

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**February 9, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, February 9, 2015.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our February 9, 2015 board meeting was published on January 22, 2015 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
Gibney	Hagerbaumer	Hilger
Johannes	Kavan	Olson
Pollard	Ruzicka	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Seier	Veskerna
Hannah		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

McDermott	Meduna	Taylor
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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Schomer	Almond
Gottschalk	Oaklund	Heimann
Thompson	Angle	Benal
O'Reilly		

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS**

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report**

Brach Johnson reviewed the written report from Mark Walkenhorst.

**c. NARD Report**

Hilger reported on the recent Legislative Conference.

**d. NRC Report**

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

Dr. Richard Ferguson from UNL updated the Board about Project SENSE. UNL is looking for five NRD's to have

four sites within each district to test new technology that uses sensors to detect if the chlorophyll in the crop was deficient in nitrogen. These sensors would be mounted on a Hi-Boy and if the crop is nitrogen deficient the Hi-Boy would automatically apply extra liquid nitrogen as needed.

Prior to the start of the board meeting Simone Rock from HDR gave an update on where we are with our Basin Water Plan.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## **6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **1. Meetings**

##### **a. Pending**

##### **1. NARD Washington DC Conference – Update Given**

##### **2. Director Retreat – Update Given**

##### **b. Reports – Update Given**

#### **2. Management Items**

##### **a. Director Absences**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve Director Veskerna’s excuse of absence from the January Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### **b. Bob Weaver**

##### **1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given**

##### **2. Monthly Bill**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve payment of \$3,300 to Bob Weaver for January services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### **c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given**

##### **d. CCEI Lawsuit – Update Given**

##### **e. Bill Taylor Resignation**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to regretfully accept Bill Taylor’s resignation from the LPNNRD Board of Directors and to declare a director vacancy in Sub-District 3. Motion carried on consent agenda. Chair Hannah appointed the following Search Committee (Olson (Chair), Clausen, Pollard, Hagerbaumer, Saalfeld and Ruzicka) and tasked them to bring forth a candidate at the March Board Meeting.

##### **f. Legislative Update – Update Given**

##### **g. Thank You Note From Brooke Pieke – Update Given**

##### **h. Thank You Note From Schuyler Mayor Dave Reinecke – Update Given**

**i. Sand Creek Site 16 Landowner Concern – Update Given**

**j. Alliance River Obstruction Removal Project**

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Hilger, to inform the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance that the unhappiness LPNNRD has had with the LPRCA centers on the River Obstruction Removal Project, specifically the length of time the project has taken and the tripling of the cost. LPNNRD wishes to remain a full partner in the Alliance but feel this can only happen if the River Obstruction Removal Project located near Two Rivers is terminated and asks that this item be placed on the next Alliance meeting agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. Equipment – None**

**a. Board Room Microphone System – Update Given**

**4. Personnel**

**a. Rural Water Manager Position**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to follow the General Manager's recommendation and promote Eric Gottschalk to the Rural Water Manager position with new duties and job assignments as set by management and set his salary at the entry level for the Rural Water Manager Position. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. Water Technician/Operation & Maintenance**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to follow Manager Miyoshi's recommendation and promote Tyler Benal to the position that includes; 1.) Manager of the Chemigation Program, 2.) O&M Technician, 3.) Rural Water Operator 4.) SQS Water Technician. The starting date for this position is to be determined by the General Manager, but no later than March 31, 2015 with the starting salary as suggested by the General Manager. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Salary Survey**

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to advertise and take proposals and bids for a salary survey, which is to be completed in July (next fiscal year). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the December Financial Report as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, 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**

**d. NRDF Payment**

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to authorize the Board Treasurer and General Manager to make payment to the Union Bank Notes in the same amount as received from the NRDF Quarterly payment. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that the February LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Election of 2015 Chair and Vice Chair**

Gene Ruzicka was elected Chair and Jim McDermott was elected as Vice Chair of the O-E-RW Committee.

