

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD on Monday, December 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 December 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:

Bailey	Birkel	Hilger
Johnson	Lawrence	McGinn
Olson	Saalfeld	Sabatka (left 3:25)
Saeger	Seier	Veskerna
Williams	Yosten	Pollard

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kavan	Meduna	Meyer
Thompson		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Andersen
Chapman	Heimann	Elliott (Zoom)
Lausterer	Engle (Zoom)	Dr. McKnight
Allen Gehring	Tom Mountford	John Petersen
Jake Miriovsky		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report – Attachment

c. NARD Report - None

Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report – None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

JEO and Allen Gering presented the Cottonwood 21-A and 7-A assessment reports. NRCS would like the District to send a letter of request and statement of commitment for Federal Assistance when applying for funding for "Planning" through the Watershed Rehabilitation Program.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to authorize Gottschalk to sign the NRCS Statement of Commitment for federal assistance through the Watershed Rehabilitation Program on Cottonwood 21-A dam. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 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 Legislative Conference

Olson made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to have staff set-up a Senator Reception on Tuesday, January 24 in conjunction with the Legislative Conference. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absence – None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. JEDI Funding Update

We have received an agreement from NeDNR for the JEDI Funds. Williams made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize LPNNRD General Manager to sign "Agreement to Provide Funding for Flood Reduction Structures of the Saunders County Wahoo Creek Flood Control Project in the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District" based on Legal Counsel Lausterer approval. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. 2023 Board Meeting Schedule – Update Given

e. Wahoo Creek Watershed Plan Update – Update Given

f. New Office Planning Update

Seier made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to direct staff to move forward onto the next phase of the new office building. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Hilger

g. Wanahoo Recreation Season Year End Review – Update Given

h. Nominating Sub-Committee

Chair Pollard will appoint an Officer Nominating Sub-Committee.

4. Equipment

a. New Computer Purchase

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to purchase three new laptop computers with docking stations not to exceed \$4,200. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Personnel - None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the Final October Financial Statement. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Lawrence 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

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the December 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. Cottonwood Dam Assessments 21-A and 7-A – Update Given

c. Recreation Area Hay Harvest – Update Given

d. Sand/Duck Dam 15 Land Locked Issue – Update Given

e. City of North Bend Request on Levee Maintenance

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve assisting the City of North Bend monetarily, for the maintenance of the North Bend Levee with he partners of Dodge County and the City up to \$5,000/each

this fiscal year and up to \$3,000/each in future years, all three entities must contribute. Motion carried all consent agenda.

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve payment Mike McGinn \$2,777.27 for jetty repair work completed on the Platte River pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Beaver Dam Issue – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

d. Wanahoo Recreation Season Review

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to transfer \$86,958.91 from the NRD General Account to the NPAIT Lake Wanahoo Recreation Account. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Clint Johannes Education Building

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve raising the rates at the Clint Johannes Education Building effective January 1, 2023, as listed - \$150 Refundable Deposit, \$75 – Day Rental (7am – 2 pm), \$125 Night Rental (4pm – midnight), and \$150 Full Day. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the December 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. Special Quantity Subareas

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the variance to Craig Wemhoff for adding 112 irrigated acres to the E½ and NW¼ of the SE¼ S7-T1W from well G-128214 with a 27-inch rolling allocation on the tract of land described in the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Pollard

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to retain the current boundary and the 27-inch rolling allocation in both Special Quantity Management Areas. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Williams made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve purchasing and installing data loggers on wells within the SQS#2 as part of the conditions of the well permit at a cost of \$3,846.66. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Expansion of Acres Variance Request with Allocation in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the expansion of acres variance with allocation for Todd Yindrick for 66 acres on the E½-SE¼-S22-T15N-3E from well G-050744, with allocation of 14.30 rolling acre inch allocation for 3 years. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Pollard

3. Supplemental Well Request in the Restricted Development Areas

Olson made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve a supplemental well for Shawn Nelson on the E½-NW¼ and W½-NE¼ S18-T14N-R8E with no increase in irrigated acres. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Supplemental Well Permit – Update Given

5. Transfer of Irrigated Acres

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by McGinn, to approve the transfer of certified irrigated acres for Brad Williams for 7 acres from Pt. NW-NW-S2-T17N-5E and Pt. of N½-NW¼-S19-T17N-R6E to SE-SE-S33-T17N-R6E. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: Williams

6. Cost-Share Programs

7. Phase Area Update – WSF Contract

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to authorize the General Manager to sign the Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award Agreement for Application #10014 from NeDNR as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to approve the cost-share items with additional edits as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. Ranking Criteria - Update Given

b. Groundwater Quality Sampling

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve well decommissioning cost-share to Jeff Fadschild for \$1,193.51 and Randall E. Nelson for \$614.40. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

2. Water Retreat Agenda – Update Given

3. Water Committee Time and Date – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, that the December 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 - None

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. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given**
- 3. NeDNR Agreement JEDI Funds - Update Given**
- 4. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan - Update Given**

c. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance – 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

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to authorize Chair Pollard to sign a contract with JEO for \$155,000 to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan, contingent on legal counsel approval. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE – Update Given

7. WOLFE LEVEE – UPDATE GIVEN

8. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - None

9. NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP PAYMENTS – None

10. OTHER

a. Wetland Restoration – Update Given

b. Rail-With-Trail between David City and Columbus -Update Given

c. Fremont Area Bike Trail Connection – Update Given

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to make payment of \$2,147.48 to Lucille Cox Estate for decommissioning one unregistered had dug domestic well in Butler County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Additional Staff Member to GMDA Winter Conference

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McGinn to send one additional staff member to the GMDA Winter Conference in St. Simons Island, GA. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Yosten, 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 Yosten, to approve the December Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAIN: McGinn

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 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 December 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