

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, April 12, 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](http://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 April 12, 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	Kavan	Lawrence
McGinn(Zoom)	Meyer (Zoom)	Olson
Ruzicka	Sabatka	Saalfeld
Saeger (Zoom)	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Yosten	Pollard

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Sabatka	Heimann	Andersen (Zoom)
Schomer (Zoom)	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**

Poole gave a brief demonstration on the new electronic director expense form that is available.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the March 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 - None**

**b. Report - None**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absences - None**

**b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given**

**c. HBE contract Renewal**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize Manager Gottschalk to sign a two-year (July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2023) letter of engagement with HBE360 realizing a 3% increase. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Director iPad Needs - Update Given**

**e. Lake Wanahoo Developments – Update Given**

**f. LPNNRD Insurance Review – Update Given**

**g. 2021 Requirement to Re-District Due to 2020 Census – Update Given**

**4. Equipment**

**a. Potential for FEMA Funding with 428 Funds – Update Given**

**5. Personnel – None**

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the February Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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**

**d. Dodge County Farm Credit Leasing Service Correction – Update Given**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the April 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. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA) – Update Given**

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

**c. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given**

**d. Haying on Recreational Grounds**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to advertise and accept bids for haying of lands at Czechland, Homestead and Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II (Czechland Lake) – Update Given**

**f. Nebraska Land Trust – 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. General Lake Wanahoo Update - Update Given**

**6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Analytics – Update Given**

**3. Advertising with News Channel Nebraska**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve three months of advertising LPNNRD 30-second video with News Channel Nebraska for the “News” section at \$475 per month totaling \$1,425. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Education – Update Given**

**1. Education Programs – Update Given**

**2. Shell Creek Watershed Scholarship Applicant**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to reward Emma Montoya with a \$1,000 Shell Creek Watershed Scholarship. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Envirothon – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno – Update Given**

**c. Other – None**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the April 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**

The Committee passed a motion to take from the table the flow meter discussion no further action was taken.

**2. REGULATORY**

**a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA**

**1. Well Permit Program**

**2. METOs Equipment – Update Given**

**3. Water Use Reports and Flow Meters – Update Given**

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

**5. LPNNRD Operator Certification – 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**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept the bid for three (3) ProQuatro handheld water sensors for \$2,957 a piece with additional discounts for trade-ins on the old equipment. Motion carried.

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

**ABSENT:** Meyer

**2. New Monitoring Wells - Update Given**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to contract with UNL/CSD for three test holes per current UNL/LPN Cooperative Agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Phoenix WebGroup**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve Phoenix Webgroup work order updates for \$18,775 with 50% deposit in this fiscal year, with remaining amount in next fiscal year and to commit to the Silver Support Plan for \$2,500. Motion carried.

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

**NAY:** Meyer

**4. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Cost-share Projects – Update Given**

**4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

**5. OTHER**

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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the April LPNRRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE**

**2. SWCP**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the 2021 SWCP policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**a. SWCP Application Approvals – None**

**b. SWCP Payments**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve SWCP payment to Norm Lindgren for \$2,045.76. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. SWCP Cancellations – None**

**d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals – None**

**e. 2021 Tree Planting Cost-Share**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the six 2021 tree planting applications for 75% LPNRRD cost-share, totaling \$5,031 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed**

**1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation**

**a. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update - Update Given**

**2. Shell Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan Project Payment**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve septic system upgrade payment to James Brock for \$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**

**3. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given**

**4. Lands for Conservation**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve 2021 LFC applications to listed applicants totaling \$32,185. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. NEBRASKA BUFFERS STRIP PROGRAM CONTRACT APPROVALS**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve seven new NeBSP contract applicants, for a total of \$13,672.85 and 61.42 acres as listed in the Projects Committee minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**5. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Update Given**

**6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given**

**7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None**

**8. OTHER**

**a. Woodcliff (SID No. 8) FEMA 406 Bank Stabilization Project**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve 50% up to a maximum of \$40,000 assistance, toward the local share for completion of the FEMA 406 Mitigation Bank Stabilization Project. Motion carried.

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

**NAY:** Birkel

**ABSENT:** Meyer

**b. Schuyler Flood Risk Reduction/Drainage Improvement Project Assistance – Update Given**

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

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Well Permit**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the McKnight Well Permit application. Motion carried.

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

**ABSENT:** Meyer

**b. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the George Cejka Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation application for 13 acres in the amount of \$2,665. Motion carried.

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

**ABSENT:** Meyer

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that all bills be approved, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried.

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

**ABSENT:** Meyer

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 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 April 12, 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.