

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 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, July 12, 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 July 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	Meduna	Olson
Ruzicka (left 8:20 pm)	Saalfeld	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Veskerna
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Meyer	Sabatka
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Heimann	Andersen	Elliott (Zoom)
Sabatka (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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Biden 30 x 30 Plan

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to take off the table the 30 x 30 Biden Plan for discussion. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Saeger

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the draft resolution by the Lower Platte North NRD regarding President's Executive Order #10048 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

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

NAY: Saeger, Seier

2. Meetings

a. Pending – None

b. Report

Water Strategies monthly report attached to minutes.

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the following director's absences: Sabatka for the February Meeting (Water main broke), Lawrence for the May Meeting (out of state business travel), Meduna for the February (Pioneer Meeting), April (Planting) and June (Planting and Seed Business). Bailey for the June Meeting (Field Work). Moton carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Farm Credit Leasing Services Correction Dodge County – Update Given

d. LARM Insurance Update – Update Given

e. Platte Valley Drainage District Saunders County – Update Given

f. FYRA Contract Extension from May – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. General Manager Annual Review – Update Given

b. Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting Date – Update Given

c. Troy Thompson – IT Contract – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, 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. Budget Workshop – Update Given

e. Budget Hearing and Levy Hearing – Update Given

f. Preliminary FY22 Draft Budget – Update Given

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July 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. New Equipment for 2019 Flood Damaged Projects (FEMA) – Update Given

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

e. Platte Valley Dike and Drainage District (Saunders County) - Update Given

f. Platte River Ice Agreement Invoice – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve 50% cost-share, \$1,012.50 to Don and Dave Medinger for bank stabilization on the Platte River in Butler County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo 4th of July Fireworks – Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Education Building

a. Building Rentals – Update Given

b. Building Name Change

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the official naming of the Wanahoo Education Building to be renamed to “Clint Johannes Education Building [at Lake Wanahoo]. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – None

3. News Channel Nebraska – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Education Programs – Update Given

2. Wachiska Audubon Request

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to support the Wachiska Audubon Society with the LPNNRD contributing \$1,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to write off \$891 water service expense from Colon Rural Water account 57, Shad and Regina Hejhal. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July 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 Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to allow Bruce Staub/James Penne to irrigate the additional 14 acres in the NW¼-S2-T22N-R5W, Boone County with the conditions that no-till practice continues, require a cover crop after soybeans and annual site visit by NRD staff. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Well Permit Program – Update Given

3. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay the invoice for \$6,823.76 from the UNL/CSD for monitoring equipment in the Dakota wells located in SQS#2. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment for well decommissioning to Lynn Wondercheck for \$618.68. 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

3. Groundwater Budget – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the July 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

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payments through SWCP program to Brian Stuart, Brad Benzel and Dave Vrana totaling \$1,225.50. 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 – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – Update Given

3. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Practice Application

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve August Runge Jr.'s Shell Creek application for new livestock well, tanks and forage seeding for \$12,667.47. 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 – Update Given

c. Lands for Conservation

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve Austin Vermeline's LFC application for 40 acres - \$8,200 in the Cottonwood Creek Watershed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Project Proposal

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to support Dodge County's selection of JEO for the Elkhorn Township/East Fremont Drainage Improvement Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Platte River Breach Repair Project (Fremont Rod & Gun Club) – Update Given

c. Rawhide Creek Evaluation RFP's (WFPO)

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

a. Leshara Drainage Improvement Project Assistance

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to budget \$31,000 in FY2022 and another \$31,000 in FY2023 to assist Leshara with their Drainage Improvement Project. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Birkel, Kavan, McGinn

b. North Bend Dike Stabilization Project – Easement Preparation

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve 1/3 of the cost, up to \$13,000 maximum assistance to the City of North Bend, for hiring JEO to develop easement for the North Bend Levee System. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. LPNNRD Budget Review – Update Given

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Czechland Lake Shoreline/Railroad Avenue Road Stabilization Project

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve and authorize Board Chair Frank Pollard to sign the Czechland Lake Shoreline/Railroad Avenue Road Stabilization Project Interlocal Agreement, as attached. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that approve and pay all bills less FYRA Engineering in the amount \$18,138.75, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to go into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. for the protection of public interest due to the potential for litigation and to authorize the following to stay: Legal Counsel Lausterer and all NRD Staff present. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to go out of Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to pay invoice 022-062 to FYRA Engineering in the amount of \$18,138.75. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Yosten

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 July 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

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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