

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
August 9, 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, August 9, 2021.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

The advanced notice of our August 9, 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:**

Birkel	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan	Lawrence	Meyer
Olson	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Pollard	

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Bailey	McGinn(Zoom)	Meduna
Ruzicka	Yosten	

**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's report was 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**

Tyler Young and Kris Poly with Water Strategies were available via Zoom to go over their monthly report and

representation agreement.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the July 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 – None**

**b. Report – None**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absence**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the absence request from Yosten for the June Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**c. Insurance Request for Proposals – Update Given**

**d. Office Cleaning Contract**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to compensate Anna Gottschalk \$250 for extra disinfecting and cleaning during COVID. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Wanahoo Stilling Basin – Update Given**

**4. Equipment – None**

**5. Personnel**

**a. Potential Staff Member Transitioning to Part-Time (Half-Time)**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to move toward transitioning Will Brueggemann to half-time by mid-September working remotely and review his performance and workload at the end of the year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

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

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, 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. Review of FY '22 Budget**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget with total expenditures of \$8,217,366. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the August 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to accept the Wanahoo Wildlife Area tree removal bid of \$15,000 from Billy Chromy. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS**

**a. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)**

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Lawrence to approve Staff to ask FEMA for a change of scope on the Wanahoo Stilling Basin to potentially add relief wells, repair the concrete basin floor and include all engineering costs. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Pollard

**NAY:** Meyer

**b. New Equipment for 2019 Flood Damaged Projects (FEMA) – Update Given**

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

**d. Dog Training Facility on Wanahoo Property – Update Given**

**e. No-Till Grass Drill Revenue – 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. New Equipment for 2019 Flood Damage at Lake Wanahoo**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize Staff to purchase a Bobcat CT4045 from Bobcat of Omaha for \$27,319 and a 2022 Mule 4010 from Star City Motor Sports for \$14,573.30. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Lake Wanahoo Education Building – Update Given**

**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. Events – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno – Update Given**

**c. Other – None**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the August LPNDRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**2. REGULATORY**

**a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA**

**1. Supplemental Well Permit Request**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve changing the replacement well permit for G-105753 in S2-T14N-R9E to a supplemental well and change the original replacement well permit to a new well permit. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, Meyer, Olson, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Pollard

**NAY:** Kavan, Sabatka

**2. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Irrigation well Sample Kits – Update Given**

**b. Chemigation – Update Given**

**c. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given**

**3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells – Update Given**

**b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies**

**1. Phase Area Update – Update Given**

**2. Phoenix Data Base**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the second payment of \$9,387.50 to Phoenix Webgroup for updating the online reporting website. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Monitoring Wells**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize staff to order 3 data loggers from In-Situ at an estimated cost of \$3,042.35. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Groundwater Budget – Update Given**

**5. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. State Lakes – Update Given**

**b. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the payment to USGS for \$17,340 for continued partnership on stream gages and groundwater monitoring wells. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. OTHER**

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the August 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve eight SWCP application approvals for fall 2021 totaling \$75,534.17 as listed the Projects Committee Minutes.

**b. SWCP Payments**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve \$1,348.50 payment through SWCP Tree program to Jason Scott. 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve \$4,800 payment to John Sonderman for completed septic system upgrade within the Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Grant. 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 – Update Given**

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

**4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**a. Rawhide Creek Work Plan-Environmental Assessment – Update Given**

**b. Platte River Camera Sensor – Update Given**

**c. Elkhorn Township/East Fremont Drainage Improvement Project – Update Given**

**d. Platte River Breach Repair Project – Update Given**

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

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

**7. OTHER**

**a. LPNNRD Budget Review – Update Given**

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Water Strategies – Representation Agreement**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Olson, to authorize Board Chair, Frank Pollard to sign the representation agreement with Water Strategies effective August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023 as attached. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Pollard

**NAY:** Meyer

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**AYE:** Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Pollard

**ABSTAIN:** Meyer

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

**AYE:** Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Pollard

**ABSTAIN:** Meyer

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 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 August 9, 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.

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Robert Meduna Jr., Secretary