



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MARCH 20, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel. Landis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Landis welcomed those in attendance, and the pledge of allegiance was recited. He noted that the public meetings law is posted in the room and that carrying concealed weapons is prohibited at board meetings and on District property. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone a recording of the meeting will be on the NRD website. Landis requested anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item to provide their name on the sign-in sheet and which agenda item they wished to speak on. An opportunity for the public to speak to non-agenda items was given.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Fourteen Directors were present upon roll call. Schutz arrived after roll call was taken.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Landis reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 4, 2024.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there were requests for excused absences from Christine Lamberty, Luke Peterson, Stacie Sinclair and John Yoakum for the March 20, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Hellerich to accept the requests for excused absences from Christine Lamberty, Luke Peterson, Stacie Sinclair and John Yoakum for the March 20, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.
The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Seacrest and seconded by Hawkins to adopt the Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Seacrest, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, recognized the following employees for years of service to the District. Donna Reid, District Secretary/Program Assistant – 30 years; Shaula Ross, GIS Specialist – 20 years; Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator – 15 years; Bryce Jensen, Operation/Maintenance Technician – 10 years; and Trent Henry, Operation/Maintenance Technician – 5 years

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Stevens to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

ABSTAIN: Johnson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Johnson stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on March 12, 2024.

Johnson stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 had been distributed.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 and publish the expenditures for February 2024.

Chris Barber, Administrative & Finance Manager and Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

Johnson moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the schedule for the development of the Long Range Implementation Plan and the preparation and consideration of the Fiscal Year 2025 LPSNRD Budget. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on March 11, 2024.

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2023 Technical Assistance Memorandum of Agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Seacrest stated that the Water Resources met on March 12, 2024.

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Compliance Specialist, gave a presentation to the Board of Directors on the 2023 Groundwater Management Plan Annual Review. Steven and Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the board regarding the report.

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on March 13, 2024.

Jacobson moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency and LPSNRD to obtain digital map products for the LPSNRD portions of Butler, Otoe and Saunders Counties, subject to legal counsel review.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Shaula Ross, GIS Specialist, answered questions of the Board regarding MAPA and the digital products.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 11. RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH REMBOLT LUDTKE LAW FIRM

It was moved by Stevens and second by Andersen that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for services with Rumbolt Ludtke Law Firm.

Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, addressed the board regarding the agreement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 12. ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Stevens to go into closed session at 3:11 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Lewis to return to open session at 5:21 p.m.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge and Jacobson

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Stevens that the Board of Directors adopt the recommendations previously identified by Director Vogel with regard to a personnel matter. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Landis, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Jacobson and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Johnson, Lamberty, Peterson, Ruth, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 13. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Tom Green stated that he attended the NARD Board Meeting in Kearney and reported on items addressed at the meeting.

ITEM 14. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 15. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The undersigned, the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Lower Platte South 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 20, 2024 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 an 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.

Lisa Lewis, Secretary

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