



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING January 17, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 2:00 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, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, and Wilson. Stevens called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 a recording of the meeting can be found on the NRD website. He offered an opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Nineteen 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 January 6, 2018.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Stevens stated that a request for an excused absence has been received from Jeremie Kerkman for the January 17, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Spangler to accept the request for excused absence from Jeremie Kerkman for the January 17, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

ITEM 4. ADOPT TENTATIVE AGENDA

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Osborn to adopt the Tentative Agenda. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Bolte and seconded by Hellerich to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

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

Osborn stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 had been distributed.

It was moved by Osborn and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and to publish the approved expenditures for December 2017, except that each director who has per diem and/or reimbursement of expenses included in such financial reports, abstains from voting for the approval of his or her own per diem and/ or expense reimbursement. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on January 11, 2018.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors on behalf of ENWRA, authorize the General Manager to sign the Water Sustainability Fund Grant

Agreement (Application #5189) with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to receive funds for the Airborne Electromagnetic Mapping (AEM) Project in the amount of \$1,968,000.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Contract with Aqua Geo Frameworks, LLC to complete the AEM flights and flight data reports for an amount not to exceed \$3,280,000.00 subsequent to the execution of the Water Sustainability Fund Grant Agreement for Application #5189.

It was moved by Ruth and seconded by Jacobson to amend the motion by adding "pending legal counsel approval" to the motion. The amendment was approved

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

The amended motion to authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Contract with Aqua Geo Frameworks, LLC to complete the AEM flights and flight data reports for an amount not to exceed \$3,280,000.00 subsequent to the execution of the Water Sustainability Fund Grant Agreement for Application #5189 pending legal counsel approval was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Jacobson stated that four bids were received to install one monitoring well in the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area, install one livestock well in the Warner Wetland property and repurpose solar panels and pumps for use in livestock wells in the Warner Wetland and Little Salt Springs properties.

Company	Bid
Bornemeier Well Drilling (Murdock, NE)	\$21,313.00
Holly Well Drilling (Dorchester, NE)	\$30,252.50
Rieschick Drilling Company (Falls City, NE)	\$30,827.50
Jensen Well Company (Bee, NE)	\$39,557.50

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Bornemeier Well Drilling for an estimated cost of \$21,313.00 to install one monitoring well in the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard Special Management Area, install one livestock well

in the Warner Wetland property and repurpose solar panels and pumps for use in livestock wells in the Warner Wetland and Little Salt Springs properties. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the acquisition of landrights for the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project and approve the Professional Services Agreement with Great Plains Appraisal, not to exceed \$17,400.00 with RL Keith Consultant, Inc., not to exceed \$5,900.00 and Midwest Right-of-Way Services, not to exceed \$9,895.00, subject to legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

Stevens stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on January 16, 2018.

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a Work Crew Agreement with Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the NACD Technical Assistance Grant – Initial Transaction Agreement. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Subcommittee to establish the NRD's position on the Legislative Bills. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

DeKalb stated that the Urban Subcommittee met just prior to the Board Meeting. He indicated that no action would be taken on Item 9(b). Travis Figard with Olsson Associates answered questions of the Board regarding Item 9(a).

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the change orders from General Excavating in the amount of \$22,322.50 for the Beal Slough 14th & Pioneers Drainage Improvement Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: Aldridge, Barrett, Jacobson and C. Johnson

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

Spangler stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on January 8, 2018. John Albert, NRD Technician with the Lancaster County NRCS Office and Paul Zillig, General Manager answered questions of the Board.

Spangler moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2018 Lower Platte South NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman, Landis and Svoboda

Spangler moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the farm pond applications for Mark Hunter at a 60% cost-share not to exceed \$21,744. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Spangler moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share applications for Steve Classen in the amount of \$15,000 and for Elaine Olson Revocable Trust in the amount of \$6,007.50. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ruth stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met on January 8, 2018.

Ruth moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors request the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission approve amending Water Sustainability Fund Contract #4151 for the Lower Platte River Consortium's Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Study to account for Project Administration costs. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 12. REPORT OF NOMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF NRD OFFICERS AND NARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2018

Wilson stated that the Nominating Subcommittee submitted the following slate of nominees for NRD officers and NARD Representative and Alternate for 2018

Chair	Ray Stevens
Vice-Chair	Larry Ruth
Treasurer	Jeremie Kerkman
Secretary	Deborah Eagan
NARD Representative	Milt Schmidt
NARD Alternate	Bruce Johnson

Chair Stevens conducted the election for the office of Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Stevens for Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted. Stevens was elected Chair on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes with 1 not voting.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Vice-Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Ruth for Vice-Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted. Ruth was elected Vice-Chair on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes with 1 not voting.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Treasurer. The subcommittee nomination of Kerkman for Treasurer was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted. Kerkman was elected Treasurer on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Secretary. The subcommittee nomination of Eagan for Secretary was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted. Eagan was elected Secretary on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of NARD Representative. The subcommittee nomination of Schmidt for NARD Representative was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted. Schmidt was elected NARD Representative on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of NARD Alternate. The subcommittee nomination of Bruce Johnson for NARD Alternate was placed on the floor. Bruce Johnson was elected NARD Alternate on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes with 1 not voting.

ITEM 13 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

Stevens stated that there would be not be any actions for closed session.

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.

Milt Schmidt gave a report of NARD activities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 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 January 17, 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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