

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, March 13, 2006.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notification was made in area newspapers no later than March 1, 2006. Meeting notification and agendas were also provided.

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Alm	Bailey	Bull
Hannah	Hilger	Holstine
Jedlicka	Johnson	Kavan
Koertner	Mastny	Pieke
Reitmayer	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Schmid	Johannes	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Eden

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Sousek	Gottschalk
Heimann	Bomberger	Oaklund

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Soncksen reported on the workload analysis and CRP sign-ups.

c. NARD Report

Johnson reported on the current Legislative Session and the Legislative update prepared by NARD. He also reported that the NARD Budget will have a 9% increase in dues next year.

d. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

e. Report from Nominating Sub-Committee

Sabatka reported that the Committee met and had three qualified individuals that were interested in the vacancy in sub-district 8. Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to appoint Robert J. Meduna to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 8. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

At this time Robert Meduna took his oath of office.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve minutes from the February 13, 2006 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## 6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### 1. Meetings

##### a. Pending

##### I. SWCS International Conference

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve one staff person to attend the SWCS International Conference, July 22-26 in Keystone, CO. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### ii. Spillway Gate Tour

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve travel to California for Miyoshi and Murren to tour spillway gate structures at no cost to the district. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### iii. Nebraska Water Law Conf/UNL Water Law, Policy and Science Conference

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to send up to two board members and two staff to the Nebraska Water Law Conference in Lincoln, April 27-28 and the same number to the UNL Water Law and Policy and Science Conference in Nebraska City, May 4-5. Attendees are limited to one of these two conferences. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### iv. National Watershed Coalition

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to send up to two staff and two directors to each of the National Watershed Coalition workshops scheduled for May 10-12 and May 16-18 in Nebraska City, it was further recommended to send different delegates to each workshop. Motion carried on consent agenda.

##### v. Groundwater Foundation-Exploring Options Nebraska's Water Future

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to authorize one staff and any Director to attend the Exploring Options Nebraska's Water Future in Kearney, March 20th at a cost of \$34.95/person. Recommendation carried.\*

##### b. Reports

The following meeting reports are attached to the Executive Committee Minutes.

No-Till on the Plains Conference - Mountford  
NACD National Conference - Murren, Johnson and Gottschalk

2. Management Items

a. Directors Absence - None

b. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Verhoeff was present to give his February LPRCA Monthly report.

c. Bob Weaver Bill

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to pay the Bob Weaver bill in the amount of \$1,738.34. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. 2006 Election - Update Given

e. Director Vacancy - Report Given Earlier

f. Legislation - Update Given

g. March Education Program - Update Given

h. Update of LPNNRD Operating Rules and Regulations (By-Laws)

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to set a public hearing on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of amending the Lower Platte North Operating Rules and Regulations. Motion carried on consent agenda.

I. 2006 Recognition Banquet - Update Given

3. Equipment

a. ESRI ArcView 9.1 Software Upgrade - Update Given - Attachment

b. Weather Station

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to purchase an Oregon Scientific WMR968 Wireless Weather Station with Shield at a price of \$454.64. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Computer Purchase

Bailey made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to purchase two new computers for the office at an estimated cost of \$4,657.79. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Speaker System for Board Room- Update Given

4. Personnel

a. TSP Position

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to terminate the TSP position effective June 30 using our budgeted WAE funds to make up any difference in funding. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Rural Water Inspector Position

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Mastny, to hire Eugene Divis to assist us with construction inspection on the Butler County Rural Water Line. We would employ Divis up to 20 hours per week over the 12 week construction time not to exceed \$2,700. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

5. Finance

a. January Financial Statements

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve the January Financial Statements as distributed to Directors. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve the Managers expenses as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

Four receivables over 90 days are currently out. All are from agencies for reimbursement.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, that the March LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT

a. Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve four Wildlife Habitat contract annual payments, Duane Emanuel, Dodge, \$400 exp., Joseph Nicolas, Butler, \$195 exp., David Hawley, Saunders, \$90 exp., Glen Pfeifer, Platte, \$525 for a total payment of \$1,210. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. Operation and Maintenance - Report Given

b. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Report Given

c. South Fremont 205 Study

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to pay the COE \$65,370 to continue the South Fremont 205 Study through 2006. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. Rawhide Creek Ditch 8 at Diers - Report Given

e. Rawhide Ditch 8 Cleaning - Report Given

f. Vehicle Replacement

Reitmayer made the motion, seconded by Holstine, to purchase from an existing State bid a 2006 Ford Escape at \$18,740, which will replace the 1999 Jeep Cherokee. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

g. Conservation Tree Program - Report Given

h. Road Closure Assistance (Pahuk - Saunders County) - Report Given

### 3. ROCK AND JETTY

a. Payment Requests

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to pay Ames Diking District 50% of \$4,100 (\$2,050) for work accomplished on their Levee pending inspection by staff. Motion carried on consent agenda.

### 4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The Saunders County Surveyor has located the boundary line between the Timbercrest Housing area and the private landowner. Heimann will work with NRCS

### 5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Education

1. Spring Conservation Sensation - Report Given

2. Soil and Water Stewardship Week - Report Given

3. Earth Wellness Festival - Report Given

4. Aquinas Field Day - Report Given

b. Information

1. Geo-caching Permits - Report Given

2. Annual Report - Report Given

3. NARD Displays - Report Given

4. Wahoo Trails Committee

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to donate \$100 to the Wahoo Trails Committee to support their event. Motion carried on consent agenda.

