

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 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, July 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 July 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:

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| Bailey | Birkel | Hilger |
| Johnson | Lawrence | McGinn |
| Meduna | Meyer | Saalfeld |
| Saeger | Seier | Thompson |
| Veskerna | Williams | Yosten |
| Pollard | | |

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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| Kavan | Olson | Sabatka |
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

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| Gottschalk | Breunig | Mountford |
| Andersen | Chapman | Elliott (Zoom) |
| Sabatka (Zoom) | Heimann (Zoom) | Freeman-Caddy |

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

Ron Morrissey was present to discuss his surface water right below Lake Wanahoo.

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

Directors viewed the Nebraska Land Trust Video.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld the motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes from the June 13, 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 Williams, to approve Director Saeger's and Hilger's excuse absence from the June Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Director Absence Policy

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to change policy that all LPNDRD Board Meetings will be in-person meetings, Directors are not allowed to Zoom and vote. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Meduna, Saalfeld, Thompson, Veskerna, Williams, Yosten, Pollard

NAY: Meyer, Saeger, Seier

d. Lower Platte North NRD Annual Scholarships – Update Given

e. Olsson Design Update – Update Given

f. IRS Mileage Rate – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. June 17th Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes

Seier made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to increase the salary ceiling for Department Manager positions and Bookkeeping Department Head by \$5,000. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

Williams made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to increase the General Manager's salary to \$125,000/year which will put him seventh among the NRD General Managers. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

b. Job Title Change – Update Given

c. Additional Wanahoo Summer Staff

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, to ratify the hiring of Jonas Schnakenberg for Summer Recreation Staff at Lake Wanahoo Recreation Area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the Final May 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 Williams, 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. Budget Workshop - Update Given

e. Budget Hearing and Levy Hearing – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, that the July LPNDRD 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) – Update Given

d. Lower Platte Weed Management Costs – 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. Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- a. Information
 - 1. Radio and eAds – Update Given
 - 2. Analytics – Update Given
 - 3. County Fairs – Update Given
 - 4. 50 Year Open House - Update Given
- b. Education
 - 1. Past and Future Events – Update Given
 - 2. 2022- 2023 School Year – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- a. Colon – Update Given
- b. Bruno – Update Given
- c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, that the July 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. Groundwater Modeling Project

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to allow LPNNRD to submit a WSF (Water Sustainability Fund) grant application with PMRNRD and LPSNRD for \$660,000 with LPNNRD obligation of \$62,866.67 over 4 years. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Variance Request in Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area) - Update Given

3. Variance Request in Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area) - Update Given

4. Irrigated Transfer

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to allow John J Kobza to submit the paperwork to convert irrigation well G-149371 to a livestock well designation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

6. Phase Area Grant – Update Given

7. Highboy Cover Crop Project – Update Given

8. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, to ratify Chairman Pollard’s signature on the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition Interlocal Agreement as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Chemigation – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, to make payment for well decommissioning to Jason Lutjen - \$1,000 and Martin J Ernst - \$449.90. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, that the July 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 Williams, to approve \$1,131.57 payment to Robert Schmit and \$810.00 to Lee Seeman for Completed SWCP Projects. 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. Tom Sprunk Bank Stabilization Project

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Williams, to pay Tom Sprunk \$6,500 toward his Shell Creek Stabilization Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

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. West Fremont/Platte Township – Update Given

b. Rawhide & East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Studies – Update Given

c. Rod and Gun – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – UPDATE GIVEN

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER - NONE

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Yosten the motion, seconded by Bailey, 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 Williams, to approve the July Amended Consent Agenda by removing 6.C.2.a.4. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 July 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