

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
September 13, 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, September 13, 2021.

1. NOTICE OF 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.

The advanced notice of our September 13, 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
Meduna (arrived 6:55 pm)	Olson	Ruzicka
Saalfeld	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Yosten
Pollard		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan	Meyer (Zoom)	Sabatka
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Heimann	Andersen (Zoom)	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 – None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve the minutes from the August 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

1. NARD Fall Conference – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve the absence request from Directors Ruzicka, Yosten and Bailey from the August Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. NARD Dues

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to pay the FY 2021-2022 NARD Membership Dues in the amount of \$30,118.22. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. November Board Meeting – Update Given

e. NRD Insurance RFP's

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to accept the bid package from FNIC – Glatfelter Insurance in the amount of \$111,946 effective 10/01/2021 to 10/01/2022. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Office Cleaning Contract

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to accept the low bid of \$115/Week from Lisa Russ to clean the NRD office. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. NRD Owned Lots

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to have staff move forward in selling the NRD owned lots at Thomas Lake and the one lot east of Lake Wanahoo. It was further recommended to have Staff follow the necessary steps as outlined by Legal Counsel Lausterer. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. 2020 Census Redistricting Data – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Attached are the July Financial Statements and they will be approved after we receive the annual audit.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, 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 State Budget that includes total expenditures of \$8,217,366 with tax levy rate of .03345 for a tax asking of \$3,480,715 that same asking as the past five years. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, that the September 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)

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve payment to FYRA Engineering for Invoice 022-064 for \$12,713.36 and Invoice 022-066 for \$2,501.25. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

c. No-Till Grass Drill Revenue – Update Given

d. Wanahoo Dirt Sales – Update Given

e. Czechland Lake Camping Revenue – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve payment of \$4,000 to Don 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. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – None

3. Viaduct – Update Given

4. Long Range Plan – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Future Events – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve water supply service agreement via second amendment and give Board Chair and General Manager authority to sign amendment/agreement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Other – None

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, that the September 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. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Areas – Update Given

2. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area) Update Given

3. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve 6 variance applications to the following: Roland Kavan (S36-17-5E) Doug Ritthaler (S4-16-8E, S26-17-7E, S9-16-8E, S15-16-8E) and Randall Fendrich (S17-15-3E). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Well Permit

a. Well Permits Approved

b. Well Permit #1

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the well permit for Platte County Highway Department. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Well Permit #2

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the supplemental well permit for James Klassen for S15N-T20N-R5W. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

- 5. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given**
 - 6. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC)**
 - 7. Cost-Share Programs**
 - a. Irrigation well Sample Kits – Update Given**
 - b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given**
 - b. Ground Water Quality Sampling**
 - 1. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**
 - 2. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given**
 - c. Chemigation – Update Given**
 - 3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**
 - a. Decommissioned Well Program**
 - 1. Well Estimates – Update Given**
 - 2. Plugged Wells**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve payment for well decommissioning to David R. Pieke for \$1,000 and Kerry Knuth for \$712.50. 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**
 - c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given**
 - 4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**
 - a. State Lakes – Update Given**
 - 5. OTHER**
 - a. Know Your Well Grant**
 - b. Tile Drains – Update Given**
 - c. GMDA Winter Conference – Update Given**
 - d. Long Range Plan 2022 – Update Given**
 - e. Comments from the Public – None**
- Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, that the September 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 - None

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 Septic System Upgrade Application

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve \$4,800 application from Keith Runge for 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

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to pay Saunders County \$174,763.07 invoice as attached for LPNNRD's commitment towards the completed Czechland Lake/Railroad Road Stabilization Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. Platte River Camera Sensors

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to terminate the Platte River Cameras/Sensors Interlocal Agreement dated July 15, 2020, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, and present a new Interlocal Agreement with USGS for consideration. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve and authorize LPNNRD Board Chair to sign a new Platte River Cameras/Sensors Interlocal Agreement with PMRNRD, Dodge County and Fremont. It was further moved to approve and authorize LPNNRD Board Chair to sign the corresponding USGS agreement, upon approval of the Interlocal by all Partners and after Legal Counsel review of both documents as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Platte River Breach Repair Project – Update Given

c. Rawhide Creek Work Plan-Environmental Assessment – Consultant Selection

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to support Dodge County's selection of JEO Consulting Group to complete the Rawhide Creek Work Plan-Environmental Assessment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

- a. SID No. 8 (Woodcliff Lakes) Project Assistance Request – Update Given**
- b. Wolfe Sediment Removal – Update Given**
- c. Long Range Plan – Update Given**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, that the September 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

Ruzicka 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

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve the September Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The October Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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.