk on the Wemhoff Construction invoice for additional work needed for loading and hauling waste material from the construction site. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Shell Creek Grant Funding

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to request JEO to present a proposed contract outlining the scope of work for updating the Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Management Plan, as attached to the Projects committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Payment

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve \$5,622.35 payment to Keith Runge for completed livestock watering facility. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Newman Grove School Water Testing Supply Assistance

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve a \$515.20 payment to Forestry Suppliers for Newman Grove Schools water testing supplies as attached to the Project Committee Minutes.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update FYRA Invoices – Update Given

2. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to request JEO to present a proposed contract outlining the scope of work for updating the Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Management Plan, as attached to the Projects committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. Elkhorn Township/East Fremont Mitigation Project Request

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to support the Elkhorn Township/East Fremont Mitigation Project with Dodge County, City of Fremont, and other JWMA partners up to a maximum of \$66,000 or 8% of the total project whichever is less. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Platte Township/West Fremont Mitigation Project Request

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to support the Platte Township/West Fremont Mitigation Project with Dodge County, City of Fremont, and other JWMA partners up to a maximum of \$20,000 or 8% of the total project whichever is less. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

d. North Bend Drainage District Project – Update Given

e. Dodge County/Rawhide Creek Watershed Planning Grant – Update Given

6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

8. OTHER

a. LPRCA Meeting Minutes

b. 2021 Local Work Group - Update Given

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the February LPNDRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS – None

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Kavan, 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

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the February Consent Agenda by deleting 6.B.4.b. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, McGinn, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Meyer

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The March Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 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 February 8, 2021, 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.

Robert Meduna Jr., Secretary