

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo NE on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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 January 8, 2024, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on December 29, 2023.

Chair Thompson informed those present that a copy of the “Open Meetings Act” is posted for public viewing. Chair Thompson declared this meeting as a “virtual meeting” so any director on Zoom will be able to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey (Zoom)	Birkel (Zoom)	Engel (Zoom)
Goldsberry (Zoom)	Hilger (Zoom)	Johnson, Duane
Johnson, Jerry	Lawrence (Zoom)	Meduna
McKnight (Zoom)	Olson	Saalfeld (Zoom)
Sabatka (Zoom)	Saeger (Zoom)	Seier (Zoom)
Tonnies (Zoom)	Yosten (Zoom)	Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Chapman
Heimann (Zoom)	Lausterer	Shupe
ten Bensel (Zoom)	Abbott (Zoom)	Sabatka (Zoom)
Schomer (Zoom)	Andersen (Zoom)	Pollard (Zoom)
Havelka	Henke (Zoom)	Phillips (Zoom)
Petersen (Zoom)	Darling (Zoom)	Barton (Zoom)
Mandstead (Zoom)		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

Havelka addressed the Board about his concerns regarding the new office building. Manstedt spoke in favor of the potential new office building.

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

Manager Gottschalk gave his report.

f. Education Program

Stan Darling and Amber Barton reported on the FEVR Bike Trail through Dodge County and over Ditch #8.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meduna, made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the minutes from the December 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. NARD Legislative Conference - Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the absence request from Duane Johnson for October Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Water Leaders Academy

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve registration tuition of \$3,000 for Director Tonnies to attend Water Leaders Academy 2024. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy, Lausterer Retainer Agreement

Meduna made the motion seconded by Sabatka, to authorize Chair Thompson to sign the retainer agreement with Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy and Lausterer effective January 1, 2024 to January 2025 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. 2024 Election Certification - Update Given

f. New Office – Update Given

g. Tuition Reimbursement Payment – Update Given

h. Highway 77/92 & Highway 109 Intersection – Action in Operations Committee

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel

a. Personnel Changes – Update Given

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the November Financial Statements as attached. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Meduna, made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the January 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. Rehabilitation of Cottonwood 21-A – NRCS – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Relief Well Cleaning – Update Given

c. Intersection Highway 77 and 109 Round-About

Johnson, J., made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve and authorize Chairman Thompson to sign the contract of \$33,560 with JEO for the design and construction oversight of sealing/filtering and/or diaphragming utilities through the Wanahoo Dam and NDOT Round-About Highway Project. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Engel, Goldsberry, Hilger, Johnson D., Johnson J., Lawrence, Meduna, McKnight, Olson, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Tonnies

NAY: Sabatka, Yosten, Thompson

d. Wanahoo Cat Paw Sediment Removal

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the M.E. Collins quote of \$90,200 to clean sediment from the cat paw basins on Wanahoo with a negotiated price of \$1.00 buy-back price for all material. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Vehicles Purchased – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the City of North Bend \$3,036.17 or one third of the total invoice for Platte River Levee maintenance work. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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**

6. 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**

Meduna, made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the January 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. Well Permit Program – Update Given**
 - a. Well Permit Request – Update Given**

2. Groundwater Management Plan

Birkel made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to negotiate a contract with LRE to update the Groundwater Management Plan, with a contract not to exceed \$54,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

4. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given

5. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

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

7. Richland – Schuyler Phase 3 Area – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the cost-share payment of \$1,122.29 to the Osantowski Brothers for the abandonment of 1 irrigation well. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

1. Phase Area

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve cost-share payment on four meters to Kracl Implement and Jerold Kracl totaling \$4,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. January Water Committee Agenda Item – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells Equipment – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the January 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

Tonnies made the motion, seconded by Engel, to approve and authorize Chair Thompson to sign the interlocal agreement with City of Fremont and Dodge County for funding the Fremont East Drainage Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Rawhide Creek Watershed – NRCS WFPO – Update Given

3. SHELL CREEK WATERSHEDS

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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve \$5,083.52 payment to Keith Runge for onsite wastewater treatment system upgrade in the Shell Creek Watershed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve a grazing system application totaling \$26,565.91 from Tony Long for new well, solar pump, tanks, and cross fencing in the Shell Creek Watershed. 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

3. Funding NRCS WFPO & NeDNR JEDI – Update Given

b. Water Quality – NWQI & 319 – Update Given

5. MORSE BLUFF LEVEE – Update Given

6. OTHER

Olson made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to allocate \$7,500 to the FEVR trail for bridge improvement over Ditch #8. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Engel, Goldsberry, Hilger, Johnson D., Johnson J., Lawrence, Meduna, McKnight, Olson, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Tonnies, Thompson

NAY: Yosten

Meduna, made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the January 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

Sabatka the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., 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

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the January Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 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 January 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