



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AUGUST 16, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum. Landis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 public present to speak to non-agenda items was given.

Senator Rob Clements, Senator Tom Brewer and Ethan Homan addressed the Board regarding land along the MoPac Trail in Wabash, Nebraska. Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator answered questions of the Board regarding the property.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

20 Directors were present upon roll call.

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 August 3, 2023.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that no requests for excused absences were received.

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Eagan to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

ABSTAIN: Schutz and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

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

Johnson stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on August 9, 2023 and August 14, 2023. She stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 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 July 31, 2023 and publish the expenditures for July 2023.

Paul Zillig, General Manager answered questions of the Board regarding the financial statements.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

Johnson moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Resolution adopting the final budget for FY 2024 totaling \$37,853,611 with a property tax request of \$10,514,822.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the motion to add "a line item in the budget for which revenue is only property taxes, and, that budget item has zero expenditure for three consecutive budget years will be eliminated from the next budget year and all ensuing budget years". The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the motion to add "a line item in the budget for which revenue is only property taxes, and, that budget item has zero expenditure for three consecutive years will be printed, shown or illustrated, in red ink in ensuing budget years". The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Vogel to amend the motion to increase the Salt Creek Resiliency Sinking Fund from \$300,000 to \$900,000 using property tax funds. The motion failed.

AYE: Baker, Green, Peterson, Schutz, Sinclair, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Seacrest, Spangler and Stevens
NOT PRESENT: Ruth

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Budget.

The original motion to approve the Resolution adopting the final budget for FY 2024 totaling \$37,853,611 with a property tax request of \$10,514,822 was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Ruth

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that there were no action items for the Executive Subcommittee. He updated that Board on the Upper Salt Creek 1-A Structure and the North Oak 2-C License Agreement.

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met on August 8, 2023.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator, and Madeline Johnson with the NE Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation and answered questions of the Board regarding the 2022 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report.

Jacobson moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the 2022 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Ruth

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

Spangler stated that there were 41 cost-share application for installing water quality improvement practices. He stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on August 7, 2023.

Spangler moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 41 identified Fall cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$686,900.00.

Applicant Name	County	Amount	Targeted Area
Harvey Bornemeier	Cass	\$12,328.00	
Brad J. Backemeyer	Cass	\$3,760.00	
Randall F. Reinke	Cass	\$5,627.00	
Jane Heine	Cass	\$9,639.00	
Michael Vogt	Cass	\$10,440.00	
Harvey Mills	Cass	\$12,500.00	
GMR Family Farms LLC	Cass	\$5,822.00	
Perkins Palmer Farms LLC	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Straub Perkins Palmer Farms LLC	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Perkins Garrett Palmer Farms LLC	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Lambert Family Farms LLC	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Bob Rikli	Cass	\$7,650.00	
Brad Rikli	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Luetchens Family LLC	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Cheryl A. Dill Patterson Gifting Trust	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Dorothy J. Pointer	Cass	\$10,961.00	
Laurel McReynolds & Roger Bornemeier	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Ingwerson Ent LLC	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Mark & Nancy Luetchens	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Mark Meisinger	Cass	\$12,500.00	
Nancy L. Kunz	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Woodruff Family LLC	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Marilyn J. Giles	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Dennis & Lynn Fiedler Revocable Trust	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Furrer Farms G.P.	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Clayton Maahs	Lancaster	\$17,500.00	Stevens Creek
Marilyn Kirchhoff	Lancaster	\$7,462.00	Stevens Creek
Charles Reddish	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Marvin Hall	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
G&B Farms, Inc.	Lancaster	\$17,500.00	Stevens Creek
Lynn Neujahr	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Kyle Schwarting	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Heritage Farms, Inc.	Lancaster	\$6,656.00	
Grant Fiedler	Lancaster	\$12,500.00	
Lumir Novak	Seward	\$13,690.00	SVL - Conestoga Lake
Larry G. Schildt Revocable Trust	Seward	\$90,460.00	Twin Lakes 319
Gilbert Woebbecke	Seward	\$20,875.00	Twin Lakes 319
Carol A. Schieldt Revocable Trust	Seward	\$77,329.00	Twin Lakes 319
Wilma Mook	Seward	\$67,720.00	Twin Lakes 319

Applicant Name	County	Amount	Targeted Area
Paula Wehling	Seward	\$8,981.00	Twin Lakes 319
Daniel E. Benes	Seward	\$17,500.00	SVL - Branched Oak

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE MOPAC EAST – LIED TRAIL CONNECTOR SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Stevens stated that the MoPac East – Lied Trail Connector Subcommittee met on August 10, 2023.

Stevens moved the MoPac East - Lied Trail Connector Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Cass County for the purpose of completing the connector trail between MoPac East and Lied Platte River Bridge.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, and Corey Wasserburger answered questions of the Board regarding the Interlocal Agreement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on August 10, 2023.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln for the operation and maintenance of the Salt Creek Levee Trail, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a temporary easement for Marvin and Diane Potter to construct, operate, and maintain a private crossing on the Oak Creek Trail near County Road 31 and County Road C in Saunders County, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Ruth

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreements between the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to conduct grassland and oak woodland restoration projects on Wild Plum WMA and Red Cedar WMA, with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission providing 75% cost-share of total projects costs. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Ruth

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry application from Lone Tree HOA with a total project cost of \$12,756.12, with the NRD share not to exceed \$6,378.06.

Jay Seaton, District Forester, answered questions of the Board regarding the Community Forestry Program application.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Ruth

ITEM 12 REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Seacrest stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on August 8, 2023.

Seacrest reported that three proposals were received for the Antelope Park Well Piping Project. She stated that one proposal was incomplete and therefore not accepted. The other proposals were:

Contractor	Bid
General Excavating	\$39,800.00
K2 Construction	\$50,600.00

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the informal competitive bid of \$39,800 from General Excavating to complete the Antelope Park Well Piping Project, which amount exceeds the estimated cost threshold for informal competitive bids under Operation Policy G-5.2.

Mike Murren, Project Coordinator, and Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions regarding the Antelope Park Well Piping Project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan and Ruth

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

Tom Green reminded Directors that the NARD Annual Conference would be September 24th – 26th in Kearney.

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 6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Andersen to show the Board's appreciation of General Manager Paul Zillig upon his retirement.

Chair Landis presented Zillig with a plaque and read the inscription to the Board. Zillig addressed the Board voicing his appreciation of the Board and staff during his years of service with the NRD.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Ruth

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The undersigned, the 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 August 16, 2023 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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