## 6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES

### a. Abie/Linwood - Report Given

### b. Bruno/David City Rural Water - Report Given

### c. Colon / Wahoo Rural Water System

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to ratify the payment of \$4,717 to Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the review fee of the Wahoo to Colon water main. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

### d. Richland / Columbus Rural Water System - Report Given

### e. Cedar Bluffs - Report Given

### f. Bellwood - Report Given

### g. Equipment and Supplies

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Bull, to purchase rural water supplies as outlined in the Minutes as a cost not to exceed \$74,760.16. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, that the March LPNNRD Education, Operations 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. Well Permits

The total number approved permits for 2006 is 20.

##### 2. Cost-Share Programs Reports

###### a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits - Update Given

###### b. Domestic Well Sample Kits - Update Given

##### 3. Nitrogen Certification - Update Given

##### 4. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

##### 5. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given

##### 6. Ground Water Management Area Options - Update Given

###### b. Chemigation - Update Given

c. Livestock Waste

1. Livestock Permits - Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve cost share payment to decommission two domestic wells and one irrigation well for Arnold Hines for \$1,224.83 and an irrigation well for Dean Sander for \$409.33. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Well Head Protection Areas - Update Given

c. Ground Water Quality

1. Statewide Network - Update Given

2. District Sampling - Todd Valley - Update Given

3. Columbus Area Aquifer Study - Update Given

d. Ground Water Quantity - Update Given

e. Precipitation Gauging Network - Update Given

f. MUD and Landowner Survey

1. LPNNRD Monitoring Wells - Update Given

2. Landowner Survey - Update Given

3. MUD Ground Water Model - Update Given

3. OTHER

a. Groundwater Management Districts Association - Update Given

b. Summer Inters - Update Given

c. Comments from the Public - Update Given

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

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Cancellations & Extensions

None

b. SWCP Approvals

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve the following SWCP request:

05-B-16 Tom Smaus Addl' \$2,500 to complete Terrace project

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve the following SWCP Summer application:

Marcella Dvorak Grade Stab Structure - Colfax \$9,860.45

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Bull made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the following SWCP Duck Creek approval for a septic tank inspection and installation

06-DCs-50 John Chado \$3,300

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

c. SWCP Payments

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve the following SWCP payments:

	Approved \$	Payment Amount	(+/-)
05-S-21 Leonard Chmelka		\$ 2,085.95	
05-S-28 Justin Kavan		\$ 4,366.84	
05-S-40b Roland Kavan	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,002.75	+2.75

Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Duck Creek Payments

to approve the following Duck Creek payments:

05-S-21 * Leonard Chmelka	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,429.75	+ 429.75
05-S-28 * Justin Kavan	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000.00	+ -0-

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. SWCP Policy Review/Changes

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve SWCP Policy changes as amended and attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. WATERSHEDS

3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve signed plans as listed below:

1/30/2006 Butler Dennis Coufal 19 & 20-15-4 118.3 Rev Conservation Plan

<u>2/27/2006</u>	<u>Boone</u>	<u>Orrin Strand</u>	<u>NW31-22-5</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Continuous CRP</u>
<u>2/27/2006</u>	<u>Boone</u>	<u>Orrin Strand</u>	<u>SW30-22-5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Continuous CRP</u>
<u>2/27/2006</u>	<u>Boone</u>	<u>Duane Lee</u>	<u>SW10-21-5</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Riparian Forest Buffer CRP</u>
<u>2/27/2006</u>	<u>Boone</u>	<u>Duane Lee</u>	<u>SW10-21-5</u>	<u>1.2</u>		

Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. LOCALLY LED LANDOWNER GROUPS

a. Shell Creek Improvement Group - Update Given

5. OTHER

a. Clear Creek Dike and Drainage District Project - Update Given

b. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 - Update Given

2. Schuyler 205

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to remit \$65,800 to the Army COE to begin the Schuyler Section 205 feasibility study and to bill Schuyler for \$32,900, which represents their share of the study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. North Bend 205 - Update Given

c. Innovation Grant Reimbursement Request to PrairieLand RC&D

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to reimburse Prairieland RC&D \$1,631.71 for the Innovation Grant. Motion carried.

AYE: Alm, Bailey, Bull, Hilger, Holstine, Jedlicka, Johnson, Kavan, Koertner, Mastny, Meduna, Pieke, Reitmajer, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Schmid, Johannes

ABSTAIN: Hannah

d. Great Plains RC&D Membership Dues Request

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve payment of \$150.00 to Great Plains RC&D for membership dues. Motion carried on consent agenda

e. Bruce Schmit Re-Use Pit - Update Given

6. LAKE WANAHOO REPORT - Update Given

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to pay PMRNRD \$150,000 as part of our yearly contribution on the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to accept and place on file the March Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7.a. SWCP Payment

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP Payment:

05-B-16 Tom Smaus \$ 12,500.00 \$ 12,245.58 (-\$254.42)

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.b. Richard Snyder Engineering Contract Change Order #1

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to authorize the General Manager to sign Change Order #1 to the Richard Snyder Engineering Contract for the Bruno Water Line Project which changes the travel mileage rate from \$0.42 to the 2006 federal mileage rate of \$0.445. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7.c. Rutjens Construction Contract Change Order #1

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to authorize the General Manager to sign Change Order #1 to the Rutjens Construction Contract for the Bruno Water Line Project which removes 32 service connections and 38 corporation stops from the project, decreasing the total project cost by \$18,646.00. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Schmid, to approve the March consent agenda as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Lower Platte North NRD Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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 March 13, 2006, 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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Ted Bailey, Secretary