

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD office on Monday, April 11, 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 April 11, 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	McGinn	Meduna
Meyer (Zoom/Nonvoting)	Olson	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Williams
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan	Lawrence
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

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 – None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the minutes from the March 14, 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

1. GMDA Summer Meeting

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to send up to two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Conference Copper Mountain, Colorado. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence – None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. New NRD Building – JEO

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to move forward in our initial phase of the new office planning and authorize Chair to sign agreement with JEO as attached. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meduna, Saalfeld

d. Legal Description Issues on LPNRND Property – Update Given

e. Wanahoo Stilling Basin Update – This item will be taken later in the meeting

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Assistant Manager

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the Personnel Sub-Committee’s recommendation to hire Ryan Chapman as the next LPNRRD Assistant Manager effective the first week of June 2022. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wanahoo Summer Positions – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the Final February 2022 Financial Statement 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 Yosten, 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the April 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)

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to move the Still Basin payment request involving Valley Corporation to the full board for discussion and possible motion. Motion carried on consent agenda.

This item will be further discussed at the end of the meeting.

b. Wanahoo Relief Well Reconditioning – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Auxiliary Spillway RCC Crack Repair – Update Given

d. Haying Recreation Areas – Update Given

e. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY - None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Breakwater Erosion

McGinn made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the low bid of \$13,725 from ME Collins to complete the erosion repair on the west end of the breakwater at Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Zero Turn Mowers for Lake Wanahoo

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve purchasing two Hustler Z Diesel mowers from Ty's Outdoor Power for \$16,000.72. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Wanahoo Primitive Camping Improvements

Seier made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve purchasing two Campers from Outbound Trailer located in Hastings at a total cost not to exceed \$22,085 to be rented out at Lake Wanahoo. Motion failed.

AYE: Johnson, McGinn, Olson, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Williams

NAY: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Meduna, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Yosten, Pollard

d. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Donations - Update Given

d. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. News Channel Nebraska Advertising – Update Given

b. Education

1. Shell Creek Scholarship Applications

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the three Shell Creek Scholarship applications received from Isaac Potmesil, Emma Jedlicka and Elyssa Cuevas. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Past Events – Update Given

3. 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 Yosten, that the April 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. Well Permit Program

a. Kyle Herchenbach Well Permit Application

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the late livestock well permit for Kyle

Herchenbach in the NW1/4-SW1/4-S23-T20N-R3W. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Jeffrey Hanson Well Permit Application

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the supplemental irrigation well permit for Jeffrey Hanson for E1/2-NE1/4-S33-T18N-R7E. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

2. Irrigated Acre Transfer Policy

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the draft irrigation acre transfer policy including Legal Counsel edits as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

4. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

5. LPNRRD Operator Certification – Update Given

6. Cost Share Programs

a. Soil Moisture Sensors

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve cost-share applications for advanced soil moisture sensors for John Schure, Brian Sanderson and James Brazda. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Flow Meters

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to take off all battery-operated meters from LPNRRD approved meters list including magnetic meters. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Groundwater Quality Sampling – Update Given

e. Livestock Waste Applications – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells – Update Given

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Consortium - Update Given

3. NDEE and NRD Regional Meeting – Update Given

c. Phoenix Database

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve support plan with Phoenix Webgroup for the Silver Plan at a cost of \$2,500/year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

5. OTHER

a. GMDA Summer Conference – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the April 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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to include tree handplants as an eligible high priority practice under our Soil and Water Conservation Program, at 50% cost-share assistance on handplanting of 600 or more trees, provided that the cooperators use our tree planting machine. It is further recommended that final approved payments will be subject to LPNNRD inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the 2022 SWCP policy with amendments/updates as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the five SWCP tree planting cost-share applications totaling \$4,232.50 as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes. 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

a. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetlands Project – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

c. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Application

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve Kevin Veeder's septic system upgrade application (60% up to \$6,000) within the 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. Olsson Design Update and Invoice - Update Given

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

4. Wahoo Creek Additional Watershed Assistance Discussion

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. Elkhorn Township/Fremont East Project Meeting – Update Given

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

5. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

6. OTHER

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Shell Creek Septic Upgrade Application

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Septic Upgrade Application for Kurt Stone - \$5,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed Environmental Assessment

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve NRCS Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan and authorize General Manager to sign the plan agreement as attached. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saeger the motion, seconded by Thompson, 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

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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the protection of public interest due to the potential for litigation and to authorize the following to stay: Legal Counsel Lausterer,

Gottschalk, Mountford, Breunig and Zoom participants Meyer, Heimann and Sotak (for a portion). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to go out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve final payment of \$678,618.22 to Valley Corporation subject to presentment of proper invoices showing reductions of extra quantities and hold 10% retainage or \$168,261.00 until final project walk through. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 April 11, 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