

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
MAY 10, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, May 10, 2010.

**1. NOTICE OF MEETING**

The advanced notice of our May board meeting was published on April 22, 2010 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Saalfeld 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:**

Acklie	Bailey	Boyd
Casey	Eden	Hannah
Hilger	Johannes	Kavan
Meduna	Pieke	Pollard
Renter	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Taylor	Veskerna	Vrana

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

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**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren		

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**a. Guest Comments**

**b. NRCS Report**

Roger Reichmuth reviewed his written report.

**c. NARD Report**

Director Kavan reported that the NARD Board Meeting will be June 21 and the NARD Basin Tour will follow the Board Meeting.

**d. NRC Report**

Director Johannes reported that the next Commission meeting will be June 16-17 in Norfolk.

**e. Managers Report**

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

**f. Education Program**

The Directors watched the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's Video "Inside Nebraska Water".

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve minutes from the April 12, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Meetings**

**a. Pending**

**1. NARD Basin Tour - Update Given**

**2. Management Items**

**a. Directors Absence**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the excuse of absences from Art Bailey and Gene Acklie from the April Board Meeting as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Bob Weaver**

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

**2. Monthly Bill**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve payment of \$2,750 to Bob Weaver for April services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. CNPPID Platte River Video - Update Given**

**d. Recognition Banquet Location - Update Given**

**e. Monthly Education Program - Update Given**

**f. Legislation - Update Given**

**g. Committee Dates - Update Given**

**3. Equipment**

**4. Personnel**

**a. Personnel Sub-Committee**

**1. Salary Ranges**

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve the FY 10-11 Salary Range Worksheet as presented and attached to the Committee Meeting Minutes with a maximum 10% increase on all job descriptions except the Conservation Technician and Projects Coordinator position which will increase 20%. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Bailey, Boyd, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Pieke, Pollard, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

NAY: Kavan, Meduna, Renter, Sabatka

**2. 319 Conservation Technician - Update Given**

**3. Personnel Policy Updates**

Veskerna made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to approve the "Chain of Authority & Ethical Conduct" and "Out of State Travel" Policies as attached to the Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**4. Managers Evaluation - Update Given**

**5. Next Meeting Date - Update Given**

**5. Finance**

**a. Approval of Financial Report**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the March Financial Report as distributed. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Approval of Managers Expenses**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, 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**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, that the May LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

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

**1. WHIP/WILD NE REPORT**

**a. Payments**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to pay Larry Bruhn in Colfax County \$77.08 for his CREP contract. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**a. Operation and Maintenance - Update Given**

**b. South Fremont 205 Feasibility Study**

Boyd made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to make payment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$75,000 for the Fremont 205 Feasibility Study. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. Czechland and Homestead Rec Areas**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to purchase seven fire rings for Czechland Lake at for a total price of \$1,340. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Invasive Weed Management - Update Given**

**e. New Vehicle - Update Given**

**f. Conservation Trees - Update Given**

**g. Lower Water Crossing Cottowood 22-A - Update Given**

**f. Financial Statement - Update Given**

**3. ROCK AND JETTY**

**a. New Applications - None**

**b. Payment Requests - None**

**4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS - Update Given**

**5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**a. Information**

**1. KTIC Ads - Update Given**

**2. Tree Booklet - Update Given**

**3. County Fairs**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, that the NRD have a booth at the Boone, Platte, Colfax and Saunders county fairs for 2010. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. Education**

**1. Spring Conservation Sensation - Update Given**

**c. Computer**

**1. Time Sheets - Update**

**6. RURAL WATER ACTIVITIES**

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

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**b. Colon/Wahoo Rural Water System - Update Given**

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**c. Bellwood/Richland - Update Given**

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**d. Crop Damage Guideline/Policy - Update Given**

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**e. Other - Update Given**

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Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, that the May 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. Variance Request for Limited Development (Hydrologically Connected) Area**

**a. April Variance Requests - Update Given**

**b. Ranking Regions for Limited Development Areas - Update Given**

###### **2. Well Permit Program**

**a. Well Permits Approved - Update Given**

**b. Water Use Reports - Update Given**

###### **3. Cost-Share Programs**

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

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

###### **c. Water Mark Sensors and ET Gauges**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve payment of \$534.00 to the Upper Big Blue NRD for additional watermark sensors as part of the Nebraska Agriculture Water Management Demonstration Network (NAWMDN). Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Phase 2 Area - Flow Meter Cost-Share - Update Given**

