

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
November 13, 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 Newman Grove Agriculture Building, Newman Grove, NE on Monday, November 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 November 13, 2023, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on November 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
Goldsberry	Hilger	Johnson, Jerry
Kavan	Lawrence	Meduna
McKnight	Olson	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Saeger	Seier
Tonnies	Yosten	Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Johnson, Duane

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Breunig	Andersen	Abbott
Chapman	Allen	Gerdes
Elliott	ten Bensel	Lausterer (Zoom)
Schomer (Zoom)	Heimann (Zoom)	Phillips (Zoom)
Lightbody (Zoom)	Shupe (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

Assistant Manager Chapman reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Prior to the meeting we heard from the Shell Creek Watershed Group.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the October 9, 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 – Update Given

2. 2024 NACD Annual Meeting – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences - None

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Nebraska CLASS Resolution

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize Chirman Thompson to sign the CLASS resolution as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Directors Absence Policy

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to modify our current Director Absence Policy and add up to two zoom and two business related absences along with existing medical excused absences. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. New Office Building – Update Given

f. November Board Meeting Schedule – Update Given

g. Nebraska Water Leaders Academy

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve sending one Lower Platte North NRD staff member to Water Leaders Academy in 2024. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. METOS USA – Update Given

i. FEMA 428 Funds – Update Given

j. Ingress/Egress Easement Agreement with City of Wahoo Sewer Extension Project

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize Manager Gottschalk to sign the City of Wahoo/Sewer Extension Ingress/Egress Easement Agreement as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Worker's Compensation – Update Given

b. Creation of Staff Leave Pool – Update Given

6. Finance

a. FY 2022 Annual Audit – Update Given

b. Approval of Financial Reports – Update Given

c. 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.

d. Accounts Over 90 Days - Update Given

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the November 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. Sand/Duck Creek Dam 126 Land Lock Issue

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a cost-share payment of \$3,268.88 to Jason Scott for a UTV bridge and installation at Sand Creek Dam 15 to access a land locked parcel. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Lower Platte Weed Group – Update Given

d. Czechland Camping Revenue – Update Given

e. Hay on Wanahoo Area – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment of \$4,000 to Timberwood HOA and \$2,802.50 to Medinger Farms for Platte River bank maintenance work accomplished. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

- a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given**
- b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given**
- c. Lake Wanahoo Equipment Shed Addition – Update Given**
- d. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given**

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- a. Information**
 - 1. Radio and Digital Ads – Update Given**
 - 2. Analytics – Update Given**
 - 3. Nebraska Public Media – 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 Saalfeld, that the November LPNDRD 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. Irrigation Conversion

Birkel made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve the request from the Prochaska Family on re-designing its pivot location but not increasing the current certified irrigated acres in SQS #1 south of Bruno. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Irrigation Transfer Requests in the Restricted Development Areas – Update Given

3. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to allow a 1-year extension of the existing variance with an allocation for S½-NE¼-S15-T21N-R5W from well G-144086. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Well Permit Program – Update Given

5. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits- Update Given

b. Flow Meter Maintenance

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to accept the proposal to conduct flow meter maintenance from Tri-City Meters for a 4-year agreement as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Engel, Goldsberry, Hilger, Johnson J., Kavan, Lawrence, Meduna, McKnight, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Tonnie, Thompson

NAY: Saeger, Yosten

6. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

8. Groundwater Management Plan – Update Given

b. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the payment of \$1,044.30 to Luke Glaser for the abandonment of 1 hand dug well. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

1. Phase Area

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve a cost share payment of \$20,750 to Lanny and Gloria Schmid for pivot conversion and soil moisture sensors within the Schuyler-Richland Management Area. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Lower Platte River Consortium

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize Chairman Thompson to sign the interlocal agreement for the Lower Platte River Consortium as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. New Monitoring Wells

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the invoice from In-Situ for \$1,127 to replace a damaged data logger. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Ground Water Retreat - Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the November LPNDRD 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 – None

b. SWCP Payment – None

c. SWCP Cancellation – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals - None

3. 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

4. SHELL CREEK WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Implementation – 319 and NET – Update Given

b. Septic System Upgrade Payment

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve \$5,1547.24 payment to Diane Miller for septic system upgrade. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. 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

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Upper Wahoo Creek Watershed land rights and authorize the following to

stay: Danielle Allen with Olsson, Cody Gerdes with Great Plains Appraisal, Legal Counsel Lausterer (Zoom), Andrew Phillips (Zoom), Chapman, Elliott and Breunig. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to accept 10 appraisals as prepared by Great Plains Real Estate for the Upper Wahoo Creek Watershed sites 26a, 26b and 27 and move forward with offers. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Funding NRCS WFPO & NeDNR JEDI – Update Given

b. Dam Site Construction

Johnson. J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to advertise for tree removal/clearing bids for sites 26A, 26B and 27. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Water Quality NWQI & 319 – Update Given

6. LOWER PLATTE RIVER COORIDOR ALLIANCE - Update Given

7. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE – Update Given

8. WOLFE JETTY – Update Given

9. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – Update Given

10. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – Update Given

11. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – Update Given

12. OTHER – Update Given

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS – NONE

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Yosten 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 Saalfeld, to approve the November Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The December Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 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 November 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