**2. Wild NE/CREP Report**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve participating in the Czechland Lake Grasslands Enhancement Grant as proposed by NE Game & Parks at an estimated cost of \$40,692 with LPNNRD cost being \$11,250 and to budget this amount for F.Y. 2016. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Johannes, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Birkel, Hilger, Kavan

**3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS**

**a. Equipment - Update Given**

**b. Tractor Rental 2015 – Update Given**

**c. Czechland Lake Improvements – Update Given**

**d. Wanahoo SRA – Update Given**

**e. Wanahoo PATH Land Management - Update Given**

**f. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study – Update Given**

**g. Ice Jam Monitoring**

**4. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given**

**5. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given**

**6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. Radio and eAds – Update Given**

**2. Viaduct**

**b. Education**

**1. Soil and Water Stewardship Week**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to purchase up to \$2,000 of Soil & Water Stewardship materials for district schools and churches in 2015. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. Pheasants Forever Request – Update Given**

**3. Shell Creek Scholarship Report – Update Given**

**4. NGPC Great Park Pursuit**

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Olson, to support the Nebraska Game and Parks "Great Park Pursuit" program at the \$250 level. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Johannes, Olson, Ruzicka, Seier, Veskerna,

NAY: Birkel, Hilger, Kavan, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Hannah

**c. Computer**

**1. App Updates – Update Given**

**2. Presentation on Paperless Meetings – Update Given**

**3. Antivirus Renewal - Update Given**

**d. Letterhead**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to purchase 10,000 sheets of letterhead at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS**

**a. Bruno/David City Rural Water – Update Given**

**b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System**

**c. Brainard and Dwight Study – Update Given**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that the February LPNRRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Election of 2015 Chair and Vice Chair**

Frank Pollard was elected Chair and Bob Meduna was elected as Vice Chair of the Water Committee.

**2. REGULATORY**

**a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the proposed amendments to the Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations as presented at the February 9, 2015 Public Hearing. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**1. Irrigated Acres for 215 in the HCA and NHCA – Update Given**

**2. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given**

**a. Producer Request for Guidance – Update Given**

**b. Liberty Land and Livestock Variance Application**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the variance requests from Liberty Livestock of LPN V-013-0291 for 13 acres in the SW1/4, S33, T18N, R6E and the variance request of LPN V-013-0288 for 16 acres in the SW1/4, S33, T18N, R6E. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**3. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given**

**4. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area - None**

**5. Well Permit Program**

**a. Water Use Reports**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to delay the return of Water Use Reports until February 28, 2015. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Well Permits Approved – Update Given**

**c. Allan Shonka Supplemental Well Request**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the supplemental well for Alan Shonka in SW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 3, T17N, R2E. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. Special Quantity Sub-Areas**

**a. LPNNRD Flow Meter List and Requirements**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the updated list of flow meters and meter requirements for proper installation of flow meters within the Lower Platte North NRD. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Cost-Share Funding for Flow Meters**

Pollard the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve establishment of a Flow Meter Repair and Maintenance program for Lower Platte North NRD in the Special Quantity Subareas (SQS) with work to be performed by an individual certified by the flow meter manufacturer.

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to table the motion and send back to the Water Committee for further review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. LPNNRD SQS Operator Certification Classes – Update given**

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

**8. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment of \$11,262.01 to Olsson Associates for services rendered in the LPNNRD Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**9. Cost-Share Programs**

**a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given**

**b. Domestic Well Sample Kits – Update Given**

**10. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

**11. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given**

**12. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given**

**a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – Update Given**

**b. Chemigation**

Clausen made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve the LPNNRD Chemigation Rules and Regulations as presented at the February 9, 2015 Public Hearing.

Ruzicka moved to amend the motion, seconded by Gibney, to set the fee for an Emergency Permit at \$120. Amendment Passed.

