

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
May 9, 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, May 9, 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 May 9, 2022, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website.

Vice-Chair Thompson 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 (arrived 6:42)	Meyer (Zoom)
Olson	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Veskerna
Williams	Thompson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Pollard	Yosten
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Elliott (Zoom)	Heimann (Zoom)
Lausterer	Tyler Young (Zoom)	

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Walkenhorst's report is attached to the Minutes.

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report – None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Tyler with Water Strategies gave a brief update of current issues on Capital Hill and what their firm is doing for the NRD on a regular basis.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes from the April 11, 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. NARD Basin Tour – Update Given

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve Director absence requests from Williams for March, Saalfeld and Thompson for February and Kavan for January. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Williams

NAY: Meyer

ABSTAIN: Kavan and Thompson

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Czechland Property Issue

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to have Gottschalk work with JEO and current landowner to transfer the Czechland property with a temporary water easement in place. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. FYRA Email – Update Given

e. New Office Building Sub-Committee – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel – None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Final March 2022 Financial Statement as

attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Williams 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

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May 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

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve partnering with Ducks Unlimited, NE Game and Parks through a NAWCA Grant in renovating/developing the 16-acre wetland on the Wanahoo property along County Road P at a District cost of \$62,500 of which the funds will be used from the Wanahoo Operations account. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Birkel

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Olson made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to make final payment on the Wanahoo Stilling Basin to Valley Corporation in the amount of \$188,310.12 which includes retainage and change orders. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Meyer

b. Wanahoo Relief Well Reconditioning – Update Given

c. Haying Recreation Areas

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the four high bids for hay harvest on the district recreation areas from Dan Ourada, Dan Kadavy, Ken Cejka and Meduna Family Farms. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Cottonwood Dam Assessments – Update Given

e. Big Game Conservation Association Request

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to have staff work with BGCA to place a second elevated deer blind on the Wanahoo property for youth mentor deer hunting in coordination with the PATH program. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. 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

4. 100 Millionth Tree Planting – Update Given

5. The Gift of Trees – Update Given

b. Education

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Future Events – Update Given

3. Western Tiger Salamander – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May LPNDRD 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. Certified Irrigated Acre Transfer Policy

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the certified irrigation acres transfer policy as presented, for an effective date of 05/12/22. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

2. Irrigation Transfer Request

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to proceed on processing Jamie Yindrick transfer request of certified irrigation acres for approval consideration after all documents are received by NRD staff, reviewed and approved by Water Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Well Permit Program - Update Given

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

4. Special Quantity Subareas

Hilger made the motion seconded by Lawrence, to approve the SQS #2 well permits for Myron Behlen in NW-SW-S19-T19N-R1E with condition for a data logger and drawdown trigger for pumping restrictions. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given

6. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

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

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve the new reasonable rates for Well Decommissioning as attached the Water Committee Minutes starting July 1, 2022, for the next year and eliminating the \$1,000 cap. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make payment for well decommissioning to Walter Bohaty for \$1,000 and Barbara Vanek (Robert Meduna) for \$965.75. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Groundwater Department Projects Update

2. Phase Area Update – Update Given

3. Hydrogeologic Assessment

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to have staff submit a grant for best management practices shown in Water Committee Minutes and include the hydrogeologic assessments. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson to approve the interlocal agreement extension with UNL/CSD to June 30, 2025. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given

d. Phoenix Database

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the Phoenix Contract for database work for the amount of \$12,500 +/- 10% with a 50% deposit of \$6,025. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

5. OTHER

a. GMDA Summer Conference – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – None

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May 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

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ruth Widman’s summer 2022 SWCP application for maximum cost-share of \$10,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments – None

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals – None

e. Lands for Conservation

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the three LFC applications as listed in Projects Minutes covering 150 acres as the approve rate of \$192/acre. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

a. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization/Wetlands Project

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve 75% cost-share, up to \$33,945 maximum assistance for the Tom Sprunk Grade Stabilization Shell Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

c. Colfax County Channel Stabilization Project Assistance Request

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve \$9,198 payment to Louis Lutjelusche for completed livestock water system within Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan area. 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 Cameras/Gauge Project Payment – Update Given

b. Rawhide Creek Watershed – Update Given

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

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PALN UPDATE – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

a. SID No. 8 (Woodcliff) Approved Assistance Requests – Bank Stabilization

Olson made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the first of three \$35,000 assistance payments to SID No. 8 for the completed Bank Stabilization near Lots 1142-1134, to be paid after July 1, 2022 (FY 2023) after satisfactory project inspection, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Williams the motion, seconded by Johnson, that the May LPNRRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Shell Creek Septic Upgrade Application

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the Septic Upgrade Application for Dale Alswager - \$6,422.42. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

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

ABSTAIN: Meduna

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

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

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

NAY: Meyer

ABSTAIN: Meduna

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 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 May 9, 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