

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
May 10, 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, May 10, 2021.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The agenda and supporting documents are available on the district's website – www.lpnrd.org. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law has been posted on the NRD's website.

The advanced notice of our May 10, 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	McGinn
Meduna	Meyer	Olson
Sabatka	Saalfeld	Saeger
Seier (Zoom)	Thompson	Veskerna
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lawrence	Ruzicka
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest

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

Missy Baier, NRCS updated the Board on archeological findings and possible options for moving forward with completing the Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the April 12, 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

1. NARD Basin Tour Invite – Update Given

b. Report - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Diode Technologies – Software Warranty

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept the quote from Diode Technologies of \$1,551.93 to keep our phone system up to date with the newest firmware and patches from Zultys. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Open Meeting Act – Update Given

e. Bill.com – Approval of Bills – Adding Director – Update Given

f. Formal Naming of Wanahoo Education Building

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to formally name the Lake Wanahoo Education Building – “Clint Johannes Education Building.” Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. LARM Insurance Claim – Update Given - Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel – None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Olson 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

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the May 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

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the proposed Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the removal of volunteer/invasive trees on the Wanahoo Wildlife Areas. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

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

b. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve up to an \$18,138.75 increase for engineering cost related to changes/modifications and for the continued observation on Wanahoo Stilling Basin repair contingent on receiving all information from FYRA as to project costs savings and change orders. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

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

d. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

e. Haying on Recreational Grounds

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the high bids for the haying of the Districts recreation areas as listed on the spreadsheet attached to the Operations Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Education Building – Update Given

d. Sprinkler System for Wanahoo Education Building

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve up to \$2,900 for a sprinkler system to be installed at the Lake Wanahoo Education Building. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – None

b. Education – Update Given

1. Past and Upcoming Events – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the May LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Letters for Non-Compliance

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to recommend staff to send letters to Jim Lamprecht and Gaylen Kamrath explaining that their variances are voided and have Board Chairman sign the letters. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Variance Requests Expansion with Allocation

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the allocation expansion variance on the condition that a letter is received from Brad Wallin to allow the use of well G-144086 to irrigate the S½-NE¼-S15-21N-5W for 13.01 inches over a required 3-year period. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Well Permit Program – Update Given

4. Well Permit

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve a new well permit for John Larson as this tract of land already has certified irrigated acres. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

6. Surface Water to Ground Water – Update Given

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

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Flow Meters

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to include the two new mag meters for the LPNNRD approved meter list from McCrometer and C-Isolution companies. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment for \$1,000 to Dwaine J. Schmit & Selma S. Trustees for well decommissioning. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells - Update Given

d. Dewatering Well – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the May 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

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the five listed summer SWCP applications totaling \$49,492.85 in allocations as listed in the Projects Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve \$495 payment for emergency repair to Jon Gehring. 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. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetland Project

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to make payment of \$3,112.50 to Tom Sprunk for additional rock on his bank stabilization/wetlands project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Shell Creek Channel Improvement/Benching Project – UP Railroad Bridge – Update Given

c. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan Applications

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the three Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement applications to Mike Dvorak, River Road Inc. and Reece/Beau Klug totaling \$22,521.72. 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. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. Platte River Breach Repair Project (Rod & Gun Club) Bid Opening – Update Given

b. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Project Proposal – Update Given

c. Rawhide Watershed Study – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

a. Schuyler Flood Risk Reduction/Drainage Improvement Project Assistance

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve \$25,000 per year (\$50,000 total) for two years toward the flood risk reduction/drainage improvement project including the flap gate closure structures on storm sewers in the City of Schuyler. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, McGinn, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Yosten, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Thompson

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - None

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 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 May 10, 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