**AYE:** Clausen, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Veskerna, Hannah

**NAY:** Bailey, Birkel, Johannes, Seier

The amended motion passed with all members present voting aye.

**c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given**

**3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS**

**a. Decommissioned Well Program**

**1. Well Estimates - Update Given**

**2. Plugged Wells**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve cost share payment to Bernard Hain to decommission two stock wells for \$784.19. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies**

**1. Elkhorn Loup Model – Update Given**

**2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given**

**4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAM**

**a. USGS Water Quality Monitoring on Shell Creek**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve payment of the invoice for \$5,250 from USGS for the continuous water quality monitoring site on Shell Creek. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. OTHER**

**a. UNL Project SENSE**

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Birkel, to approve participation in the UNL SENSE Project for three years at a cost of \$22,500 per year. The project will begin in 2015 with the first billing to be received after July 1, 2015 (F.Y. 2015-16). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**b. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given**

**c. Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that the February LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Election of 2015 Chair and Vice Chair**

Matt Bailey was elected Chair and Bob Clausen was elected as Vice Chair of the Projects Committee.

**2. SWCP REPORT**

**a. SWCP Policy Review – Update Given**

**b. Application Approvals -- None**

**c. SWCP Payments**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the following SWCP Payments totaling \$3,610 as listed below:

			<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>14-S-8</u>	<u>Lawrence Styskal</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>
<u>14-P-31</u>	<u>Warren Janssen</u>	<u>Flow Meter X2</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
<u>14-S-39</u>	<u>Robert Lubker</u>	<u>Flow Meter X2</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
<u>14-P-52</u>	<u>James Christensen</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. SWCP Cancelations – None**

**e. Cottonwood Creek Payments - None**

**f. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None**

**g. Sand/Duck Creek Payments – None**

**h. Wahoo Creek Watershed Cost-Share Approvals – None**

**3. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Shell Creek Watershed Plan Payment – None**

**b. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase I**

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to approve payment of JEO's \$22,950 invoice for work completed on the Wahoo Creek Watershed Quality Plan – Phase I as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

**a. Monthly Report – Update Given**

**5. OTHER**

**a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies**

**1. South Fremont 205 – Update Given**

**2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given**

**b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given**



**c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve offering the communities of Colon, Woodcliff and Dwight use of our approved NEMA/FEMA grant funds to cover 75% of the costs for further analysis of their priority Hazard Mitigation projects passed. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**d. GPS Survey Equipment Repair**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve providing 50% of the estimated \$6,107 total cost to repair LPNNRD's GPS survey equipment, up to a maximum of \$3,054 assistance. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given**

**6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT**

**a. Lake Wanahoo – Update Given**

**b. Upstream Structures – Update Given**

**7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that the February LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7a. Czechland Lake Shoreline Improvement – Payment to JEO**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve payment of the \$3,000 invoice from JEO for engineering services on the Czechland Lake Improvements Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7b. Czechland Lake Wooden Docks**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve selling the six remaining docks with railings from Czechland Lake at a starting price of \$600/dock. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7c. Miyoshi to Washington DC**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve a one day trip to Washington D.C for Manager Miyoshi to meet with our delegation and the Corps of Engineers. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7d. SWCP Payments**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the SWCP flow meter cost-share payments as listed below totaling \$1,180:

			<u>Approve</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>4-S-14</u>	<u>G&amp;B Farms-Gene Heinen</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>
<u>14-B-46</u>	<u>Gary Vandenberg</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$555.00</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7e. Hazard Mitigation Payment to JEO**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve payment of JEO's \$8,335 Invoice for work accomplished on the Hazard Mitigation Plan as attached to the board meeting outline. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Clausen, to approve the February consent agenda with two items being removed, items 6.B.6.b.2 and 6.B.6.b.4. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The March Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 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 February 9, 2015<sup>4</sup>, 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.

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Joe Birkel, Secretary