

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
April 10, 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, April 10, 2023.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The agenda and supporting documents are available on the district's website – www.lpnnrd.org. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law has been posted on the NRD's website.

The advanced notice of our April 10, 2023, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on March 30, 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:

Engel	Hilger	Johnson, Duane
Johnson, Jerry	Kavan	Lawrence
Meduna (arrived 1:48)	McKnight	Olson
Pollard	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Tonnies	Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey (Shell Creek Tour)	Birkel	Seier (Shell Creek Tour)
Yosten		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Heimann
Andersen	Lausterer	Elliott

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst 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

Gottschalk reviewed the first set of General Operating Policies with the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the March 13, 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. GMDA Summer Conference

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to send up to two staff and two directors to the GMDA Summer Conference July 10-13 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. NARD Washington DC Trip- Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Director Saalfeld’s absence from the January Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Lake Level Management – Update Given

d. FFA Chapters and Nitrate Testing

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to appoint Jerry Johnson as LPNNRD representative when working with FFA Chapters and Nebraska Education Board for Nitrate Testing Curriculum. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Wanhoo Property Discussion – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. NRD/NRCS Conservation Technician

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the General Manager’s hire of Adam Brockmann to the position of NRD Conservation Technician at an annual salary of \$40,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. GIS/Grant Specialist

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the General Manager’s hire of Drew Ten Bensel as LPNNRD’s GIS/Grants Specialist at an annual salary of \$55,000 with a tentative start date of May 29, 2023. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the February Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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. Great Western/Interstate Bank Signature Card Update

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to add Manager Eric Gottschalk and Assistant Manager Ryan Chapman to the Signature Card at First Interstate Bank and authorize Breunig to make inquiries on the CD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the April LPNNRD 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)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to pay ME Collins the Pay App #4 amount of \$39,923.02 plus 50% of the retainage \$26,758.23 for a total of \$66,681.25 for work on the Wanahoo Stilling Basin. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wanahoo Relief Well Reconditioning - Update Given

c. NRD Owned Thomas Lake Lots & Clear Creek Levee – Update Given

d. District Mowing Rates

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to raise the district's custom mowing rate to \$75/tractor hour. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Lake Wanahoo Lake Level Management – Update Given

f. National Guard Camp Fuse Plug Reimbursement to LPSNRD

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to reimburse Lower Platte South NRD \$11,713.32 for their share in the repair of the Fuse Plug because of Federal and State funding increases. Motion carried on consent agenda.

g. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A NRCS Contract

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to sign a design and planning application for the rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A with NRCS so the district can move forward with the RFP process. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve signing the design contract with NRCS after Legal Counsel approval and proceed with the RFP process. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Archery Range – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Future Developments – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

e. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. Shell Creek Watershed Student Monitoring Group Scholarships

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following Shell Creek Watershed Monitoring Group Scholarship applications received from Mara Ranslem, Eliza Bailey and Kathryn Novacek. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

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

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Conditional Contract Update in the Restricted Development Area

Johnson, D. made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the update to the conditional policy for LPN-V-015-0427 as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Engel, Hilger, Johnson D., Kavan, Lawrence, Meduna, McKnight, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Tonnies

NAY: Johnson J., Sabatka, Saeger, Thompson

2. Land Applications Management – Update Given

3. Well Permit Program – Update Given

a. John Larson Well Permit Application

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a new well permit John Larson in the SE¼-NW¼-S24-T22-R6W, Boone County with a required flow meter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Charles Emanuel & Sons Inc. Supplemental Well Permit Application

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a supplemental well permit for Charles Emmanuel & Sons in the SE¼-SW¼-S28-T18N-R6E, Dodge County with the requirement of a flow meter. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Special Quantity Subareas

a. Darla Rosendahl Expansion Request

Hilger made the motion seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a variance for expanding acres with an allocation for Merlin Groteluschen in ethe NW¼-NW¼-S8-T19N-R1E, Platte County for additional 34.14 acres with a rolling allocation on well G-166098 of 21.77-acre inches. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Cost Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

6. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

7. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – Update Given

b. CHEMIGATION – Update Given

c. GROUND WATER ENERY LEVELS – Update Given

d. LIVESTOCK WASTE PERMITS – Update Given

e. GROUNDWATER MODELING PROJECT

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize Board Chairman to sign the first amendment of the Interlocal Agreement of the Lower Platte Basin Groundwater Modeling Project as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. 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 Given**
 - 2. **Cost-Share for Reverse Osmosis (RO) Units – Update Given**
 - 3. **Soil Moisture Sensors – Update Given**
 - 4. **Groundwater Quality – Update Given**
 - 5. **Groundwater Management Plan – Update Given**

4. MONITORING WELLS EQUIPMENT

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment of \$1,596 to In-Situ for a new datalogger. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS – None

6. OTHER

- a. **Comments from the Public – None**

Johnson, J. the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the April LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. NEW DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

3. SWCP

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following SWCP Tree Planting Applications for cost-share: Angie Fuhlrodt – 258 Trees - \$483.75; Bill Zumbrennen – 207 Trees - \$388.13; Kevin Indra – 207 Trees - \$388.13. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None

4. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

- 1. **Shell Creek Implementation – 319 – Update Given**

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update – Update Given

a. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

b. NeDNR Agreement JEDI Funds – Update Given

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

5. 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

d. Lower Platte River General Investigation – Update Given

6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – None

7. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE – None

8. WOLFE JETTY – None

9. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – None

10. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None

11. OTHER - None

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS - NONE

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Engel, 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, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the April Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 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 April 10, 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