

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
December 9, 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, December 9, 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 December 9, 2024, board meeting was posted on the Lower Platte North NRD website and posted in the Wahoo Newspaper on November 29, 2024.

Acting Chair Sabatka informed those present that a copy of the “Open Meetings Act” is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the board meeting Roger Harders took his oath of office.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey (arrived 1:33)	Engel	Goldsberry
Harders	Hilger	Johnson, Duane
Johnson, Jerry (arrived 1:36)	Lawrence	Meduna (arrived 1:32)
McKnight	Saalfeld	Saeger
Seier	Tonnies	Sabatka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Birkel	Olson	Yosten
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Chapman
Andersen	Abbott (Zoom)	Elliott
Beethe	Heimann	Lausterer
Bryan Shupe	Sabatka, L. (Zoom)	Kim Todd (Zoom)
Mike Sotak (Zoom)	Connor Nicholas	

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Bryan Shupe reviewed the NRCS monthly report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger gave the NARD report.

d. NRC Report

e. Manager Report

Manager Gottschalk gave his report.

f. Education Program

UNL Landscape Design students presented their preliminary work for the landscape design planning for the new LPNNRD office.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Johnson, J., made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the November 11, 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. Meeting with Dave Wordekemper – Update Given

2. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences - None

b. Monthly Education Program – Taken Earlier

c. New Office Update

1. Current Change Orders

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Engel, to approve Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 totaling \$19,219 as presented and outline in the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Great Plains Appraisal

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize General Manager, Gottschalk to sign the Professional Service Agreement with Great Plains Appraisal, Inc. to appraise the current NRD office building at a cost of \$3,600. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Nominating Sub-Committee – Update Given

f. Lausterer Retainer Agreement

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Tonnie, to authorize Chair to sign the retainer agreement with Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer commencing January 2025. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Engel, Goldsberry, Hilger, Johnson D., Johnson J., Lawrence, Meduna, McKnight, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Tonnie, Sabatka

ABSTAIN: Harders

g. Boone County Treasurer

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the district allow Boone County Treasurer to give us electronic notification of tax collections withheld to pay for refund to the property owner.

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Equipment – None

5. Personnel

a. CDL License Requirement

Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to require our current O & M Technicians and Rural Water Manager to obtain and maintain a current CDL license. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the final October Financial Statements as attached to the Executive Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. 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.

c. Accounts Over 90 Days - Update Given

d. Union Bank Line of Credit – Update Given

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the December 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 & HDR – Update Given

b. Wanahoo Basin Investigation for Damage

Johnson J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Houston Engineering's Phase 1, 1b and the five tasks associated with analyzing the needs for repairs and mitigation on the Wanahoo Dam basin and breakwater at a contract price of \$139,734. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Wanahoo Relief Well Cleaning- Update Given

d. Hay Harvest on NRD Recreation Areas – Update Given

e. NRD Vehicles

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve selling our 2012 Chevy Crew Cab at a starting price of \$10,500 and to also proceed selling the 2014 Ford Fusion and replace it with a SUV. 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. Clint Johannes Education Building Rentals – Update Given

d. Flooring Upgrade

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to proceed with the bid of \$15,647 from Midwest Concrete to upgrade the flooring at the education building and shower house at Lake Wanahoo. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Digital Ads – Update Given

2. Analytics – Update Given

b. Education

1. Past Events – Update Given

2. Upcoming Events – Update Given

3. NACD Conference 2025 – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Rural Water Operations – Update Given

b. Colon – Update Given

c. Bruno – Update Given

d. OTHER

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the December 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. Well Permit Program

a. Fire Protection Well Permit

Hilger made the motion, seconded by McKnight, to approve a well permit for fire safety protection to Yutan 92 LLC located in SW-SE-S35-15N-9W, Saunders County with the conditions of water flow meter and PVC tube in annular space of the well casing. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

2. Richland-Schuyler Management Area Hearing

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to move part of Richland-Schuyler Water Quality Management Area from Phase 3 to Phase 4 as described by public hearing notice (Exhibit 1) and shown by map (Exhibit 5) with implementation effective December 10, 2024. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. Groundwater Management Plan – Update Given

4. Nitrate Assessment Project – Update Given

5. Special Quantity Subareas

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Lawrence, to continue with a 30-inch rolling allocation for crop year 2025 for the Colfax-Platte Water Quantity Management Area (SQS #2) with the plan on updating the rules and boundary area in the Groundwater Rules and Regulations by December 15, 2025. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Cost-Share Programs – Update Given

b. Groundwater Energy Levels – Update Given

c. Groundwater Quality Sampling – 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 Given

2. Domestic Well Water Treatment Cost-Share

Tonnies made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve the Domestic Well Water Treatment Cost-Share Program for implementation beginning on December 10, 2024 as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. New Monitoring Wells – 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 December 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. Application Approvals - None

b. SWCP Payments

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve \$975 SWCP payment to James Wemhoff for windbreak renovation. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 – None

b. West Fremont – FEMA BRIC – None

c. Rawhide Creek Watershed NRCSA WFPO – None

d. North Bend Drainage District - None

e. Cotterell Diking and Drainage District – None

4. SHELL CREEK WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Implementation – 319 and NET

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve August Runge III septic system upgrade estimated at \$6,000 with 60% cost-share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. WAHOO CREEK WATERSHED

a. WCW Construction – Update Given

b. Dam Site Planning

1. Olsson Design - Update Given

2. Real Estate – Olsson and Great Plains Appraisal -Update Given

3. Funding – NRCS – WFPO & NeDNR JEDI

c. Water Quality – NWQI & 319 – Update Given

6. LOWER PLATTE RIVER COOIDOR ALLIANCE – Update Given

7. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS - Update Given

8. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – UPDATE GIVEN

9. OTHER

a. Water Leaders Academy – Update Given

b. 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Update Given

c. NeDNR Transducer Funding – Update Given

Johnson, J. made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the December 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

McKnight made the motion, seconded by Meduna, 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 December Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 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 December 9, 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