

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Lakeview High School on Monday, November 14, 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 November 14, 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	Hilger
Johnson	Kavan	Lawrence
McGinn	Meyer	Olson
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Thompson	Veskerna
Williams	Yosten	Pollard

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Andersen
Abbott	Chapman	Elliott
Heimann (Zoom)	Sabatka (Zoom)	Lausterer (Zoom)
Dr. McKnight	Duane Johnson	

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

Prior to the meeting we heard from the Shell Creek Watershed Group.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the minutes from the October 10, 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

2. 2023 NACD Annual Meeting – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve Alex Kavan, Matt Bailey and Chris Yosten absence from the October Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. November Board Meeting – Update Given

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. January Committee Meeting Schedule

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to move all Committee Meetings to the first week of January as listed: Tuesday, January 3rd – Water Committee – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 4th – Projects Committee – 7:30 a.m., Operations Committee – 8:30 a.m. and Executive Committee 10:00 a.m. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. New Office Building – Update Given

f. Excused Director’s Absence Policy

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Thompson, to create a LPNNRD Director Absence Policy which allows personal or family emergencies as the only excused absence. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Kavan, Saalfeld, Yosten

g. Plan to Review All LPNNRD Policies – Update Given

h. NARD Board Meeting at Lake Wanahoo – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel - None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the Final July, August and September Financial Statements. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the November LPNDRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to remove from the table Olsson Agreement for Professional Services on Wanahoo Dam. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Williams made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to accept the new Olsson contract for Instrumentation Monitoring of the Wanahoo Dam from January 2023 to December 2025 for a total of \$54,600. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA) – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Auxiliary Spillway RCC Crack Repair – Update Given

c. Cottonwood Dam Assessments 21-A and 7-A – Update Given

d. Czechland Recreation Season Revenue – Update Given

e. Grass Drill Rental Schuyler Coop – Update Given

f. Ice Fishing with a Motorized Vehicle on District Lakes – 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. News Channel Nebraska – Update Given

b. Education

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Future 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 November 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) – Update Given

2. Special Quantity Subareas

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve August Runge request to allow him to complete the circle for more efficient irrigation management, but with the condition that the area is planted to grass. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Well Permit (SQS #2)

Williams made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the livestock well permit for Robert Foltz for the NW-NW-S12-T2-R2. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Meyer

4. Groundwater Management Plan – Update Given

5. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

6. Certified Irrigated Acre Transfer

Williams made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the transfer for Duane and Kelli Johnson from Annette Rodgers for the NRD certified acres of 65.51 with the stipulation that the West pivot can be developed and the East pivot on hold until staff can re-evaluate the scoring system for the soil type with a NRCS Soil Scientist. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. Cost-Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

8. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

9. Richland Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

10. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Groundwater Quality Sampling

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to make payment to UNL Water Center for \$4,026.30 on the denitrification water sampling results. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 – Update Given

2. Phoenix Database – Update Given

3. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. Modeling Interlocal Agreement

Lawrence made the motion seconded by Johnson, to authorize Board Chair Pollard to sign the Modeling Interlocal Agreement with the understanding an amendment on dollar amounts will potentially occur before the grant is re-submitted. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Water Committee Retreat – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the November 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 Lands for Conservation Payment Approvals

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve Lands for Conservation payments to Carl and Dorothy Peterson Trust - \$3,840 and Austin Vermeline for \$4,800. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning – Update Given

2. DNR Agreement JEDI Funds - Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - Update Given

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage – FMDA HMPG

b. West Fremont – BRIC – Update Given

c. Rawhide Creek Watershed – WFPO – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve hiring JEO to complete the LPNNRD Hazard Mitigation Plan update and authorize Board Chair Pollard to sign the contact after legal counsel review. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

7. MORSE BLUFF DIKE – Update Given

8. NEBRASKA BEFFER STRIP PAYMENTS

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve Nebraska Buffer Strip payments to 32 contract holders totaling \$48,933.71 Motion carried on consent agenda.

9. OTHER – Update Given

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Shell Creek Septic System Upgrade Payment

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve and make payment of \$5,678.77 to Lee Hueschen for a completed septic system upgrade in the Shell Creek Watershed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, 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 November Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Meyer

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2022, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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 November 14, 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