

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
March 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, March 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 March 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	Lawrence	McGinn (Zoom)
Meduna	Meyer (Zoom)	Olson (Zoom)
Ruzicka	Sabatka	Saeger (Zoom)
Seier	Thompson (Zoom)	Veskerna
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan	Saalfeld
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford (Zoom)
Heimann	Andersen	Lausterer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst reviewed his written report.

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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the minutes from the February 8, 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. Natural Resources Commission Meeting - Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the absence requests for Director Birkel for the September meeting and Director Meduna for the August and October Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. NRC Reimbursement Payment for Wanahoo Hay and Dirt Sales

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to make our required dirt/hay sales payment to the NRC in the amount \$44,293.50. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. DNR Representative – Update Given

e. LPNNRD Insurance - Commercial Package – Update Given

f. Frozen Pipe and Damage to Office – Update Given

g. Director iPads/Computer Stipend

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to reimburse all directors using their own computer/device \$25 per month and supply any director who does not have a computer with one of our existing iPads or similar devices. It is further recommended to eliminate any device requiring cell service. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel – None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the March 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 – Update Given

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. Wanahoo Dam Pressure Relief Wells – Update Given

d. Western Sarpy Clear Creek O & M Manuals

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the updated O & M Addendum Interlocal Agreement between the Army National Guard, Papio-Missouri River NRD, LPSNRD and LPNNRD and ratification of the NRD signature. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 FEMA/NEMA Reimbursement - Update Given

f. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

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

h. Platte River Ice Jam Removal Agreement – Update Given

i. Building and Property – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Wanahoo Hay and Dirt Sales Payment to the Natural Resources Commission

b. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

d. Tree Recognition Application Form - Update Given

e. Lake Wanahoo Fish Cleaning Station - Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. 2020-2021 Winter Viaduct - Update Given

3. Analytics – Update Given

4. Pheasant Forever Donation Request

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the donation of \$250 to the Peasants Forever Lower Platte Chapter for their annual banquet. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Education – Update Given

1. Education Update – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the March LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Flow Meter Discussion

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that Gregg Reeves obtain a letter from the Village of West, as this variance falls within the Village of Weston Wellhead Protection Management Area. If the Village allows Reeves to proceed, the Water Committee will re-evaluate the variance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Well Permit

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the Lincoln Water System well permit after obtaining the requested documentation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Cost-Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve a payment of \$17,563 to Tri-City Meters for their contract maintenance work on 271 meters (2020-2021). Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

5. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – 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

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. Remote Well Log Reads

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the invoice for \$5,390 to the METOS company for the yearly subscription cost. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that the March 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve SWCP payments to Robert and Lynda Fickes for \$10,000 and to Elaine Kaspar for \$6,218.65. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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. SCWIG Meeting Report - Update Given

b. Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the service agreement with JEO totaling \$31,630 for updating the Shell Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan as attached to the Project's Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

c. Shell Creek South Cannel/Benching Project Construction Contract

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to support the Shell Creek South Channel Improvement/Benching Project up to a maximum of \$240,000. Motion carried.

d. Shell Creek Watershed Survey

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to support the Shell Creek Watershed Survey up to \$22,000, as attached to the Project's Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

e. Shell Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan Project Payment

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve \$9,288.39 payment to Allan Zimmerman for construction of livestock watering facility through Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to request an additional \$225,000 of EPA 319 funding from NDEE for Shell Creek Project assistance. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the service agreement with JEO totaling \$31,630 for updating the Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan as attached to the Project's Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

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/NRCS Local Work Group - Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Czechland Lake – Railroad Ave. Road Right-of-Way and Shoreline Stabilization

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to support and proceed working with Saunders County Highway Department to complete the Czechland-Railroad Ave. shoreline stabilization project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Well Permitting Policy for Fire Protection Wells

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the updated Well Permitting Policy for Fire Protection Wells as attached to the official minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Holger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Meduna, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Yosten, Pollard

NAY: Meyer, Olson, Thompson

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Birkel, 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 Ruzicka, to approve the amended March Consent Agenda by deleting 6.C.4.c. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 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 March 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