

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
June 13, 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, June 13, 2022.

**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 June 13, 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	Johnson
Kavan	Lawrence	McGinn
Meduna (arrived 6:45)	Olson	Saalfeld (arrived 6:20)
Sabatka	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Williams	Yosten
Pollard		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Hilger	Meyer (Zoom)	Saeger
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Chapman	Elliott (Zoom)
Schomer (Zoom)	Sabatka (Zoom)	Heimann (Zoom)
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**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 - None**

**d. NRC Report – None**

**e. Manager Report**

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

Mountford updated the Board on the NARD Health Insurance Plan.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Saalfeld the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the minutes from the May 9, 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**

**b. Reports - None**

**3. Management Items**

**a. Director Absence**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve Director Kavan's excuse absence from the March and April Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given**

**c. Director Absence Policy – Update Given**

**d. Company Credit Card Resolution**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to update the UBT Company Credit Card Resolution as attached by naming General Manager, Assistant Manager and Administrative Assistant as authorized employees. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Equipment – None**

**5. Personnel**

**a. Staff Cost of Living Adjustments, Merit Raises and Evaluations**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve a 3% Cost of Living increase and a 2% merit increase based on our total salaries budgeted from FY21-22. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Wanahoo Guard Shack Personnel**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve increasing Wanahoo staff member Sharon Kremlacek's hourly rate of pay from \$13/hour to \$15/hour for the 2022 recreation season. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Personnel Sub-Committee**

Chair Pollard appointed Bill Saeger to fill the vacant position on the Personnel Sub Committee.

**d. Dodge County Field Office**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to regretfully accept Luz Schafersman letter of resignation effective August 19, 2022. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to set up a timeline for advertising and hiring a Dodge County Field Office Assistant. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Operation and Maintenance Technician – Update Given**

**f. NARD Health Insurance Rate Increase- Update Given**

**6. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Reports**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the Final April 2022 Financial Statement 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 Lawrence, 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 – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the June LPNRRD 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 Well Reconditioning – Update Given**

**c. Equipment Purchases (FEMA)**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to budget for the potential extra cost for the equipment purchases through FEMA’s 728 program if they do not cover 95% of the new cost. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Lower Platte Weed Management Contribution**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the payment of \$30,000 to Papio-Missouri NRD for the Lower Platte Weed Management Group for the spraying of noxious and invasive plants. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**e. Community Forestry Program**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve cost-sharing with the City of Schuyler on four trees to be planted in their America's Pathway Park in the downtown business district at 50% not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**f. Transfer Funds to Large Structure O & M Fund**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the Capital Expenditure Budget to the Large Structure O & M Sinking Fund. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given**

**5. LAKE WANAHOO**

**a. Public Request for Community Building – 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 – Update Given**

**3. News Channel Nebraska Advertising – Update Given**

**4. County Fair Booth – Update Given**

**b. Education**

**1. Past Events – Update Given**

**2. Future Events – Update Given**

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Colon**

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve an amendment to the Colon RW easement as attached and reviewed by Legal Counsel Lausterer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Bruno – Update Given**

**c. Other – None**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the June 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. Irrigated Acre Transfer**

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the irrigated acre transfer for Jamie and Cathy Yindricks to Section 2-16N-3E for 142 acres from Section 13-16N-2E and Section 9-15N-4E Butler County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**2. Well Permit Program - Update Given**

**a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**

**3. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given**

**4. Hydrogeology Framework Project**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to pay the invoice received from Papio Missouri River NRD in the amount of \$20,433.40 for completion of the Hydrogeology Joint Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

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

**b. Chemigation – Update Given**

**c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given**

**3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates – Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to make payment for well decommissioning to Mark Treptow - \$892.50; Nicholas Lee Schmit - \$1,000; Dwaine J Schmit - \$1,000 and Gillwell Foundation - \$744.75. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**1. Phase Area Update – Update Given**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to pay Nate Oehlrich for application of iron Chlorosis production on 100 acres of soybeans at \$15/acre for a total payment of \$1,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given**