#### **4. LPNNRD Certification Classes**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve payment of \$850.00 to Saunders County Extension and \$730.00 to Colfax County Extension for the NRD Certification training classes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. Bellwood Phase II Area - Update Given

6. Richland/Schuyler Phase II Area - Update Given

7. Certifying Acres - 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

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve cost share payment to decommission the domestic well for James Mohrmann for \$250.34. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. LPNNRD Platte River Ground Water Model - Update Given

2. Elkhorn Loup Model (ELM)

3. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Bailey, to extend the ENWRA interlocal agreement for an additional five years to July 1, 2017 and approve the transfer of financial responsibility from LPNNRD to LPSNRD on July 1, 2010. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johannes made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve CSD Agreement #4 for additional test holes and hydrogeological analyses for the ENWRA project for a total of \$36,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

4. Eastern Nebraska HEM Aquifer Mapping - Update Given

5. Farm Process Package of MODFLOW

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the Farm Process Modflow Package with Papio Missouri River NRD and budget \$10,000 for fiscal year 2010-2011. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Former Ordnance Plant at Mead - Update Given

d. Ground Water Energy Levels

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to advertise bids to construct up to 3 monitoring wells in the Platte River Uplands subarea. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e. Ground Water Quality

**3. OTHER**

a. GMDA Summer Session - Update Given

b. Comments from the Public - Update Given

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Renter, that the May LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. SWCP REPORT**

a. SWCP Applications Approvals

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the following SWCP applications:

		75%	50%
Kragh Johnson	Crop ground to grass	\$662.87	
Sunnyhill Farms Inc.	Flow Meter		\$678.00
Jeffery Temme	Flow Meter		\$678.00

Trees:

Rich Vernon	235 Trees	\$220.90
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Summer:

Darrell Kubik	Terraces/tile/Basins	\$9,031.05	
TOTAL:		\$9,914.82	\$1,356.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the following SWCP payment:

		<u>Approved \$</u>	<u>Payment</u>
10-B-5	Jerome Slama Terraces/tile/Basins	\$2,733.56	\$2,378.83

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancellations - None

d. Sand/Duck Creek Approvals

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the following Sand/Duck Creek cost share application:

Ann Divis	Tile extensions	\$3,008.25
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Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sand/Duck Creek Cost-Share Payments

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the following Sand/Duck Creek cost

share payment:

Approved \$

Payment

Barbara Malina Septic System upgrade

\$4,300.00

\$2,895.00

Motion carried on consent agenda.

**f. Sand/Duck Cancellations - None**

**2. WATERSHEDS**

**a. Sand Creek – UNL Contract Extension Request - Update Given**

**b. Shell Creek**

**1. Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group (SWIG)- Update Given**

**a. Newman Grove School Request Assisting with Teacher Salary for Shell Creek Water Quality Team - Update Given**

**3. FSA , EQIP & CRP PLANS SIGNED - None**

**4. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

**a. Monthly Report - Update Given**

**1. Cumulative Impact Study - Update Given**

**2. Environmental Suitability Assessment - Update Given**

**3. Kiosks - Update Given**

**4. LPRCA Summit - Update Given**

**5. River Obstruction Removal - Update Given**

**6. Water Quality Monitoring Network - Update Given**

**7. Quarterly Meeting - Update Given**

**8. Canoe/Kayah Tour - Update Given**

**9. Payment of Invoices**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to pay the LPRCA invoices totaling \$43,540 as attached the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**10. Review/Approval of FY 2011 LPRCA Budget**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve the LPRCA FY 2011 budget as presented. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**5. OTHER**

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

**1. South Fremont - Update Given**

**2. Schuyler 205**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve a \$2,222.50 payment to JEO for work completed in relation to the Schuyler 205 Study, contingent that the City reimburses the District for this expense. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**b. District-Wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the LPNNRD Hazard Mitigation Resolution as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes and authorize the Board Chair and Secretary to sign. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**c. Hughes Payzant Ditch Study Payment Request**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to pay Colfax County \$3,225 on the completion of the Hughes Payzant Drainage Ditch Study. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Village of Platte Center – Project Payment Request**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Pieke, to pay 50% of the total cost, or \$7,798, to the Village of Platte Center for work completed on the Elm Creek (North) Stabilization Project, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, subject to favorable staff inspection. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. City of Wahoo Flood Control/Channel Improvement Project Assistance Request**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve 50% of the local share (12.5% of total cost) up to \$10,000 maximum assistance on the City of Wahoo Channel Improvement Project, components 14– 22, as attached to the Project Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**f. David City “C” Street Project Payment Requests**

