

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2021

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, December 13, 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 December 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	Kavan	Lawrence
McGinn	Meduna	Meyer (Zoom)
Olson	Ruzicka	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Veskerna	Yosten
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	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 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

Dave Ruder with Live Well Go Fish was present to give his year-end review.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the November 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. GMDA Annual Meeting – Update Given

2. NACD Annual Meeting – Update Given

3. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the absence request from Director Sabatka for November, Kavan and Yosten from the October and November. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – None

c. Wanahoo Stilling Basin – Update Given

d. 2022 Board Meeting Schedule and Designation of Remote Meetings – Update Given

e. LR-23 Hearing – Update Given

f. Wanahoo Recreation Season Year-end Review

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to transfer \$108,778.87 (park revenue) and \$4,339.12 (education building) totaling \$113,117.99 from general fund to Wanahoo Recreation account. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. Wanahoo Long Range Park Development – Update Given

h. Potential Office Location at Wanahoo

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to start the information process of requesting RFP's on potential costs and design of an office at Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meduna

ABSTIAN: Meyer

i. 2022 Committee and Board Meeting Schedule – Update Given

j. 2022 Election Certification – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Assistant Manager Job Description and Discussion on Hiring Process – Update Given

b. New Water Technician Position

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to proceed with advertising and interviewing for LPNNRD Water Technician position. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Wanahoo Recreation Supervisor Salary Percentage Assignment – Update Given

d. Discussion on 4 Day Work Week – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson to approve the October 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 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. Dodge County Tax Roll Correction

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize management to send a letter to Dodge County Treasurer authorizing them to deduct \$521.46 from our account for the tax roll correction for 2700 – 2850 E. 23rd. LLC. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the December 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 Olson, to approve the estimated \$89,607.86 to convert the Wanahoo Stilling Basin de-watering wells to pressure relief wells which will not be covered by FEMA. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. NRD Owned Lots – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Relief Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to have staff develop an RFQ/RFP for the reconditioning of Wanahoo Dam relief wells and to have Olsson's review it and then obtain bids from qualified Well Drillers for this project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Trapper for Hire

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the low bids of \$25 set-up fee and \$50/tail to trap nuisance beaver from Thomas Sabatka on the District's watershed dams and projects for one year within the 22-mile radius of Wahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Czechland Lake Camping 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

1. Lake Wanahoo Camping Rate Change

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to increase the Lake Wanahoo Camping Fee to \$20.00 per night effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Lake Wanahoo Recreation Season Review of Income and Expense – Update Given

d. Wanahoo Long Range Park Development Plan – Update Given

e. Live Well Go Fish Partnership – Update Given

f. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – None

3. Information and Education Department Video – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Shell Creek Scholarship

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to add a third \$1,000 Shell Creek Scholarship for the Lakeview students. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the December 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. Duane Johnson Certified Irrigated Acre Transfer Request – Update Given

2. Variance Scoring Sheet – Update Given

3. Well Permit Program

4. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

5. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

6. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

7. Nitrate Results Information - Update Given

8. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – 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. Phase Area – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make payment of \$3,042.35 to In-Situ Inc. for cables on 3 dedicated monitoring wells. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. SUFACE WATER PROGRAMS – UPDATE GIVEN

a. USGS Stream Flow Gaging Sites – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the December 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 Maximum Assistance Increase -Update Given

4. Septic System Application

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve septic system upgrade application for John Hannah in the amount of \$4,800. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Shell Creek Septic Upgrade Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve payment to David Geilenkirchen in the amount of \$3,134.22 for completed septic system upgrade. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

a. Septic System Maximum Assistance Increase

b. Septic System Upgrade Payment – Update Given

4. Lands for Conservation – 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

c. North Bend Drainage District Improvement Project – Update Given

5. HAZARD MINIGATION PLAN UPDATE

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

6. OTHER

- a. Bellwood Drainage Ditch #4 Request - Update Given**
- b. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Property Acquisition Grant Platte County – Update Given**
- c. Morse Bluff Dike Repair Assistance – Update Given**

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Nebraska Buffer Strip Payments

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the following 2021 Buffer Strip contract payment totaling \$11,040.35.

James Barjenbruch	\$1661.98
Charles Barjenbruch	\$2033.00
Dan Gehring	\$1074.23
Arlis Plummer	\$1074.23
David Luckey	\$2818.89
Diann Svatora	\$1327.70
Sam Welch	\$1050.32

b. UNL Shell Creek Survey Payment

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to make payment to UNL for completion of the Shell Creek Survey totaling \$19,530.03. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Wahoo Creek Lands for Conservation Payments

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the Lands for Conservation payment to participants as listed below:

PARTICIPANT	ACRES	PAYMENT
AUSTIN VERMELINE	63	\$12,915.00
CARL & SUSAN SOUSEK	63	\$12,915.00
DAVID SOUSEK	27	\$5,535.00
JON SWANSON	26	\$5,330.00
ROBERT POKORNY	56	\$11,480.00
CARL & DOROTHY PETERSON TRUST	7	\$1,435.00

Motion carried all members present voting aye

d. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade payment to Glen Theilen in the amount of \$6,487.81. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Letter of Request for Additional NDEE Funding

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to write a letter to NDEE requesting additional funding for the Wahoo Creek Grant and authorize Management to sign any necessary paperwork. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Olson the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, 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 Johnson, to approve the December Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, McGinn, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Pollard

NAY: Sabatka

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 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 December 13, 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