

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
August 14, 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, August 14, 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 August 14, 2023, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on August 3, 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:

Hilger	Johnson, Duane	Johnson, Jerry
Lawrence	Meduna	McKnight
Olson	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Tonnies
Yosten	Thompson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Birkel	Engel
Kavan		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Andersen
Lausterer	Chapman	Schomer (Zoom)
Elliott (Zoom)	Abbott (Zoom)	Sabatka (Zoom)
Heimann (Zoom)	Bill Butler	Don Gunster

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report – Attached

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report - None

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Bill Butler and Don Gunster representing AltEn Facility Response Group updated the board on the process

and cleanup going on at the AltEn facility near Mead.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the minutes from the July 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 Fall Conference – Update Given

b. Reports

1. NRC Meeting – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. USACE Closeout – Update Given

b. Director Absences

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve Director Meduna’s excuse of absence from the July board meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. New Office Building – Update Given

e. Director Vacancy Sub-District #2 – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

a. New Server Equipment and Service

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to purchase a new server and equipment from HELM Connected at a quoted price of \$10,412. It was further recommended to enter into a Server Management and Support agreement with HELM Connected at a rate of \$400/month. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Copier Lease Buyout and Upgrade

Johnson J. made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to enter into a new lease agreement with Advanced Office Automation for a Kyocera 4053ci at a monthly lease of \$209 and per copy cost of .008¢ for black, .03¢ low color and .05¢ high color. This cost includes supplies and service. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Personnel

a. Benal Leave Payout

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the leave payout time to Tyler Benal in the amount of \$8,640.06 less deductions. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, 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. Review of FY2024 Budget

Olson made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget with total expenditures of \$8,761,805. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Yosten made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to remove \$400,000 from the Large Structure O & M Sinking Fund and cap it at \$200,000; remove \$60,922.50 from the Emergency Flood Damage Sinking Fund and to cap the Groundwater Sinking Fund at \$100,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the August 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 – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A – NRCS – Update Given

b. Czechland RV Camping Electrical Upgrades – Update Given

c. Grass Drill Rental Revenue – Update Given

d. Lake Wanahoo Archery Range – Update Given

e. Buoy System Repair

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to donate \$1,000 to the Greater Omaha Scuba Club for their service on Lake Wanahoo re-hooking the buoy system to the anchor points on the lake floor. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

d. Noonan/Snitily Wetland Property

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to name the NW most portion of the Wanahoo Property – “Noonan/Snitily Wetland” and put signate in that area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Past Events - Update Given

2. Future Events – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to write off Ralph Palmer’s water expense of \$230.20. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other

1. Review of FY 2024 Budget

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the August 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 Requests – Update Given

2. John Healy Variance Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Yosten, to approve the variance for John Healy additional 50 acres for the NE¼-S24-T17N-R3E, Colfax County with the justification of utilizing Schuyler Treated Lagoon Water to decrease the risk of water contamination. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan - Update Given

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved- Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits- Update Given

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

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

b. CHEMIGATION – Update Given

3. EDUCATIONAL PRGORAM – Dragon-line

4. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the cost-share payments for the following well decommissioning: Paul Thorson \$287.25; Todd Went \$603.05; Dorothy Juranek \$2,423.64 (for 2 wells); Zoucha Farms LLC \$1,148.49. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

1. Phase Area – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

c. Grants

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the interlocal agreement with Lower Loup NRD for the purpose of conducting WSF grant “Assessing Legacy Nitrates in Platte, Colfax and Dodge Counties, Nebraska” and authorize Chairman Thompson to sign after legal counsel review. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Water Flow Meters – Update Given

5. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

6. Groundwater Budget – Update Given

7. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

McKnight the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the August LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. BUDGET REVIEW

3. SWCP

a. SWCP Application Approvals

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the following SWCP applications totaling \$43,081.51:

James Vanek - \$12,500

Steven Douglas - \$12,500

Gregg Fujan - \$5,581.51

Donal Krejci - \$12,500

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

a. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None

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

d. North Bend Drainage District – Update Given

e. Cameras and Stage-Only Stream Gages on Lower Platte River Bridges – Update Given

5. SHELL CREEK WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Implementation – 319 and NET

b. Septic System Upgrade

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve septic system upgrade applications to Roger Goedecken and Kyle Reed for \$7,500 to expire on June 30, 2025. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED

a. Dam Site Planning Update – Update Given

1. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

2. Real Estate – Olsson and Great Plains Appraisal – Update Given

3. Funding- NRCS WFPO and NeDNR JEDI – Update Given

b. Water Quality – NWQI & 319 – Update Given

7. LOWER PLATTE RIVER COORIDOR ALLIANCE – Update Given

8. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE – Update Given

9. WOLFE JETTY – Update Given

10. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – Update Given

11. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – None

12. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

13. OTHER – Update Given

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, that the August LPNDR Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Water Strategies Representation Agreement

Seier made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to authorize Chair Thompson to sign the Representation Agreement with Water Strategies as attached to the agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Yosten made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the August Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 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 August 14, 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