

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Newman Grove High School, Newman Grove, NE on Monday, November 9, 2015.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our November 9, 2015 board meeting was published on October 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
Feala	Gibney	Hagerbaumer
Hilger	Kavan	Johannes (left 8:40)
McDermott	Meduna	Olson
Ruzicka	Sabatka	Saalfeld
Seier	Veskerna	Hannah

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Pollard

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Angle	Schomer
Benal	Gottschalk	

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Eric Smith was present and gave the NRCS/NRD November report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on the Board Meeting held earlier that day.

d. NRC Report

None

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

USGS was present to report on a potential study with LENRD on tile drains in both District and their effect on stream flow and ground water levels.

Prior to the board meeting the Newman Grove Science Club gave a presentation on The Health of Shell Creek and the data they have gathered over the past year.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. November Board Meeting – Update Given

2. League of Conservation Voters Summit – Update Given

3. NACD Annual Conference

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve up to two directors and two staff to attend the NACD Annual Conference. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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 Olson, to approve payment of \$3,400 to Bob Weaver for October services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. NACD Annual Dues

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Olson, to make payment of \$2,500 to NACD for our 2016 dues (Diamond Level). Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Clausen, Feala, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, McDermott, Meduna, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Gibney

e. Lausterer to Newman Grove Meeting – Update Given

f. Lickteig Property – Update Given

e. HBE Bill – Update Given

3. Equipment

a. Computer Purchase – Update Given

4. Personnel

a. Accountant Position – Update Given

b. Information and Education Position

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve hiring Desirae TePoel to fill our vacant Information and Education Position at a starting salary of 93% of the mid-point. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. Lake Wanahoo Payment on Note

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve and authorize the Treasurer and Manager to make a \$112,470.65 note payment to Union Bank. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Renew Line of Credit

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve and authorize management to sign for renewal of our \$400,000 Line of Credit with Union Bank. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. Approval of Managers Expenses

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

d. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days – Update Given

e. Sinking Fund for Leave Balances – Update Given

f. Approval of Financial Report

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve the August Financial Reports as distributed to all board members. Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the November LPNDRD 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. O & M Crew – Update Given

b. Bellwood 3-B Dam Rehabilitation – Update Given

c. Lower Platte Weed Management

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay Papio Missouri River NRD \$20,000 (as budgeted) in accordance with the Lower Platte Weed Management Interlocal agreement to help control invasive plant species on the Platte River and other tributaries. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Equipment – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to advertise and sell the Great Plains 15' flex wing mower. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

- e. Bellwood 3-B Renovation – Update Given
- f. Fremont GI Study – Update Given
- g. Czechland Camping Revenue – Update Given
- h. Wanahoo Hay – Darin Sutton – Update Given
- i. Conservation Tree Program – Update Given

3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment – None

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to pay Doug Ritthaler \$2,000 for Rock and Jetty work completed on the Platte River. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and Web Ads – Update Given

b. Education – Update Given

c. Computer - None

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Brainard – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the November LPNDRD 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 Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve the variance application for James Mick for a new well and 150 acres in the SW¼ and SE¼, Section 19, T16N, R1E in the Bellwood subarea of Butler County. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

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

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

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

b. University of Nebraska ARDC EW-18 Class 4 Well Permit Application

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the well permit application from Matthew Wilson of HydroGeoLogic (contract for the US Army Corps of Engineers) and the University of Nebraska to install a remediation (containment) well in the NE¼ of the SW¼, Section 32, T14N, R9E, in the Todd Valley Subarea of Saunders County. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

a. Butler – Saunders SQS – Update Given

b. Platte – Colfax – Update Given

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

7. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – Update Given

8. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

b. Domestic Well Sample Kits – Update Given

9. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

10. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area – Update Given

11. LPNRRD Operator Certification – Update Given

12. LPNRRD Acre Certification – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells – Update Given

b. Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the FYRA contract for preparation and submittal of the WSF grant application for AEM flights within our district as attached to the Water Committee Minutes at a cost of \$4,000. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Kavan

2. Tile Drain Study – Update Given

3. LPNNRD Master Database

Olson made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to waive our normal bidding procedure and approve the contract and informal bid received from the Phoenix Group in the amount of \$50,000 that develops a master database as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Siting of LPNNRD Monitoring Well – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

d. Former Ordnance Plant Near Med – Update Given

3. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

a. USGS Water Quality Monitoring on Shell Creek – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. GMDA Annual Conference – Update Given

b. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the November 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 – None

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. Wahoo Creek Land for Conservation Cost-Share Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve five Wahoo Creek cost-share payments totaling \$29,568.30 as listed in the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

i. Lands for Conservation (LFC) Update

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the Jurgens/Crockett Lands For Conservation (LFC) application for \$11,000 (50 acres) located in the Wahoo Creek Phase I priority area. Motion carried on consent agenda.

j. Buffer Strip Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve eight 2015 Nebraska Buffer Strip Payments totaling \$11,881.69, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan (10-161-3) Grant Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment of the Shell Creek Watershed invoices totaling \$18,367.42 as summarized and attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. Shell Creek Payment – Mark Mainelli – Update Given

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

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

b. Payment on Project Invoices

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve payment of the LPRCA Invoice totaling \$58,046 for items approved (in black) in our 2016 budget, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Kavan, Meduna, Olson, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Birkel, Hilger, McDermott

4. 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. LPNNRD District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Update Given

d. Review of Projects Financial Statement - Update Given

e. Off Site Water Table near Sand Creek Wetland

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Seier, to have staff prepare proposals from professional firms for making an independent assessment of off-site landowner impact as a result of the raised water table from the Sand Creek Wetland for the next Projects Committee. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Kavan

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

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, that the November 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

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the November consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Chair Hannah read a letter received from Director Clint Johannes that stated he is resigning from the LPNNRD board effective December 31, 2015. Clint has served on the board for 25 years and hopes the board will have a replacement for his position prior to his effective date. Hannah appointed a search committee of Bailey (Chair), Hannah, Saalfeld and Johannes.

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The December Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 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 November 9, 2015, 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