

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, May 8, 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 May 8, 2023, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on April 27, 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	Hilger
Johnson, Jerry	Lawrence	McKnight
Olson	Pollard	Saalfeld
Saeger	Seier	Tonnies
Yosten	Thompson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Engel	Johnson, Duane	Kavan
Meduna	Sabatka	

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Heimann
Oaklund	Lausterer	Elliott (Zoom)
Schomer (Zoom)	Chapman	

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 second set of General Operating Policies with the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to approve the minutes from the April 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. NARD Basin Tour – Update Given

b. Reports

1. Nitrate Testing: FFA Chapters and Natural Resources District – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – Update Given

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Cottonwood 21-A NRCS Supplemental Watershed Plan/Environmental Agreement– Update Given

d. NRD Cleaning Contract – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. O & M Technician Position

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to proceed with advertising for a new O & M Technician position. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Wahoo Creek Administration Position – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Summer Staff

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J. to ratify the hiring of Jake Scanlon, Kamron Kasischke, Eli Emerson and Jase Maly as Wanahoo Summer staff at the rate of \$12/hour. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., 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. Annual Audit Proposal

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to approve the proposal from AMGL for performing the LPNNRD annual audit for years ending June 30, 2023, 2024 and 2025 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. Staff Cost of Living Salary Increase – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., that the May 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) – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Relief Well Reconditioning

The district received one bid from Rieschick Drilling Company of Falls City for reconditioning the Wanahoo Relief Wells. The Board instructed the Operations Committee to inquire with Olsson Associates and Rieschick to see if the reconditioning could be done over two years and report back to the Board.

c. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A NRCS Contract – Update Given

d. FEMA Funding for Equipment – Update Given

e. Wanahoo Hay Bids

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Seier, to accept the high bid of \$158/ton from Matt Sillivan on Wildlife “A”, Wildlife “C”, Wildlife “D” and Rec. Area “E” on Wanahoo Property; and high bid of \$118.50/ton from Dan Kadavy on Wildlife “B” on the Wanahoo Property. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. ROCK AND JETTY – None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Buoy Repair

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to approve the payments of \$3,089.76 for 11 buoys and \$1,450.31 for 815’ of ½” galvanized cable plus hardware. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

d. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. News Channel Nebraska Advertising - Update Given

4. Red Thread Contract

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to authorize Gottschalk to sign the Advertising Contract with Red Thread Creative LLC as attached to the Operations Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Summer Viaduct

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to accept the bid received from First Edition Printing of \$4,800 which includes shipping to print the Summer Viaduct Newsletter. 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., that the May 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. Variance in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Discussion on a Well Permit in S14-T15N-R1E, Butler County was sent back to the Water Committee for further investigation.

2. Well Permit Program – Update Given

a. Well Permits Approved – None

3. AGP Well Status

Birkel made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to allow AGP to convert irrigation well G-001157

from irrigation to commercial water use with the requirement of a water flow meter and annual water use report submitted. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Supplemental Well Permit

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to approve a supplemental well permit for Keven Baker Jr. and Lisa Johnson for the SW-NW-S19-T17N-R3E Colfax County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Flow Meter Approved List – Update Given

6. Cost Share Programs

a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given

7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

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

b. CHEMIGATION – Update Given

c. GROUND WATER ENERGY LEVELS – Update Given

d. LIVESTOCK WASTE PERMITS – 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 Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Saalfeld the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., that the May 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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to approve up to \$1,000 to Jay Wemhoff for windbreak renovation upon inspection by NRD staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. SCWIG – NEW/319 Projects

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to approve three SCWIG projects including: Tom Sprunk grade stabilization project at 75% cost-share with total project estimated at \$19,144 requiring \$14,358 in cost-share fund. Fred Siefken new stock well, pump and tanks project at 75% cost-share estimated at \$27,929 requiring \$20,947 in cost share funds. Arden Saalfeld new stock well, pump and tanks project at 75% cost estimated at \$23,877 requiring \$17,908 in cost-share funds. 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. NeDNR Agreement JEDI Funds

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to authorize Manager Gottschalk to sign Amendment #1 to the NeDNR Contract #1359 after Legal Counsel review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

3. Skull and Bone Creek – Update Given

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. WOLFE JETTY – None

6. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – Update Given

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None

8. OTHER - None

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Monitoring Well Equipment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the three quotes attached from In-Situ totaling \$5,110.60 for replacement of Level Trolls for our monitoring wells. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Hilger, Johnson J., McKnight, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Seier, Tonnie, Yosten

NAY: Birkel, Lawrence, Saeger, Thompson

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Pollard, 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 Johnson, J., to approve the May Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 May 8, 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