

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
October 11, 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, October 11, 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 October 11, 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:

Hilger	Johnson	Lawrence
McGinn	Meyer	Ruzicka
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Veskerna	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Birkel	Kavan
Meduna	Olson (Zoom)	Saalfeld
Thompson	Yosten	

STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report – None

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report – None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Kyle Overturf from Almquist, Malzahn, Galloway and Luth CPA presented the June 30, 2021, Annual Audit. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka to accept, and place on file the 2021 Audit Report as prepared and presented by AMGL. Moton carried all members present voting aye.

Item 6.B.3.a. – Wanahoo Stilling Basin – FEMA was taken at this time

Mike Sotak was present to discuss timeline of the basin floor design and the design of the dewatering wells with the capability to be converted to pressure relief wells. Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to have FYRA move forward and work with Valley Corporation to covert the six dewatering wells to pressure relief wells. It was further recommended to give the Executive Committee the authority to obtain prices and decide if stainless steel is cost effective to use in the pressure relief wells. Motion carried.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Meyer, Ruzicka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Pollard

NAY: Sabatka

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the minutes from the September 13, 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

b. Reports – None

1. NARD Fall Conference – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the absence request from Director Meduna from the August Meeting. Moton carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. LB 406 – Update Given

d. Director Per-Diem Policy – Update Given

e. October-November-December Board Meetings

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Sager, to designate October an in-person meeting, and November and December will be virtual. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. FNIC Insurance

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to make payment of \$111,286 to FNIC for our Commercial Package and Workers Compensation effective 10/1/21 to 10/1/22 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

g. Long Range Plan – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel - None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna to approve the July and August 2021 Financial Statements as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, 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. FY Annual Audit – This item was taken earlier

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the October LPNDRD 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to file paperwork to change our Power of Attorney with the Department of Agriculture to our current General Manager. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve the FYRA Professional Services Amendment 3 agreement in the amount of \$76,805.52 for design and completion work on the Wanahoo Stilling Basin. Motion carried.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Ruzicka, Saeger, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Pollard

NAY: Meyer

b. Clear Creek Levee – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Dirt Borrow with ME Collins

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve and extend the borrow agreement with ME Collins with cost changes effective January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023, and option to automatically renew for two additional years ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. NRD Owned Lots – Update Given

e. District Assisting with a Sheriff's 1969 Cold Case – Update Given

f. Bellwood 6-F Landowner Request

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the purchase of fencing materials, two rolls of barbed wire and twenty-five steel fence posts for Greg Beringer to re-fence the face of dam Bellwood 6-F. 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. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – None

3. Long Range Plan

Veskerna mand the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve Draft #2 of the Long-Range Plan as attached to the Operations Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Education – Update Given

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Future Events – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the October 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 Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area) Update Given

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the HCA variance applications that have a ranking score over 376, for a total of 199.769 Acre Feet of depletion as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Meyer

2. Well Permit Program

- 3. Transfer of Irrigated Acres – Update Given**
- 4. Cost-Share Programs**
 - a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given**
 - b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given**
- 5. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**
- 6. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given**
- 7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given**

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

- a. Decommissioned Well Program**
 - 1. Well Estimates – Update Given**
 - 2. Plugged Wells – None**

b. New Monitoring Wells

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the quote from Dvorak Well Inc. for drilling a monitoring well north of Richland. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

- c. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies**
 - 1. Phase Area – Update Given**
 - 2. Nebraska Nitrate Working Group – Update Given**
 - 3. Long Range Plan – Update Given**
- d. Land Application Discussion – Update Given**

4. OTHER

- a. Comments from the Public – None**

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the October 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve SWCP fall application from Taylor Murren for \$12,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 South Branch Project Payment

Seier made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to pay Colfax County \$60,710 for work completed by Pruss Construction on the Shell Creek South Branch Project after receiving an invoice from the County for work completed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Practice Application

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Practice Application to John Klassen for \$1,359.98. 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. Wahoo Creek Stakeholder Meeting – Update Given

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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

b. Platte River Camera/Gauges Project Update

c. Elkhorn Township East Fremont Project Evaluation – Update Given

5. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

6. OTHER

a. SID No. 8 (Woodcliff Lakes) Project Assistance Request – Update Given

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve a total of \$105,000 toward the SID No. 8 (Woodcliff) bank stabilization project (near Lots 1142-1134, as attached) to be paid over three fiscal years (\$35,000 per year). Motion carried on consent agenda.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Meyer

b. Long Range Plan – Update Given

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the October LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Decommissioned Well Payments

Meyer made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to make payment of \$634.55 to J & E Plasek Family LLC,

Butler County, for decommissioning a stock well. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Ruzicka the motion, seconded by McGinn, that all bills be approved, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Meyer

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 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 October 11, 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