

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, March 13, 2023.

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 March 13, 2023, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on March 2, 2023.

Chair Thompson 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	Engel
Hilger	Johnson, Duane	Johnson, Jerry (arrived 1:50 pm)
Kavan	Lawrence (left 3:00 pm)	Meduna
McKnight	Pollard	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Yosten	Thompson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Olson

STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mike Boardman was present to give the NRCS Report.

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report - None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program – None

Discussion took place with concerned citizens about the funding on the new office building and funding for the Wahoo Creek Watershed proposed dam sites.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2023, 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. Director Retreat– Update Given

2. NARD Washington DC Trip- Update Given

b. Reports

1. NRC Meeting

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve Director Saeger’s absence from the February Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Director Vacancy Sub-District #3

Chairman Thompson reported that the Sub-Committee interviewed the two potential candidates on March 9th. Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to appoint Andrew Tonnies to fill the vacant Sub-District 3 position. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Engel, Hilger, D. Johnson, J. Johnson, Kavan, Lawrence, McKnight, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Thompson

NAY: Birkel, Meduna, Sabatka, Yosten

d. New Building Update – Update Given

e. Director NRD Logo Clothing

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to cost share with Directors up to \$75 to purchase NRD logo items. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Poole Leave Payout

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the leave payout time to Chris Poole in the amount of \$7,089.90 less deductions. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Poole Contract Employee

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to retain Chris Poole on a contract basis for assistance with IT and Grant services at a monthly rate of \$400 until June 30, 2023. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. NRD/NRCS Conservation Technician – Update Given

d. GIS/Grant Specialist Position – Update Given

e. Summer Intern Salary Adjustment – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the January Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, that the March LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSIINESS – None

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS - None

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

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

b. NRD Owned Thomas Lake Lots - Update Given

c. Mowing Rates – Update Given

d. Grass Drill Rental Revenue – Update Given

e. Director’s Retreat – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. NRD Recreation Exploration – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, that the March LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

Duane Johnson was elected Vice-Chair of the Water Committee.

3. Age Dating Project

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, that LPNNRD commit an additional \$10,000 needed on the WSF grant with LPNNRD total obligation of \$54,000 over 3 years for the legacy nitrate/age dating projects with USGS and LLNRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Precision Nitrogen Application Project

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, that LPNNRD support the Precision Nitrogen Fertigation Project with UNL cost-sharing up to \$20,000 with the plan to have 4 demonstration sites. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to grant Gene and Kristin Kosch a 9 month extension on variance LPN-V-021-0559 for the SE¼-S15-T19N-R2W Platte County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld the motion, seconded by McKnight, that the March 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the 2023 SWCP policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

a. SWCP Application Approvals – None

b. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve \$4,934.99 SWCP payment to Charles Medinger. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Lands for Conservation 2023

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the 2023 Lands for Conservation policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Implementation – 319

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to provide for the tour to Lincoln for the Shell Creek Watershed Group not to exceed \$1,200 and extend the invitation to Humphrey. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update – Update Given

a. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

b. Land Rights Acquisition – Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan – 319 – Update Given

c. Skull & Bone Creek

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to request WFPO (NRCS) funding and/or 319 (NDEE/EPA) funding for plan development and cost-share assistance for the Skull and Bone Creek Watershed Plan. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

a. East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage – FEMA HMPG – Update Given

b. West Fremont – FEMA BRIC – Update Given

c. Rawhide Creek Watershed – NRCS WFPO – Update Given

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

6. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE – UPDATE GIVEN

7. WOLFE JETTY

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to have staff work with Legal Counsel to develop a draft interlocal with Colfax County and City of Schuyler for post construction jetty needs. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – UPDATE GIVEN

9. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – UPDATE GIVEN

10. 2023 Director Retreat - Update Given

11. Local Work Group – Update Given

12. OTHER

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to renew the LPNNRD membership with Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D for \$350. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, that the March LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

a. Abandoned Well Cost-Share Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by J. Johnson, to approve cost-share payment to Duane Johnson in the amount of \$1,693.13 to decommission an irrigation well in Saunders County. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Engel, Hilger, J. Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, McKnight, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Yosten, Thompson

ABSTAIN: D. Johnson

b. Kent Merryweather Acre Expansion with Allocation

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve an application for Kent Merryweather to irrigate 30 more acres from well G-135560 in the SW1/4 SE1/4 S23-T15N-R9E, Saunders County, Leshara Platte Valley Subarea. Mr. Merryweather's allocation will be 21.81-acre inches over a three-year period. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Pollard 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the March Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Engel, Hilger, D. Johnson, Kavan, Meduna, McKnight, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Yosten, Thompson

ABSTAIN: J. Johnson, Saeger

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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 March 13, 2023, 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