

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
November 8, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at Schuyler High School, Schuyler NE on Monday, November 8, 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 November 8, 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
Meyer	Olson	Ruzicka
Saalfeld	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Pollard

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Kavan	Meduna	Sabatka
Yosten		

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS**

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report**

Walkenhorst was present and gave his monthly 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**

Prior to the meeting we heard from the Shell Creek Watershed Group.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the minutes from the October 11, 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. GMDA Annual Meeting**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to send up to two staff and two directors to the GMDA Annual Conference January 18-20 in San Antonio. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. NACD Annual Meeting**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to send up to two staff and two directors to the NACD Annual Meeting February 12-16 in Orlando, FL. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Reports – None**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absence**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the absence request from Director Kavan from the September Meeting and Directors Thompson and Birkel from the October Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Monthly Education Program – None**

**c. NACD Dues**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to pay our annual dues to NACD in the amount of \$1,776. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. November Board Meeting – Update Given**

**e. HWY 77/92 – Update Given**

**f. 2022 Board Meeting Zoom Policy – Update Given**

**g. Census Redistricting**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the LPNNRD updated 2020 census sub-district bounds maps as presented and submit to the State for final approval. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. Equipment – None**

**5. Personnel - None**

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier to approve the September 2021 Financial Statements as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, 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. UBT Line of Credit**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to renew our \$400,000 line of credit with Union Bank and Trust for 3 years. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, that the November 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) – Update Given**

**b. Platte Valley Drainage District Levee Project**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay Platte Valley Drainage District \$31,791.90 toward the completion of their levee repair. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Hay Harvest Recreation Areas – Update Given**

**d. Trapper for Hire – Update Given**

**e. Bellwood Ditch 4 – Update Given**

**4. ROCK AND JETTY - None**

**5. LAKE WANAHOO**

**a. HWY 77/92 and 109 Intersection - Update Given**

**b. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given**

**c. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given**

**d. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given**

**6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Analytics – None**

**b. Education – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon – Update Given**

**b. Bruno**

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the proposed rate schedule effective March 1, 2022, for Bruno RWS as attached to the Operations Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Other – None**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, that the November 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. Supplemental Well Permit**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Ray Kucera Jr. supplemental well permit for E½-SE¼-S26-T15N-R8E. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**2. Variance Ranking Sheet Discussion – Update Given**

**3. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given**

**4. Nitrate Results - Update Given**

**5. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

**6. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given**

**7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given**

**8. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC)**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve paying the invoice for \$10,000 to NARD for Lower Platte River Coalition Dues. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**9. Water Transfers- Update Given**

**3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve payment for well decommissioning to Laska Land LLC for \$418.50 and Dawson Farm and Ranch for \$1,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**1. Phase Area – Update Given**

**2. Lower Platte River Consortium**

Olson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to ratify LPNNRD General Manager Gottschalk signing the Lower Platte River Consortium Amendment for a 1-year extension. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given**

**d. GMDA Conference – Update Given**

**4. OTHER**

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

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, that the November 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 Environmental Enhancement Plan Practice Application**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve \$7,555.93 payment to August Runge for certified practice completion of a Livestock Pump Well and Tanks within Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan. 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. Platte River Camera/Gauges Project – Update Given**

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

**5. HAZARD MINIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

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

**6. OTHER**

**a. Platte Center Channel Project Request**

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve 50% cost-share, up to a maximum of \$15,000 assistance, for assisting Platte Center with removing fallen trees in Elk Creek as it flows through the north part of town, as attached. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Bellwood Drainage Ditch Seier4 Request - Update Given**

**c. Platte River Corridor Alliance Meeting – Update Given**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, that the November LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Well Permit Approval**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the well permit for Grace A. Steward Family Trust in the NE¼-NW¼-S20-T129N-R2W. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

Ruzicka the motion, seconded by Johnson, 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**

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the November Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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

**NAY:** Birkel, Meyer

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The December Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have “Update Given” can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

Board Meeting Minutes

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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 November 8, 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