

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
October 9, 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, October 9, 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 October 9, 2023, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Fremont Tribune on October 4, 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:

Birkel (arrived 6:04)	Engel	Goldsberry
Hilger	Johnson, Jerry	Lawrence
McKnight	Meduna (arrived 6:08)	Olson (Zoom)
Saalfeld (left 7:53)	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Tonnies	Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Johnson, Duane	Kavan
Yosten		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Bryan Shupe reviewed his monthly 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

Aaron Bos was present to update the Board on Nebraska Class (Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) and what they could do for the NRD.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the minutes from the September 11, 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 Winter Conference

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to send up to two staff and two directors to the GMDA Winter Conference being held in Nashville January 23-25, 2024. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. 2024 NACD Annual Meeting

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to send up to two staff and two directors to the NACD Annual Meeting being held in San Diego, CA – February 10-14, 2024. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports

1. NARD Fall Conference – Update Given

2. Nebraska Land Trust – Update Given

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Discussion took place on reviewing our current director absence policy.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. New Office – Update Given

d. Sand Creek Utility Easement – Update Given

e. Remote Reader Equipment Issue – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. O & M Technician

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to ratify the hiring of Kaitlyn Fehlhafer to fill the vacant Operation and Maintenance Technician position at an annual salary of \$40,000 per year. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. NRD/NRCS Employees – Federal Shutdown – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, 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

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the October LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. ELECT COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to elect Ryan Engel to be Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

3. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS – Update Given

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

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

b. Clear Creek Levee - Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Archery Range – Update Given

d. Lower Platte Weed Group – Update Given

e. Jason Scott Bridge – Update Given

5. ROCK AND JETTY – None

3. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Potential House Donation to Lake Wanahoo

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to table the potential house donation agenda item. Motion failed.

AYE: Birkel, Engel, Meduna

NAY: Goldsberry, Hilger, Johnson, J., Lawrence, McKnight, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Tonnies, Thompson

d. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given

7. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Digital Ads – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Past Events - Update Given

2. Future Events – Update Given

8. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other - None

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the October LPNRRD 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 in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the variances that had a ranking score of 393 or higher for 190.73-acre feet of depletion as shown on the spreadsheet attached to the Water Committee minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Area – Update Given

3. Well Permit Program

4. Well Permit Kevin Indra

Hilger made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the well permit for Kevin Indra for the NW-SW-S13-17N-5E Saunders County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Well Permit Classification

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., to allow Jeff Temme to change his well permit from replacement to new well for NE-NE-S23-T22N-R6W, Boone County and keep the existing well as a livestock well. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

7. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits- Update Given

b. Flow Meter Maintenance – Update Given

8. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

9. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

10. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

b. CHEMIGATION – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

1. Phase Area – Update Given

2. Phoenix Database – Update Given

3. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given

4. GROUNDWATER RETREAT – UDPATE GIVEN

5. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. State Lakes – Update Given

6. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. 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

3. SHELL CREEK WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Implementation – 319 and NET

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to purchase supplies up to \$500 for Newman Grove volunteer monitoring students. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Tom Sprunk Grade Stabilization Project

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve \$18,333.45 payment to Tom Sprunk for completed grade stabilization project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. 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

5. HAZARD MINIGATION PLAN - Update Given

6. NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP PROGRAM PAYMENTS

Johnson, J. Made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the 2023 Nebraska Buffer Strip Program contract payments totaling \$52,161.76 as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. OTHER

1. Village of Colon

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to commit up to \$2,000 for trees and trails for the Village of Colon's new park. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, that the October 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

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Tonnie, 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 Lawrence, to approve the October Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The November Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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 October 9, 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