

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, April 11, 2016.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our April 11, 2016 board meeting was published on March 24, 2016 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Hannah informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Birkel	Clausen
Feala	Gibney	Hagerbaumer
Hilger	Kavan	McDermott
Meduna	Pollard	Ruzicka
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Seier
Veskerna	Hannah	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Olson	Sobota
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Murren
Breunig	Heimann	Gottschalk
Deerson	TePoel	Angle

Legal Counsel Lausterer

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Mark Walkenhorst present and gave the NRCS/NRD April report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on current legislation and the next Board Meeting to be held on Monday, June 13th.

d. NRC Report

None

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

JEO was present to report on the Inundation Maps that were created as part of the Hazard Mitigation

Project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. UNL Water Tour

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to become a Gold Sponsor for the Water and Natural Resources Tour at a cost of \$2,000. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Water for Food Conference – Update Given

b. Reports – Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve payment of \$3,400 to Bob Weaver for March services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. Chief Standing Bear Trail

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to support the creation of the Chief Standing Bear Virtual Trail with letters being sent to our entire Federal Delegation (Senator Fischer, Senator Sasse, Congressman Ashford, Congressman Fortenberry and Congressman Smith). Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. Equipment - None

4. Personnel

a. Mitch O'Reilly – Update Given

b. Identity Theft

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve reimbursement of up to \$75 to any current staff member or director with receipt of payment for purchase of one year of Identity Theft Insurance. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, McDermott, Meduna, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Kavan

c. Salary Review

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to accept the proposal as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes from Zelle HR to review our wage and salary procedure at a cost of \$9,500. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the February Financial Reports as distributed to all board members. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve Manager Miyoshi's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the April LPNRRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Wild NE/CREP Report – Update Given

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Eagle Scout Project Proposals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve two Eagle Scout Project proposals by Seth Varner and Max Hohn to place seven park benches and three trees at the Lake Wanahoo SRA as written in their Service Project Plan booklet. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Memorial Request by McPeck Family

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to allow the Family of Robert McPeck to purchase a memorial park bench, tree and assist district staff with construction of their site at Lake Wanahoo SRA. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Other Memorial or Donated Park Items

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to develop a Memorial/Donation Plan for Lake Wanahoo SRA and have staff purchase five additional benches for future memorial donations, with Directors Hannah and McDermott expressing that they will be purchasing two of the five benches. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Yutan Trail Update

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to allocate an additional \$20,000 to the Districts current \$30,000 financial commitment to the Yutan Trail payable over a five year period contingent that full funding for the trail is obtained from other sources is obtained. Motion failed.

AYE: Feala, McDermott, Saalfeld, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, Meduna, Pollard, Ruzicka, Sabatka, Seier

e. M.E. Collins Soil Borrow Lease

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to extend the soil borrow lease for two years as outlined in the agreement with M.E. Collins Construction on the Wanahoo property. Motion carried all members present voting aye. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Fremont GI Study

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the increase study cost of \$600,000 proposed by the COE for the Fremont GI Study, with LPNNRD paying \$150,000 contingent on our non-federal partners contributing their respective amounts of \$72,600 for Fremont, \$65,100 for Dodge County and \$12,300 for Inglewood. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Hannah

NAY: Veskerna

g. Lake Wanahoo RV Dump Station

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to advertising for bids for the construction of the Lake Wanahoo RV Dump Station with bid opening occurring in June. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Lake Wanahoo Paving and Trail Construction – Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY - None

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

2. Tree Sales Advertisements

b. Education

1. Spring Conservation Sensation – Update Given

2. Earth Wellness Festival – Update Given

3. Soil and Water Stewardship Week – Update Given

c. Computer - None

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the April LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

- 1. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – None**
- 2. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – None**
- 3. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Areas – None**
- 4. Well Permit Program**
 - a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**

5. Irrigation Transfer Request

a. Noonan Family Trust Irrigation Transfer Request to Mohrman Trust

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to approve the transfer of 5.28 certified irrigated acres from the N1/2, Section 30, T19N, R2W, of the Middle Shell Creek subarea owned by the Noonan Family Trust to the Earl Dean Mohrman Trust land in the NE1/4 of Section 25, T19N, R3W also in the Middle Shell Creek subarea and allow additional acres to be developed to complete the pivot circle for a total of 9.34 acres as shown on the map attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Mark Jenny Transfer Question – Update Given

6. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

a. LPNNRD SQS Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

7. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

8. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

9. LPNNRD Certification

a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program – Update Given

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells – Update Given

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM) – Update Given

2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment – Update Given

c. New Monitoring Wells

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve and authorize signing “Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement signed June 24, 2015” with UNL Conservation and Survey for three monitoring well at a cost of \$44,600. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

3. OTHER

a. GMDA Annual Conference

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve sending the profit of \$13,486.53 from the GMDA Winter Session to GMDA. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Summer Interns – Update Given

c. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the April LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve three SWCP tree planning and eight SWCP Summer Conservation practice applications totaling \$58,785.61 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancelations - None

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments – None

e. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None

f. Sand/Duck Creek Payments – None

g. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals - None

h. SWCP Policy Review and Approval

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the 2016 Soil and Water Conservation Program (SWCP) policy as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Awards & Engraving Payment Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott to approve paying Awards & Engraving in Columbus, \$97.64 (from Shell Creek Funds) for student science medals, ribbons and engraved plates as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Shell Creek Cover Crop Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the Shell Creek Watershed 2015

cover crop payment of \$3,200 to Fred Siefken as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes.
Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Water Quality Plan (PIP) Phase I – Update Given

2. Wahoo Creek Watershed Phase II Grant Approvals – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to appoint Assistant Manager Tom Mountford as the grant administrator for the Wahoo Creek watershed Water Quality Phase II grants from NET and EPA/DEQ and be authorized to complete and submit all necessary paperwork for accepting and administering approved grant funds. Motion carried on consent agenda.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

c. LPNNRD Local Working Group Meeting – Update Given

d. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Update Given

e. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given

5. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that the April LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Payment to FYRA for Preparation of Water Sustainability Fund Application

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment of \$4,000 to FYRA Engineering for preparation of the WSF Application for AEM flights over our two SQS Areas. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. Payment to LARM following Workers Compensation Audit

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve payment to LARM for \$3,294.01 for our Workers Compensation following our 2014-15 Audit. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7c. Greenshades Payment

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to have Legal Counsel Lausterer send a letter to Greenshades and not pay our \$509 bill to Greenshades for processing our W-2 and 1099 forms. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Clausen

7d. Lickteig Farm Lease

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve a one year assignable share crop lease with Harvey Brabec for the Lickteig property for 2016 as prepared by Lausterer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7e. Property Adjacent to Wanahoo Wetlands – No Action Taken

7f. Amendment to Wahoo Trail Agreement

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve an amendment to the Wahoo Trail Agreement to install drain tile and concrete a portion of the trail at a total cost not to exceed \$6,000 with the cost to the LPNNRD not to exceed \$480 as attached. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, McDermott, Meduna, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Birkel, Kavan

7g. Phoenix Group – Change Request

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve and authorize Manager Miyoshi to sign the attached Change Request with Phoenix Group that will allow us to attach multiple files to any object within the database at a cost of \$3,750. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that all bills be approved and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to approve the April Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, McDermott, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Meduna

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 April 11, 2016, 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.

Joe Birkel, Secretary