

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo NE on Monday, May 13, 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 May 13, 2024, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on May 3, 2024.

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	Engel	Goldsberry
Hilger	Johnson, Duane	Johnson, Jerry
Meduna (arrive 6:05)	McKnight	Olson
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Saeger
Seier	Tonnies	Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Kavan	Lawrence (Zoom)
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Heimann
Lausterer	Elliott	Shupe
Andersen	Allen, Danielle (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

Manager Gottschalk gave his report.

f. Education Program - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024, 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 – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve Directors Duane Johnson, Andrew Tonnies and Tom McKnight’s absence from the April Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. Alex Kavan Resignation

Olson made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to accept Alex Kavan’s resignation and declare a vacancy in Sub-District 8. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. LB43e Conflict of Interest-Notice of Meetings–Open Meeting & Public Records Request – Update Given

e. New Office – Update Given

4. Equipment

a. FEMA 428 Equipment Purchase – Update Given

5. Personnel

a. Staff Cost of Living/Merit Salary Increase – Update Given

b. NRCS Office Personnel Job Classifications – Update Given

c. Wanahoo Seasonal Staff

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve Lake Wanahoo Park Superintendent pay increase to \$20/hour effective May 4, 2024. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve a \$1.50/hour pay raise for our six returning seasonal temporary employees at Lake Wanahoo effective May 4, 2024. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve the March Financial Statements as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, 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

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, that the May 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. Intersection Highway 77 and 109 Round-About – Update Given

c. Lower Platte Weed Group – Update Given

d. Equipment for Sale

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to continue advertising the JD CX-15 movers asking \$15,500 and if someone offers that price accept it. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Haying NRD Recreation Areas

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to accept the high bids from Matt Sillivan on the three Wanahoo area and one area at Czechland Lake and from Dan Kadavy at Homestead Lake. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Behrens' Request – Thomas Lakes – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY - None

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales - Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Live Well Go Fish Building

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to authorize Staff to work with Live Well Go Fish to secure grant funds to build a storage structure near the Wanahoo Fire Department building for their boat and equipment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Wanahoo East Side Wi-Fi/Camera Installation

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to accept the proposal \$2,508.20 from Diode Technologies and provide Wi-Fi access to a security camera on the light pole in the NW Corner of the parking lot at the Clint Johannes Education Building. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Digital Ads – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

3. Butler County Fair – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

1. Past Events - Update Given

2. Upcoming Events – Update Given

3. Land Judging Location – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Rural Water District Operations – Update Given

b. Colon – Update Given

c. Bruno – Update Given

d. Other - None

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, 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 – NONE

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Request in Restricted Development Areas – Update Given

2. Well Permit Program - Update Given

- 3. Tile Drain Discussion – Update Given**
- 4. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given**
 - a. Flow Meter Maintenance Program – Update Given**
 - 5. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) – Update Given**
 - b. Chemigation – Update Given**
 - c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given**
 - d. GW Quality Sampling – Update Given**
- 3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**
 - a. Decommissioned Well Program**
 - 1. Well Estimates – Update Given**
 - 2. Plugged Wells**

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve the well decommissioning payment to Gary Harms for \$1,261.13. Motion carried on consent agenda.
 - b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES**

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay Sentinel Fertificaton \$10,803.88 for equipment needed for the demonstration site on Meduna Family Land in Saunders County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.
 - c. New Monitoring Wells Equipment – Update Given**
 - d. Groundwater Management Plan – Update Given**
 - e. Lower Platte River Consortium – Update Given**
 - f. Phase Area Update**

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to pay invoices totaling \$8,000 in flow meter cost-share for the following Individuals: Skytown Properties - \$1,000; Midland Land LLC - \$1,000; Rambour Realty - \$1,000; Fred Otradovsky - \$1,000; Mark Horejsi - \$4,000; \$750 to Midland Land for Soil Moisture Sensors Incentive and \$395 to Midland Land LLC for Cover Crop Incentive. It was further recommended to pay Skytown and Midlands Land \$10,000 for Gravity to SDI conversion for a total of \$29,145. Motion carried all members present voting aye.
- 4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS – Update Given**
 - a. State Lakes – Update Given**
- 5. OTHER**
 - a. Comments from the Public – None**

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, 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

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve the 2024 SWCP policy with a new cost-share maximum of \$15,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

a. Applications Approvals

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve \$375 cost-share application to Dana Kuhl for SWCP tree planting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments – None

c. SWCP Cancellations – 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 NRCSA WFPO – Update Given

d. North Bend Drainage District - Update Given

e. Cotterell Diking and Drainage District - Update

4. SHELL CREEK WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Implementation – 319 and NET

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve Roger Gehring water tank and August Runge Grade stabilization applications as listed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Seier made the motion, seconded by Engel, to approve payment of \$4,847.50 to Ken Nelson for his onsite wastewater projects. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by McKnight, that we go into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Upper Wahoo Creek Watershed land rights and authorize the following to stay: Danielle Allen (Zoom), Legal Counsel Lausterer, Gottschalk, Elliott and Breunig. Motion carried

all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Saeger, that we come out of Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Engel, to authorize Legal Counsel Lausterer to prepare final offer letters based on standing offers from the NRD to the following landowners: Snitily, Fujan and Vanek. Lausterer shall give the property owners a May 24th deadline to accept or decline the offers. Offers which are not accepted will be referred to the committee for a recommendation to commence condemnation by Lausterer before the Saunders County Board of Appraisers. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Saeger

3. Funding NRCS WFPO & NeDNR JEDI – Update Given

b. Water Quality – NWQI & 319 – Update Given

6. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLAINCE

a. Management Plan Update

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve the LPRCA Watershed management Plan update as attached to the projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Trend Analysis

Olson made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve up to \$10,686 for LPRCA join stream tend analysis project. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Birkel

7. LESHARA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT – Update Given

8. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, that the May 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

Tonnies made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, 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

Engel made the motion, seconded by Tonnies, to approve the May Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 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 13, 2024, 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