

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

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, January 11, 2016.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our January 11, 2016 board meeting was published on December 30, 2015 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Vice-Chair Olson 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	Olson	Pollard
Saalfeld	Sabatka	Seier
Sobota	Veskerna	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Hannah	Ruzicka
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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Oaklund	Heimann
Benal	Gottschalk	Deerson
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Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Jenna Kampschnieder was present and gave the NRCS/NRD January report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reminded all Directors about the Legislative Conference January 25-27, 2016.

d. NRC Report

None

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Dave Sands, Executive Director of the Nebraska Land Trust gave a program focusing on work accomplished in

the Lower Platte.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. NARD Legislative Conference – Update Given

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences – None

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

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

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. Election Certification – Update Given

e. Mileage Rate Change – Update Given

f. Director’s Retreat – Update Given

g. Election of 2016 LPNNRD Officers

Director Hilger reported that the Nominating Sub-Committee met and would bring forth one candidate for each of the elected positions.

Olson opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Chair for 2016.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Hannah for Chair.

With no further nominations Hilger made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for John Hannah as Chair. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Kavan, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna

PASS: McDermott

Olson opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Vice-Chair for 2016.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Olson for Vice-Chair.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Feala, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lon Olson as Vice- Chair. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Secretary for 2016.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Birkel for Secretary.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Joe Birkel as Secretary. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson opened the floor for nominations for LPNNRD Treasurer for 2016.

Hilger on behalf of the nominating committee nominated Hilger for Treasurer.

With no further nominations Birkel made the motion, seconded by Seier, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Hilger, Treasurer. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson opened the floor for nominations for NARD Delegate for 2016.

Hilger on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Hilger for NARD Delegate.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Seier, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Hilger, NARD Delegate. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Olson opened the floor for nominations for NARD Alternate for 2016.

Hilger on behalf of the Nominating Committee nominated Clausen for NARD Alternate.

With no further nominations Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Seier, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Clausen, NARD Alternate. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

h. Lickteig Property – Update Given

i. Compensated Absences Payable – Update Given

3. Equipment

a. Director iPads

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to allow directors to continue to use their personal computer instead of a district provided iPad and beginning July 1, 2016 lower the monthly reimbursement to \$20 per month. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Personnel

a. Mitch O'Reilly

Hilger made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to waive our normal policy and allow employees to donate annual or sick leave hours to Mitch O'Reilly due to his recent at home injury: Any leave hours donated is strictly voluntary and by free will from district employees. Each employee is limited to donating a maximum of 20 hours of leave time; Donated leave time is to be paid out to O'Reilly at 60% of

his normal wage that is the same rate as our Long Term Disability Insurance (begins after 90 days); O'Reilly cannot accrue sick leave or annual leave time but will continue to receive the district's portion of health and dental insurance as he has in the past, while using these donated hours. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Sobota, Veskerna

NAY: Gibney, Kavan

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

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

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, 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. Quarterly NRDF Payment

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to authorize the Board Treasurer and General Manager to make payment to the Union Bank Note in the same amount as received from the Natural Resources Development Fund. Motion carried on consent agenda. Motion carried on consent agenda.

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the January LPNNRD 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. Grass Drill Platte County – Update Given

b. 15' Bat Wing Mower – Update Given

c. Fremont 205 Study

d. Wanahoo Hay Payment – Update Given

e. Wanahoo SRA Improvements

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment of \$1,050 to Rerucha Brothers for Rock and Jetty work completed in Butler County, pending staff inspection. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to assist North Bend financially with \$2,000 for work accomplished on their levee, pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

b. Education

1. Land Judging – Update Given

c. Computer - None

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, that the January 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. Irrigated Acres for 2015 in the HCA and NHCA – Update Given

2. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

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

4. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area – Update Given

5. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. John Sanderson Supplemental Well Application

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the supplemental irrigation well request to John Sanderson for 156 acres in SW¼ of Section 14, T16N, R7E in Saunders County, Todd Valley Subarea. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Ron Sladky Transfer Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Hagerbaumer, to approve the transfer of irrigated acres for Ronald Sladky in S15-T14N-R7E as detailed in the Water Committee Minutes as all of the acres losing irrigated rights (being decertified) are currently certified as irrigated. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

a. LPNNRD SQS Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

b. SWCP Payments

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve two SWCP payments totaling \$12,916.25 as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 Payments

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the three Wahoo Creek Cost Share Payments totaling \$15,554.66 as shown in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

h. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Approvals – None

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Grant Payments

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the \$788 cover crop payment (78.8 acres) to Ryan Siefken as attached to the Project Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed - Water Quality Plan (PIP) Phase I – Update Given

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 District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update Given

d. Review of Projects Financial Statement - Update Given

e. Dennis Waak Dam Repair Assistance Request – Update Given

f. Off Site Water Table Problems near Sand Creek Wetland

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Gibney, to table a decision on the off site water table problems near the Sand Creek Wetland until more specific details are obtained to include total acres affected and costs to correct the situation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

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

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Shell Creek Grant Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Feala, to make payment to Applied Connective Technologies for Shell Creek Domain Name and Web Hosting Service for \$72.95. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. Bellwood 3-B Payment

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Feala, to make payment of \$52,350 to Cuba Construction for work completed on the Bellwood 3-B Dam. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Hilger 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

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the December consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The February Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 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 January 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.