Meduna made the motion, seconded by Casey, to pay 50%, or \$11,272, toward the completed David City “C” Street Project components to include: erosion control, seeding and ditch excavation, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

AYE: Acklie, Bailey, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Renter, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

ABSTAIN: Boyd

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve 50%, or up to \$750 assistance on the rip-rap scour hole and 50%, up to \$1,750 assistance on clearing trees & ditch re-grading as future components to be completed on the David City “C” Street Project as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**g. David City Northwest Drainage Project – Engineering bill from UBBNRD**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve a \$11,189.65 payment to the UBBNRD for engineering work completed on the David City Northwest Drainage Project. Motion Carried.

AYE: Acklie, Bailey, Casey, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, Meduna, Pieke, Pollard, Renter, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

ABSTAIN: Boyd

**h. Yutan Project Assistance Payment**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve a \$3,746.51 project payment to the City of Yutan as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**i. Approval of Easement for Clear Creek 7A Flood Control Project**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the 30-year easement extension for Clear Creek 7A, with the Department of the Army, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes and authorize the Manager and Board Secretary to sign. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**j. Review Project Financial Statement - Update Given**

**6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT - Update Given**

**a. Lake Wanahoo Committee Meeting Minutes - Update Given**

**b. Contract Payment to Commercial Contractors**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to approve payment No. 15 to Commercial Contractors, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, for Lake Wanahoo Dam Construction in the amount of \$107,479.31 and use SRF funds to pay. It was further recommended that this payment is subject to Commercial Contractors complying with the four project field directives issued on April 21. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**c. 2010 Wanahoo Cropland Rental**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to rent Robert Alm (11 acres) and Larry Styskal (25 acres) cropland located south of the Wanahoo Embankment for the 2010 crop year at \$140/acre. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**d. Approval of NDOR Supplemental Agreement No. 1**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Acklie, to approve NDOR Supplemental Agreement No. 1 as amended and attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, and authorize the Chair to sign after legal review. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**e. Crop and Pasture Damage - Update Given**

**7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT - Mike Murren**

**a. Project Landrights - Update Given**

**b. Johnson Appraisal, LLC**

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Casey, to approve payment of \$6,700, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, to Johnson Appraisal, LLC, for appraisal services of seven tracts needed for the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Project. It was further recommended to authorize Mike Murren to begin project land rights negotiations after conferring with legal counsel. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Piekie made the motion, seconded by Renter, to accept and place on file the May Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

**7a. 2010 No-Till Financial Support**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to make \$1,200 payment to UNL Extension in Saunders County for financial support for 2010 No-Till Program at ARDC on February 17, 2010 as budgeted. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7b. SWCP Approvals**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve the following SWCP Approval

Ralph Weeder	240 Trees	75% cost-share	\$286.23
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Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7c. SWCP Payments**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

	75% Grant	15% SWCP
Ruben Kavan	\$3,325.28	\$663.31
Keith Racek	\$1,923.98	\$383.88

**TREES:**

Anthony Meister \$195.52

Zach Jilek \$605.38

Penny Isabella \$209.62

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7d. Decommissioned Well Payments**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve the following Decommissioned Well Payment:

Earl Cherry \$262.89

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7e. WS/CC Landright - Lot 52 Thomas Lakes**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to approve payment to Dennis Thomas at the appraised price for easement acquisition for Lot 52, Thomas Lakes as part of land rights needed for the WS/CC Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7f. WS/CC Lots at Thomas Lakes**

Acklie made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to authorize management to hire Midwest Dumpers to remove debris, brush and trees as needed to place the lots at Thomas Lakes into saleable condition at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**7g. NACD Northern Regional Plains Meeting - Attachment**

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Kavan, to send one staff and one director to the NACD Northern Plains Regional Meeting, June 13-15, Wichita, Kansas. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

**8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED**

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Pieke made the motion, seconded by Renter, to approve the May consent agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Boyd, Eden, Hannah, Hilger, Johannes, Meduna, Pieke, Sabatka, Taylor, Veskerna, Vrana, Saalfeld

ABSTAIN: Casey

**10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

**11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT**

The June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 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 May 10, 2010, 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.