



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** August 15, 2024

**To:** Finance and Planning Subcommittee members

**From:** Mike Sousek, General Manager

**RE:** Budget Public Hearing and Finance and Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The FY 25 Budget Public Hearing was held on Wednesday August 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the LPSNRD boardroom. There were no members from the public in attendance. Director attendance included Gary Aldridge, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Chelsea Johnson, Christine Lamberty, David Landis, Larry Ruth, Greg Osborn, Don Jacobson, John Yoakum, Ray Stevens, and Ken Vogel. Staff members included Chris Barber, Al Langdale and Mike Sousek. A brief presentation was given during the hearing which included the highlights of a 4.3% decrease in our overall total budget, a property tax request of \$11,015,609 which is a 4.76% increase from last year. The district has a total balanced budget of \$36,235,948. The hearing closed with no comments and a couple questions dealing with presentation formatting.

The Finance and Planning Subcommittee met following the budget hearing, roughly 5:50pm on Wednesday August 14, 2024, at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Chelsea Johnson, Ken Vogel, Greg Osborn, Christine Lamberty, Ray Stevens, Melissa Baker and Don Jacobson. Absent was subcommittee member Deb Eagan. Director Dave Landis was in attendance. No members of the public were present. NRD staff members in attendance included Al Langdale, Chris Barber and Mike Sousek.

First on the agenda was considering the recommendation to the board to accept the low electrical bid for work being performed on our newly built storage building located at 9600 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Two bids were received with the high bid being \$89,600 and the low bid being \$51,937.10. See attached bids. **It was motioned by Director Stevens and seconded by Director Vogel to recommend to the board of directors to accept the low bid from Murphy Tower Service (Murphy Electric) in the amount of \$51,937.10 pending legal counsel review. Motion passed unanimously.**

Next on the agenda was a discussion of budget adjustments that have taken place since the board approved the tentative budget at our July board meeting. Two recommendations were forwarded to the F&P committee to include in the FY25 Budget. RFW committee forwarded a \$200,000 request and SCFR committee forwarded a \$150,000 request. Both requests were incorporated into the budget and

an adjustment was made to the line item of land rights dealing with our Deadman Run project to bring the budget back in balance. These adjustments had no effect on the total budget amount nor the property tax request which was approved in the tentative budget from the July board meeting. The discussion led to the third item on the agenda which was to recommend to the board to have Chair Landis sign the budget resolution for FY25. See attached budget resolution. Highlights from the resolution include advertisement and hearing schedule, a total budget of \$36,235,948 and a property tax request of \$11,015,609. **It was recommended by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Vogel to recommend to the board to approve the FY2025 budget resolution and have Chair Landis sign the resolution. See attached resolution. Motion carried with 6 yes votes and one no vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

MJS

cc: Chair Landis, Al Langdale, Donna Reid

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Resolution dated August 21, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (“Board of Directors”) is the governing body having the power and authority to develop and adopt an annual budget for the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (“District”) and to certify the amount to be received from personal and real property taxation to fund the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held, as required by law, a separate public hearing on August 14, 2024, on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 that had been tentatively approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of such separate public hearing was published on August 9, 2024, at least four days prior to the date set for hearing, in the Lincoln Journal Star, which is the newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the District. The notice included a summary of the proposed budget statement and information comparing the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 tax request with the prior year's request. A copy of the affidavit of publication for the separate public hearing notice is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, at the separate public hearing, at least three copies of the proposed budget statement were made available to the public; a presentation was made, which outlined the key provisions of the proposed budget, including a comparison with the prior year's budget; and members of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget statement were given an opportunity to address the Board of Directors, including a reasonable amount of time to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, at its meeting on August 21, 2024, considered the adoption of the proposed budget statement as a final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which totals \$36,235,948 in expenditures and revenues, and which requires property tax revenue of \$11,015,609.00; and

WHEREAS, *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 2-3225 provides that the District shall have the power and authority to levy a tax of not to exceed four and one-half cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation annually on all of the taxable property in the District, subject to certain budget limitations provided in *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 13-501 to 13-522, 77-1631 to 77-1634, and 77-3442 to 77-3444; and when the property tax request is set, the Chair of

the Board of Directors, David Landis, shall certify such property tax request and file it with the County Clerk of each county which in whole or in part is included within the District and with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after the required separate public hearing held on August 14, 2024, the proposed budget statement is hereby adopted and approved as the final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which totals \$36,235,948.00 in expenditures and revenues, and which requires property tax revenue of \$11,015,609.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Directors, David Landis, be and is hereby authorized and directed to file the final adopted Budget along with the other required documents, including a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Clerk of each county which in whole or in part is included within the District, and with the Auditor of Public Accounts, on or before September 30, 2024.

## CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Chair of the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, David Landis, hereby certifies that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, adopted and approved at its regular Board of Directors Meeting held on August 21, 2024.

Dated this 21<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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David Landis, Chair




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## Memorandum

**Date:** August 13, 2024  
**To:** Mike Sousek, General Manager  
**From:** Al Langdale, Operations/Maintenance Coordinator   
**Subject:** Storage Building Electrical Bids

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On July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> an invitation to bid was published in the Lincoln Journal Star seeking proposal for electrical installation for storage building located at 9600 N 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Invitation to bid was also posted at two electrical supply companies.

Bid opening was held at 11:00 am on Tuesday August 13, 2024, at the NRD office where two bids were received.

Murphy Tower Service (Murphy Electric)	\$51,937.10
ABC Electric	\$89,600.00

Staff recommendation is to accept the bid from Murphy Tower Service (Murphy Electric) in the amount of \$51,937.10 as they met all the specifications that were listed in the bid advertisement.

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