

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
March 14, 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, March 14, 2022.

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 March 14, 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	Lawrence	McGinn
Meduna	Meyer (Zoom)	Olson
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Veskerna
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan	Williams
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Elliott (Zoom)	Schomer
Heimann	Franzen	Lausterer
Sotak		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Walkenhorst reviewed 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

Sydney Abbott updated the Board on her master's degree project "Exploring how Education Coordinator of the NRD's in Nebraska utilize environmental education curricula."

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. Meetings

a. Pending - None

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the signed absence requests from Director Yosten from the October, November, December, January and February Board meetings. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Yosten

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. New Building RFQ Selection

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to select JEO to come up with a footprint of a potential new office for the NRD and negotiate a scope of services. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Olson, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Pollard

NAY: Birkel, Meduna, Meyer, Saalfeld

d. Update on Candidate Filings for 2022 Election – Update Given

e. Structural Liability – Wanahoo

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to add \$1 million structural liability on Lake Wanahoo for an additional premium of \$1,810. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Wanahoo Stilling Basin Apron Repair Proposals and Interview – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Assistant Manager Search Committee – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the Final January 2022 Financial Statement as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, 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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the March 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. Wanahoo Relief Wells

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to accept the low bid of \$63,600 from Rieschick Drilling Company to recondition 7 relief wells on the Wanahoo Dam. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Wanahoo Auxiliary Spillway RCC Crack Repair

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to accept the bids of \$46,490 from Fisher Building Services to repair the cracks on the Wanahoo Dam Auxiliary RCC Spillway upon approval by Dam Safety Engineer, Tim Gokie. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Wanahoo Stilling Basin Apron Repair Proposals

McGinn made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to hire FYRA Engineering to lead the project repair of the Wanahoo Stilling basin Apron Floor based on continuity and experience leading up to this floor repair and authorize Board Chair to sign the FYRA Contract for \$164,440. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

e. Bellwood Ditch 4 Breach Repair Estimate

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the \$4,500 quote form Krivanek Construction to repair the breach hold on the west bank of Bellwood Ditch 4. 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. Friends of Lake Wanahoo Meeting – Update Given**
 - d. 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 – Update Given**
 - b. Education**
 - 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**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the March LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT
1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the next 5-year ENWRA agreement to June 30, 2027 with LPNNRD contribution of \$30,000 and allow the General Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Thompson

3. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

2. Transfer Policy – Update Given

3. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

4. Cost Share Programs

a. Soil Moisture Sensors – Update Given

5. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

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

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve 2 well decommission payments to Charles Emanuel and Sons Inc. for \$613.87 and \$569.96. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

2. Water Committee Retreat – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to void the agreement with Dvorak Well Inc. as construction deadline was not met and to re-advertise for RFPs for monitoring well construction. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

6. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the March 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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve \$12,500 SWCP payment to Carl Sousek and \$2,909.94 SWCP payment to David Hanis. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals – None

e. 2022 Lands for Conservation

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the 2022 Lands for Conservation policy and \$192/acre payment rate. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

a. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Practice Payment

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve \$10,470.24 Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan payment to River Road Inc for livestock water upgrade. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Shell Creek Research Group Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to provide up to \$1,500 of water testing supplies and equipment for the Shell Creek Watershed Research Group. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dams – Landowner/Tenant Discussion – Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan Update

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to schedule a public informational meeting on LPNNRD's plans for the Wahoo Creek Watershed Flood Reduction Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Thompson to accept the Wahoo Creek plan as presented to NRCS for final review and authorize Olsson to move forward with completing designs and permitting for all ten Wahoo Creek Dam Sites (26a, 26b, 27, 55, 66, 77, 82, 84, 85 and 86). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update and FYRA Invoices – Update Given

4. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II – Update Given

5. Wahoo Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve \$5,499 payment to Kenneth Sousek for certified septic system upgrade. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. Platte River Camera/Gauges Project

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the USGS agreements 22NRJFA00010-01 and 22NRJFA00010-02 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Rawhide Creek WFPO Water Plan – WA – Update Given

5. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

6. OTHER

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, that the March LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Platte Center Bank Stabilization

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to pay City of Platte Center \$8,208 for clearing of trees near Elm Creek. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Shell Creek Septic Upgrade Application

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the Septic Upgrade Application for Dayle Alswager - \$6,000. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Meduna the motion, seconded by McGinn, that all bills be approved, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve the March Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:41 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 March 14, 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