

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
October 10, 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, October 10, 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 October 10, 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
Lawrence	McGinn	Meduna (arrived 7:01 pm)
Meyer	Olson	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Thompson	Veskerna	Williams
Pollard		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Kavan	Yosten
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Andersen
Chapman	Heimann	Schomer (Zoom)
Lausterer	Dr. McKnight	

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report – None

c. NARD Report - None

Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report – None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Kyle Overturf with AMGL, PC was present to deliver the Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2022.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 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. GMDA Winter Conference – Update Given

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to send up to two Directors and two Staff to the GMDA Winter Conference being held at St. Simon Island, Georgia – January 23-26, 2023. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. 2023 NACD Annual Meeting

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to send up to two Directors and two Staff to the NACD Annual Meeting begin held in New Orleans, LA – February 11-15, 2023. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports

1. NARD Fall Conference and NARD Board Meeting – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence – None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Long Range Plan – Update Given

d. Wahoo Creek – JEDI Funding

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize General Manager to sign the Spending Agreement with DNR authorizing LPNNRD access to the JEDI funding per Legal Counsel review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel - None

6. Finance

a. FY2022 Annual Audit

McGinn made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to accept and place on file the 2022 Audit Report as prepared and presented by Almquist, Malzahn, Galloway and Luth. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Financial Reports

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to approve the July and August Financial Statements. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Approval of Managers Expenses

Lawrence 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

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, that the October 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)

Seier made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to award the Wanahoo stilling basin apron floor project to M.E. Collins Contracting Co. at the bid price of \$452,487.40 and begin the contracting process. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meduna

b. NRD Owned Thomas Lake Lots – Update Given

c. Prescribe Burn Association

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to make a donation of \$1,500 to the Bohemian Alps Burn Association for their use in purchasing and/or repairing equipment associated with prescribe burns and to reevaluate our donation annual. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Olsson Professional Services for Wanahoo Dam

Attached to the Operations Committee Minutes is a proposal from Olsson's for Professional Services Wanahoo Dam Instrumentation Monitoring. The agreement covers three years; January 2023 - December 2025. The cost for this contract for services is \$56,469.35, of which \$1,869.35 is for additional services on the previous contract related to the evaluation and consultation on the pressure relief wells.

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve Olsson's Professional Services Agreement for Wanahoo Dam Instrumentation Monitoring over the next three year at \$54,600 and to pay \$1,869.35 for services from the previous contract.

Meduna mad the motion, seconded by Williams to table the motion and send it back to the Operations Committee. Motion carried.

AYE: Birkel, Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, McGinn, Meduna, Meyer, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Williams, Pollard

NAY: Saeger

e. Grass Drill Rental Schuyler Coop – Update Given

f. Cottonwood Dam Assessments 21-A & 7-A – Update Given

g. Conservation Tree Price

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to raise the Districts Conservation Tree prices to \$1.25/tree for hand plants and \$2.50/tree for machine planting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Recreation Area Hay Harvest – 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

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the FY2023 Long Range Plan as attached to the Operations Minutes. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

b. Education

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Upcoming Events – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, that the October 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. Variance Request in Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the HCA variance applications as attached to the Water Committee Minutes that had a ranking score above 355, for a total of 196.131 Acre Feet of depletion. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer, Pollard

ABSTAIN: Williams

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

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

4. Well Permit Program

a. Scott Sukstorf Well Permit Application

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the well permit for Scott Sukstorf NE¼-S3-T16N-R7E, Saunders County with no increased irrigated acres. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

NAY: Pollard

b. Norman Kavan Jr. Well Permit Application

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the well permit for Norman Kavan Jr. for the S½-S31-T16N-R8E, Saunders County with no increased irrigated acres. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Supplemental Irrigation Well

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve the well permit for Kim and Wayne Thorson for NW-SE¼-S26-T15N-R8E, Saunders County with no increased irrigated acres and the condition that the permit is approved by the Village of Mead. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

5. Lower Platte Basin Modeling Project

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Seier, to authorize Board Chair Pollard to sign the Lower Platte Basin Modeling Project Interlocal Agreement after Legal Counsel review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area - Update Given

b. Ground Water Quality Sampling – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells - None

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Phase Area Update

Williams made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to authorize staff to share LPNNRD phase area data from 2016-2021 with UNL. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Lower Platte River Consortium

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to authorize Board Chair Pollard to sign the Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Agreement which extends it 1 year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Cover Crop Project – Update Given

4. Long Rang Plan – Update Given

5. Soil Moisture Sensors – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Well

Meduna made the motion seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment of \$12,360 to Dvorak Well Drilling for drilling of a monitoring well. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Land Applications – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – None

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, that the October 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 – 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. Shell Creek Grant Funding – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Williams, to approve the septic system payment of \$7,341.44 to Steve Bender 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. Breach Lake; Rod and Gun Levee Project

Olson made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to make payment of \$13,065 to Dodge County for Breach Lake (Rod and Gun Club Levee Project) contract errors. Motion carried.

AYE: Hilger, Johnson, Lawrence, Meduna, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Williams, Pollard

NAY: Birkel, Meyer

ABSTAIN: McGinn

b. Rawhide Creek Watershed WFPO – Update Given

c. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage Improvement – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – Update Given

8. NEBRASKA BEFFER STRIP PAYMENTS – Update Given

9. OTHER

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Seier made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve and make payment of \$4,370.08 to Earleen Potmesil for a completed septic system upgrade in the Shell Creek Watershed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Supplemental Well Permit

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a supplemental well permit for Tony Birkel – NW-SE¼-S29-T16N-3E, Butler County for converting 19 acres from a gravity irrigated field to a sub-surface drip irrigation system. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Birkel

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Sabatka made 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

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

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022, 4:30 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 October 10, 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