

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD office on Monday, January 10, 2022.

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 January 10, 2022, 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 (Zoom)	Lawrence	McGinn
Meduna	Meyer (Zoom)	Olson
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Veskerna
Pollard		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan	Ruzicka (resigned 1/1/22)	Yosten
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Walkenhorst monthly report is 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

John Engel with HDR gave an update to the Board on the Lower Platte Coalition.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the minutes from the December 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

1. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve Meduna’s absence request from the October and November Board Meeting and Veskerna’s from the December Meeting. Moton carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. Director Retreat Date and Location – Update Given

d. 2022 Election Certification – Update Given

e. At Large Director

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to accept Gene Ruzicka’s letter of resignation effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to start advertising the At-Large Director Vacancy in the newspaper and website and to have the Executive Committee bring forward a recommendation to the February Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. February Board Meeting

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to move the February Board Meeting to Thursday, February 10th starting at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Retainer Agreement – Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to authorize Board Chairman to sign the retainer agreement with Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer as attached the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Water Resources Technician – Update Given

b. Assistant Manager Search Committee

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to move forward with advertising the Assistant Manager position with initial interviews to be held early February. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the Final October and November 2021 Financial Statements as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the January 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 – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Chairman Pollard pulled this item off of Consent Agenda

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve moving forward with RFP's for giving the district a cost for engineering, design and observation on the basin floor rehab and to advertise and open the bidding process to contractors for construction. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. NRD Owned Lots – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Relief Wells – Update Given

d. Rawhide Ditch Culvert Repair – 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. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – None

3. News Channel Nebraska Advertising

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to proceed with the News Channel Nebraska Advertising schedule as shown in the Operations Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Education – None

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the January LPNNRD 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. Irrigated Acre Transfer – Update Given

2. Phase Area Update – Update Given

3. Well Permit Program

4. Variance Score Sheet – Update Given

5. Remediation Water – Update Given

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

8. LPNNRD Online Reporting Sessions

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to donate \$100 to both David City and Schuyler libraries for allowing LPN staff to utilize their facilities for online training meetings. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

b. LIVESTOCK WASTE PERMITS – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment for well decommissioning to Hemmer Land LLC for \$790.88. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to pay the ENWRA invoices of \$30,000 for the dues and \$3,400 for GeoCloud. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. SUFACE WATER PROGRAMS – UPDATE GIVEN

a. USGS Stream Flow Gaging Sites

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to pay Lower Platte South invoice of \$6,562 for the water level and quality sampling gauge at Leshara. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the January LPNDRD 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve \$12,500 SWCP payment to Dwayne Lanc. 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

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 Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. Platte River Camera/Gauges Project – Update Given

5. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

6. OTHER

a. Morse Bluff Dike Breach Assistance Request - Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Shell Creek Septic System Payment

Seier made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to pay John Hannah \$3,151.37 for his Septic System Upgrade. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld 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.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the amended January Consent Agenda by removing 6.B.3.a. Motion carried.

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

ASTAIN: Meyer

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 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 January 10, 2022, 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