

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD office on Monday, August 8, 2022.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The agenda and supporting documents are available on the district’s website – www.lpnnrd.org. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law has been posted on the NRD’s website.

The advanced notice of our August 8, 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:

Birkel	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan	Lawrence	McGinn
Meduna	Meyer	Olson
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Williams
Yosten	Pollard	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Saalfeld
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Chapman	Sabatka (Zoom)
Heimann (Zoom)	Lausterer	

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

Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report – None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Manager Gottschalk updated the Board on the Wahoo Creek Watershed Funding.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meduna the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the July 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. ASDSO Dam Safety Meeting

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve sending up to two staff and two directors to the ASDSO Annual Dam Safety Meeting in Baltimore, MD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. NARD Annual Fall Conference – Update Given

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve Director Lawrence’s absence from the April Board Meeting and Director Yosten absence from the May Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. NARD Dues

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to pay the FY 22-23 NARD Annual Dues in the amount of \$31,322.98. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel – None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, 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

Williams made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve the FY 2023 Budget with expenditures of \$8,177,580. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August 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 Well Reconditioning – Update Given

c. No-Till Grass Drills – Update Given

d. NRD Owned Thomas Lake Lots – Update Given

e. FY 22-23 Budget – 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. County Fairs – Update Given

3. Summer Viaduct – Update Given

4. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Upcoming Events – Update Given

3. New Laser Projector for Clint Johannes Education Building – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August 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. Lindsay Manufacturing – Update Given

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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the draft variance scoring form as attached to the Water Committee Minutes for 2022 with variable rate irrigation and chemigation/fertigation as the two best management practices to receive additional points. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

4. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Areas – Update Given

5. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

6. Grant Collaboration - Update Given

7. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits– Update Given

b. Soil Moisture Sensor – Update Given

8. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

9. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve paying the \$10,000 invoice from NARD for the Lower Platte River Coalition Dues. Motion carried on consent agenda.

10. Budget – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Ground Water Quality Sampling – 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

c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

b. USGS Stream Flow Gauging Sites

Olson made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve paying USGS \$17,635 per the Joint Funding Agreement 22NRJFA00170 for stream gages at Shell Creek near Columbus and Wahoo Creek at Ashland, and one real time groundwater level monitoring site. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Thompson

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, that the August 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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the eight fall SWCP applications totaling \$83,652 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 Project – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

c. Shell Creek South Branch Channel Improvement/Benching Project

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to make payment of \$3,986 to Colfax County for construction costs per our interlocal agreement on the benching project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Septic System Application

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the septic system application from Earleen Potmesil for 60% cost-share up to \$6,500. 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. Bridge Cameras & Stream Stage – Update Given

b. BRIC West Fremont – Update Given

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to endorse Dodge County’s selection of JEO to complete the project planning on the BRIC West Fremont Project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Rod and Gun – Update Given

d. Rawhide Creek Watershed WFPO – Update Given

e. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage Study – Update Given

5. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE – UPDATE GIVEN

6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to have staff move forward with preparing an RFP to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

8. OTHER - NONE

a. Potential Scrap Tire Collection – Update Given

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

a. Shell Creek Septic System Payment

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Seier, to make payment of \$5,715.39 to Stanley Johannes for his completed Septic System Upgrade in the Shell Creek Watershed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Johnson the motion, seconded by McGinn, 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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The August Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 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 August 8, 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