



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING April 18, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Stevens 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. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone an audio recording of the meeting can be found on the NRD website. He offered an opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items.

Tom Green, candidate for Subdistrict #8 introduced himself to the Board.

Director Kerkman announced that his family was relocating outside of his subdistrict and therefore is resigning from the Board effective April 19, 2018.

Chair Stevens stated that he had asked the Nominating Subcommittee that served in January to make a recommendation for Kerkman's replacement as Treasurer. Nominating Subcommittee members are: Landis, Chair, Wilson and Jacobson. He indicated a replacement could be voted on at the May Board Meeting.

Stevens further stated that notice of the Board vacancy will be published and applications received until May 10, 2018 after which the Executive Subcommittee could make a recommendation and come before the Board at the May Board Meeting.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

20 Directors were present upon roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING.

Stevens reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on April 2, 2018.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Stevens stated that a request for an excused absence for the April 18, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was received from Greg Osborn.

It was moved by Svoboda and seconded by DeKalb to approve the request for an excused absence from Greg Osborn for the April 18, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 4. ADOPT REVISED AGENDA

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Landis to adopt the Revised Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Spangler to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: Hellerich and Svoboda

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Kerkman stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met just prior to the Board Meeting. He indicated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 had been distributed.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, Kathy Spence, Administrative Assistant, McKenzie Barry, Environmental Education Specialist and Mike Mascoe, Public Information Specialist answered questions of the Board.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Kerkman to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and publish the General Expenditures for March 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

It was moved by Kerkman and seconded by Landis to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and publish the expenditures for Directors Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb and Eagan for March 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
ABSTAIN: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, and Eagan
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Osborn

It was moved by Kerkman and seconded by Spangler to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and publish the expenditures for Directors Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis and Osborn for March 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
ABSTAIN: Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman and Landis
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Osborn

It was moved by Kerkman and seconded by Landis to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and publish the expenditures for Directors Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson for March 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman and Landis
ABSTAIN: Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Osborn

Kerkman moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve an additional \$30,612 come out of cash reserves for budget code 439125 Salt Creek Pipe O&M Manual update. The motion was approved

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Eagan stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met just prior to the Board Meeting.

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lincoln Journal Star Advertising Agreement for printing and distribution of three issues of LPSNRD's "Know Your NRD" Newsletter, not to exceed \$51,000. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lincoln Journal Star Advertising Agreement for print advertising, digital advertising and email, not to exceed \$18,000. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

ABSTAIN: Amen

NAY: Aldridge, B. Johnson, C. Johnson and Kerkman

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a rate of \$3.00 per student for Kindergarten through Third Grade Hikes at Pioneers Park Nature Center / City of Lincoln, not to exceed \$25,000 per year, and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pioneers Park Nature Center / City of Lincoln, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a rate of \$6.50 per student participating in the Prairie Immersion Program at Pioneers Park Nature Center / City of Lincoln and Spring Creek Prairie and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pioneers Park Nature Center / City of Lincoln, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: Hellerich

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Spangler stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting however the review groups had reviewed the applications received.

County	Name	Practice	Amount
Cass	LNAP Properties LLC	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Cass	Thomas F. Jamrog	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Lancaster	Marvin Mueller Family Farms, Inc.	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Lancaster	Darlene J. Schroeder	Terraces	\$15,000.00

County	Name	Practice	Amount
Lancaster	James L. Penterman	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Lancaster	Doug Althouse	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Lancaster	North Bluff Employment Center LLC	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Saunders	Steven Breunig	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Seward	Maxine Pekarek	Terraces	\$9,451.00
Seward	Randy Pierce	Terraces	\$13,094.00
		TOTAL	\$142,545.00

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Landis to approve the ten applications for cost-share assistance for summer conservation work in the amount totaling \$142,545.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Stevens stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on April 11, 2018.

Dell Schmidt with Schmidt Ag., Inc. addressed the Board and Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board.

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize selling 0.25 total credits from the NRD's Blue Heron Wetland Bank for \$20,000 to Schmidt Ag Inc., / Dell Schmidt for the Schmidt Ag Dam Project, dependent upon Legal Counsel Review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: Jacobson

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors modify Operating Policy C-4: Payment of Expenses Incurred by Directors, Employees, or Volunteers be modified to increase the daily per diem rate to \$70 per day, effective July 1, 2018. The motion failed

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Eagan, Jacobson, Landis, Ruth, Spangler, Steinkruger and Svoboda

NAY: Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Schmidt, Stevens and Wilson

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

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

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on April 4, 2018.

Katie Cameron, Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Coordinator, gave an update on ENWRA activities. Katie Cameron and Dan Schulz answered questions of the Board.

Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator, gave a report on the LPSNRD Ground Water 2017 Annual Review.

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Amen stated that the Platte River Subcommittee met on April 5, 2018.

Amen moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Cooperative Assistance Agreement between the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Land Trust that allows for an additional three-year District commitment in the amount of \$30,000 / year, commencing in Fiscal Year 2019. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

David Potter, Assistant General Manager answered questions of the Board. Larry Vrtiska with the Army National Guard addressed the Board.

Amen moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve and authorize the general manager to sign the Joint Funding Agreement with the Nebraska Army National Guard for funding of the water quality monitoring sites at Camp Ashland. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

Amen moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations with USGS for the continued operation of the two real-time continuous water quality monitoring sites at Camp Ashland, subject to approval of the Joint Funding Agreement between Nebraska Army National Guard and Lower Platte South NRD. The motion was approved

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Bruce Johnson stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on April 12, 2018. Dave Rosenbaum with the Willow

Springs Home Owners Association addressed the Board.

Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors cost-share with the Willow Springs Home Owners Association on the dam / water quality pipe rehabilitation project for the Holmes Lake Watershed Project from the Community Assistance Program up to and not to exceed \$8,757 NRD cost. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Osborn

ITEM 13. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 14. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was sent out.

ITEM 15. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were sent out.

Milt Schmidt gave a report of NARD activities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 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 April 18, 2018, 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.

Deborah Eagan, Secretary

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