

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
September 12, 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, September 12, 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 September 12, 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:

Baily	Birkel	Hilger
Johnson	Kavan	Lawrence
McGinn	Meduna (left 6:33 pm)	Meyer
Olson	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Williams	Yosten	Pollard

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Andersen
Chapman (Zoom)	Elliott (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

Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report – None

It is time to caucus for the next Natural Resource Commissioner from the Lower Platte North and Lower Platte South NRD's. Lower Platte South has had a representative seated on the commission for the past few years and it is now time for Lower Platte North to nominate an individual. Meduna made the motion, seconded by Birkel,

to appoint Tom Mountford as the next Lower Platte River Basin Representative on the Natural Resources Commission. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Mike Sotak updated the Board on the stilling basin apron floor design repair.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the minutes from the August 8, 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 Fall Conference – Update Given

b. Reports - None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the absence requests received from Kavan for the June and July meetings and Saalfeld and Bailey for the August meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. FNIC – 10/1/22 Renewal

Williams made the motion, seconded by Olson, to accept the proposal received from FNIC – Glatfleter for our Commercial Insurance with effective dates of 10/1/22 – 10/1/23 and an annual premium of \$111,301. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. November Board Meeting – Update Given

e. Planning Update on Proposed New Office – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Mountford Annual and Sick Leave Payout

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the leave time payout to Tom Mountford of \$31,765.76 less deductions. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Dodge County NRCS Field Assistant

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Seier, to ratify the hiring of Jessica Marty to fill the Dodge County NRCS Field Assistant position. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

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

d. Budget

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to approve the State Budget that includes total expenditures of \$8,177,580 with a tax levy rate of .031404 for a tax asking of \$3,480,715. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the September 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. NRD Owned Thomas Lake Lots – Update Given

c. North Bend Trail Request

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to pay the North Bend Tree Board \$10,000 for the completed concrete trail in North Bend. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Prescribe Burn Association – Update Given

e. Water Rights Downstream of Lake Wanahoo – Update Given

f. Grass Drill Rental Schuyler Coop – 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. Long Range Plan – Update Given

b. Education

1. Land Judging Contest

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to pay \$2.00 registration fees for Land Judging participants during the October contest. Motion carried on consent agenda.

- 2. Past Events – Update Given
- 3. CEO Student – Update Given
- 4. Upcoming 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 September 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. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given
- 2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given
- 3. Variance Request in Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)
- 4. Variance Request in Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area) - Update Given

5. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Areas

Johnson made the motion seconded by Yosten, to defer the six applications in the Restricted Development Areas to a Water Committee Meeting in the winter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Well Interference Complaints – Update Given

7. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

8. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits– Update Given

b. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

10. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area - Update Given

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

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to pay Meadowbrook NHC \$1,000 for 1 domestic well decommissioning. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Cover Crop Project Update – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the September 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 – None**
- 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

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to reimburse Tom Sprunk \$23,235.67 for completion of the Grade Stabilization Structure. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

c. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the septic system payment of \$6,143.78 to Kevin Weeder for septic system upgrade within the Shell Creek Watershed. 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. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township FEMA Advanced Assistance – Update Given**
- b. Rawhide Creek Watershed WFPO – Update Given**
- c. West Fremont/Platte Township FEMA BRIC Kickoff – Update Given**
- d. North Bend Drainage Ditch FEMA Repair – Update Given**

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. OTHER

- a. Village of Lindsay Request– Update Given**

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld made 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The October Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 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 September 12, 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