

**LOWER NIOBRARA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 3, 2017**

Chairman Baumeister called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. He called attention to the Open Meeting Law poster on the wall in the meeting room and stated notices of the meeting were published in newspapers of general circulation throughout the District.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Marcellus and second by Morrow to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting as provided to the Directors. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Higgins, Holtgrew, Klawitter, Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Schultz, Baumeister, Connell, Engelhaupt) Abstain: (Pavlik) Nay: (Bell) Absent: (Janzing, Kaczor, Mahon, Wendt).
MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Terry's report was mailed for Directors to review. Terry explained the status of water tests on the new well & pipe. He also explained it was determined a grease type rather than a water soluble substance was used in the pipe. The grease type was cheaper, but when allowed to dry and then when water flows it can harbor bacteria. (Kaczor entered 7:17 P.M.). Directors indicated Emerald Ash Borer traps are being put in the area, some not even in ash trees. Tree replacement was questioned; Terry explained the policy of no trees being replaced unless the Nursery is at fault or a situation is caused by the District. Resignation of the Bazile GWMA employee was mentioned. Currently the Districts are working with NRCS towards 75% funding for the salary of a new employee, with the Districts sharing the remaining 25%. Terry explained he and Murphy discussed holding an advertised meeting involving all the Directors from each District or only holding a meeting with representatives of each District along with Attorney Blankenau and representatives from: the Attorney General's Office, NPPD, G & P and DNR regarding the Spencer Dam (Pros and Cons to each meeting were discussed). The Mulch Removal Demonstration will be held July 28th at 1:00 P.M., 2 miles west of Lynch along Highway 12. NRD will furnish tea and water. The sedimentation group was interested in giving a presentation to the Board - there was no interest expressed in a presentation. Terry informed the Budget Committee they will need to meet this month - the week of the 24th seemed to work better for committee members in attendance. Names of NRD Employees, NRD Directors and Supporter nominations into the NARD Hall of Fame were mentioned - Terry is to vote for the LNNRD. There will be a Forest Fuels Management & Utilization Workshop on July 11th from 9:00 A.M - 4:30 P.M. at the Dachota's Café in Springview with a \$10.00 registration fee. July 26th there will be a Conservation Field Day. (Info on July 11th, 26th & 28th days mailed with minutes).

WATER RESOURCES COORDINATOR REPORT

Wade's report was mailed prior to the meeting. He explained and answered questions on the sheet he prepared showing the Dedicated Monitoring Well results from this spring. He explained the results of Brian Smith's helper well request, which Brian was informed of. Wade is documenting all correspondence with Brian as he indicated he would pass the information provided him on to an Attorney. Wade reported on the number of Chemigation Permits issued that were not permitted this year (approximately 400). Those locations are checked when he's in the area and nearly every day someone is found chemigating without a permit. Those individuals are being charged the \$100.00 emergency permit fee. Discussion and suggestion was to charge a higher rate for new permits to make it an incentive to permit each year. Wade also had prepared a 2016 Crop Report Analysis that was discussed along with UNL recommendations.

PROGRAMS ASSISTANT

Connie's report was also mailed. Approximately 87% of the acre certification forms sent have been returned. She mailed new forms to all those who haven't responded since there were two persons prior to her to be sure all forms were actually sent. 19 out of the 64 mailed have been returned so far. There are approximately 300 out of the 2199 mailed out left to certify. The next step will be to send a letter prepared by the Attorney to those who haven't certified their acres. Connie also has been working on updating the website.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Wendt was absent from the meeting, but emailed a written report, which is included in the packets. Liewer and Bell who participated in the NARD Tour each reported on stops of interest to them.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS--Jim Mathine's report was mailed. Additional EQIP funds were received for a total of \$415,000. It is suspected funding next year for EQIP will be reduced. He reported on the Kalkowski Family Ranches Pasture Tour on June 23rd, which had approximately 50 people in attendance. Emergency grazing of CRP acres is being allowed.

Jim also mentioned the 10% required CRP status reviews were completed in June. He looked at some of the spring seedings and it has been a tough year to get the grass started. The Spencer Office has a summer intern, Quinten Wagner.

Niobrara Council--Higgins reported the office will be moving to the Cherry County Court House, which will save approximately \$5,000/year. Meetings were to be held every other month, but there is an emergency meeting scheduled for July 20th, which is the normal meeting date to discuss the recreation area. The Attorney will not be at each meeting, which will also save funds.

NE RC&D--Pavlik indicated he was unable to attend the last meeting.

Friends of the Missouri—Terry reported their Annual Meeting was held in June. He did not attend and didn't think Mahon was able to either.

NSWCP ACTIVITIES

A listing of activities was on the reverse side of the agenda. Vivian reported the next application under the two highlighted can be approved since a cancellation was received after the report was prepared. Motion by Marcellus and second by Pavlik to approve the applications for Rick Nolze-pipeline, tank-\$5,000.00; Tom Higgins-pipeline, tank-\$1,571.80 & Steven Hansen-cross fence, well tank, solar pump-\$5,000.00 and the cancellation of Sharon Babl's application. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Holtgrew, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Pavlik, Schultz, Baumeister, Bell, Connell, Engelhaupt) Abstain: (Higgins) Absent: (Janzing, Mahon, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Pavlik and second by Engelhaupt to approve the applications listed pending receipt of the new allocation. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Higgins, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Pavlik, Schultz, Baumeister, Bell, Connell, Engelhaupt) Absent: (Janzing, Mahon, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Higgins reviewed the expenditure receipts. Motion by Higgins and second by Holtgrew to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Higgins, Holtgrew, Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Schultz, Baumeister, Bell, Connell, Engelhaupt) Absent: (Janzing, Mahon, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN COMMENTS

Higgins discussed his solar well and the sensitivity of the panels.

EXCUSE ABSENT DIRECTORS

Wendt - knee injury; Janzing - unable to attend.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Larry Baumeister, Lana Bell, Karl Connell, Jack Engelhaupt, Tom Higgins, Don Holtgrew, Brian Kaczor, Randy Klawitter, Marvin Liewer, Dwain Marcellus, Curt Morrow, Ray Naprstek, Kent Pavlik, Sterling Schulz

Staff: Terry Julesgard, Vivian Fresch, Wade Ellwanger, Connie McCarthy

Visitors: Jim Mathine, Paul Allen

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on July 3, 2017. That all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The minutes of the Chairman and Board of Directors were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body. All news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting were notified.

_____, Marvin Liewer, Secretary