

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
June 10, 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, June 10, 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 June 10, 2024, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on May 31, 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 (arrived 6:08)	Goldsberry	Johnson, Jerry
Lawrence	McKnight	Olson
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Seier
Tonnies	Thompson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bailey	Engel	Hilger (Zoom)
Johnson, Duane	Meduna	Saeger (Zoom)
Yosten		

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Chapman
Lausterer	Elliott	Shupe
Andersen	Allen, Danielle (Zoom)	Phillips, Andrew (Zoom)
Jon Mohr		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Bryan Shupe reviewed his monthly report.

c. NARD Report - None

d. NRC Report - None

e. Manager Report

Manager Gottschalk gave his report.

f. Education Program

Matt Manning was present and gave an update on the Perkins County Canal Project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to approve the minutes from the June 10, 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. GMDA Meeting – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences – No Action

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

c. New Office Update – Update Given

d. Potential Construction Change Order Process

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to authorize by majority of the building sub-committee to approve change orders of \$5,000 or less with formal approval at the next Board Meeting. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Sale of Current Office – Update Given

f. Payment to Scheele-Kayton Construction – Update Given

g. Sub-District 8 Vacancy – Update Given

h. Approval of Policies – Update Given

i. May 2024 Flood – Update Given

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. Drew ten Bensel Resignation

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Seier, to pay Drew ten Bensel \$1,091.47 of unused leave time less deductions of retirement, taxes and any supplemental insurance. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. NARDS Health Insurance Coverage and Administration - Update Given

c. 2025 Staff Salary Adjustments

Tonnies made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve a 5% cost of living/merit increase based on our total salaries from FY 23-24 and approve adding \$33,000 of base salary to support specific position adjustments to get them in line with similar NRD positions across the state effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. NRCS Personnel Job Classification

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to create a NRCS Programs Assistant Position with \$2,000/annual increase over the NRCS Field Office Assistant position. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to approve the April Financial Statements as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, 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. Sinking Funds – Update Given

e. Re-investment of Funds – Update Given

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, that the June 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. Intersection Highway 77 and 109 Round-About – Update Given

c. Heavy Rainfall and Flooding in the District - Update Given

d. Behrens' Home Thomas Lake

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to allow the Behrens to rebuild their home on Thomas Lakes Lot 47 if the Geotechnical study is favorable for concrete pillars to build the house on or above the Base Flood Elevation similar to what the National Guard Camp has done. 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. Pontoon Boat

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Seier, to authorize Staff to sell our 16-foot Ranger Fishing Boat and purchase a 20-foot pontoon boat and trailer not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried on all members present voting aye.

d. 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. Upcoming Events – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Rural Water District Operations – Update Given

b. Colon – Update Given

c. Bruno – Update Given

d. Other - None

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, that the June 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. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to approve the letter as attached to the Water Committee Minutes that will be sent to NeDNR to start the process to re-evaluate V-IMP goals and objectives with the signature of the General Manager. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given

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

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels

Olson made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to budget \$35,000 for the four tasks described in the summary document from LRE for amending the Groundwater Management Plan update as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

d. Ground Water Management Plan – Update Given

e. Ground Water Sampling – Update Given

1. Ground Water Quality Assessment – Update Given

2. Drought Plan Proposal – Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells - None

b. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

1. Phase Area Update – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Sub-Regional Ground Water Modeling – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells – Update Given

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS – Update Given

a. State Lakes – Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – None

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, that the June 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

a. SWCP Payments

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to approve a \$996.40 payment to Ryan Woehl for completed windbreak planting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 – Update Given

5. WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED

a. Dam Site Planning Update – Update Given

1. Olsson Design Update and Invoice

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Olson, to authorize Chairman Thompson to sign the Letter Agreement Amendment #3 to our existing Olson Contract totaling \$233,054 as attached to the Projects Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Real Estate – Olsson and Great Plains Appraisal

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Johnson, J., that we go into Executive Session at 8:39 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, Chapman, Elliott and Breunig. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that we come out of Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion seconded by Lawrence, to approve the chairs execution of the purchase agreement as presented with Gregg A. Fujan and Eva K. Fujan, Trustees of the Gregg A. and Eva K. Fujan Family Trust dated April 12, 2016, as well as to authorize the General Manager to close on the easement acquisitions referenced therein. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson made the motion, seconded by McKnight, the approve the chairs execution of the purchase agreement as presented with Dennis J. Snitily, as well as to authorize the General Manager to close on the easement acquisitions referenced therein. Motion carried on members present voting aye.

Birkel made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve legal counsel proceeding with condemnation court filings against James G. Vanek and Joanie M. Vanek relating to easements located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 5, East of the 6th P.M.,

Saunders County, Nebraska, or alternatively to approve the chairs execution of a negotiated purchase agreement with the Vanek's, as well as to authorize the General Manager to close on the easement acquisitions referenced therein. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Funding NRCS WFPO & NeDNR JEDI – Update Given

b. Water Quality – NWQI & 319 – Update Given

6. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLAINCE

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to authorize General Manager Gottschalk to sign the Joint Funding Agreement for USAGS Stream gage Trend Analysis in the Lower Platte River as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, that the June LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Decommissioned Well Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the decommissioned cost-share payments to Mike Wolf - \$916.73 and Eugene Goering - \$940.46. Motion carried on consent agenda.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Sabatka made 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

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Goldsberry, to approve the June Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The July Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 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 June 10, 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