**c. New Monitoring Wells**

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to accept the low bid of \$12,105 from Dvorak Well Company and to monitor the progress to be sure the wells are completed by the deadline. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**d. Groundwater Age Dating Project**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Olson, to participate with LLNRD and USGS on the Age Dating Project for a 4 Fiscal Year commitment of \$44,000 upon favorable approval of NET Grant. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Groundwater Modeling Project – Update Given**

**f. Text Message for Reminders – Update Given**

**4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. State Lakes**

**5. OTHER**

**a. Proposed Groundwater Budget – Update Given**

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the June 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve \$337.50 payment to Aaron Bartek for windbreak planting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**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. Shell Creek South Channel Improvement/Benching Project Colfax County Payment**

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Seier, to pay Colfax County \$208,285.02 for completed work on the Shell Creek South Channel Improvement/Benching Project as attached after satisfactory project inspection. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization Project – Update Given**

**c. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given**

**2. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve \$4,083.91 to Kurt Stone and \$6,317.82 to Craig Nelson for septic system upgrade within the Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**3. Septic System Upgrade Application**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve Diane Miller’s application for septic system upgrade within the Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**4. Platte Center/Elm Creek Flood Evaluation Study – Update Given**

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed**

**1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update & FYRA Invoices – Update Given**

**2. Olsson Design Update and Invoice - Update Given**

**a. Olsson Wahoo Creek Contract Amendment**

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment #1 to the Wahoo Creek Agreement with Olsson for services as attached to the Projects Committee minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

**4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**a. Platte Township/Fremont West Project**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the final Interlocal Agreement for the Platte Township/Fremont West Project after legal counsel review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

**6. OTHER**

**a. Transfer FY22 Budgeted Funds to Sinking Funds**

**1. Transfer Funds to District Wide Flood Reduction Sinking Fund**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to transfer \$400,000 from LPNNRD Capital Expenditure Budget 162000 into the District Wide Flood Reduction Sinking Fund. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**2. Transfer Funds to Shell Creek Watershed Sinking Fund**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to transfer \$20,000 from the Shell Creek Land Treatment Budget 450204 into the Shell Creek Watershed Sinking Fund. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Meeting**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to discuss with the full Board about becoming a LPRCA contributing member and budget \$1,000 for FY23 annual dues. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Olson made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to become and contributing member of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance and budget \$1,000 FY23 for dues. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bailey, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Olson, Sabatka, Seier, Thomson, Veskerna, Williams and Yosten

**NAY:** Birkel, Meduna, Saalfeld, Pollard

**c. FY2023 Projects Budget Projection – Update Given**

**d. Platte Center Elm Creek Project Payment**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve a \$3,852.75 (50% of \$7,705.50) assistance payment to Platte Center toward their Elm Creek Channel cleaning project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve and budget \$4,125 (50%) of \$8,250 in FY2023 for additional channel improvement of Elm Creek banks to reduce floodwater erosion, provided at 404 permits is obtained by the Village, if required prior to construction. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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. Fremont Levee Breach Repair Payment**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to make payment of \$50,000 to Dodge County for work completed on the Platte River Breach. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. SWCP Tree Payment**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP Tree Payments totaling \$3,397.00:

<u>Tom Osmera - Saunders County – Windbreak</u>	<u>\$357.00</u>
<u>Seth McGinn - Dodge County – Windbreak</u>	<u>\$2002.50</u>
<u>Billy Chromy - Saunders County - Wildlife Planting</u>	<u>\$662.50</u>
<u>Mike Rezac - Saunders Cuntly – Windbreak</u>	<u>\$375.00</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Planting**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to make payment of \$1,360.04 to John Klassen for pasture/rangeland planting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

McGinn 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**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the June Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.



**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The July Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 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 June 13, 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.

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Robert Meduna Jr., Secretary