



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum. Eagan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Eagan welcomed those in attendance, and the pledge of allegiance was recited. She 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. She requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. She reminded everyone a recording of the meeting will be on the NRD website. Eagan 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.

#### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Fifteen Directors were present upon roll call. Schutz arrived after roll call.

#### ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING.

Eagan reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on December 1, 2022.

#### ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Eagan stated that there were requests for excused absences from David Landis, Larry Ruth, Ray Stevens and Ken Vogel for the December 14, 2022 Board of Directors meeting and from Luke Peterson for the January 18, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Seacrest and seconded by Yoakum to accept the requests for excused absences from David Landis, Larry Ruth, Ray Stevens and Ken Vogel for the December 14, 2022 Board of Directors meeting and from Luke Peterson for the January 18, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Peterson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens and Vogel

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA.

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens and Vogel

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

General Manager Paul Zillig recognized Kathy Hauschild, Receptionist / Secretary, for five years of service to the Lower Platte South NRD.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by B. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Andersen

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens and Vogel

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

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 had been distributed.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 and publish the General Expenditures for November 2022.

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

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens and Vogel

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

Eagan stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on December 7, 2022.

Eagan explained that there would be no action items considered at this meeting and reported on the meeting.

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

Green stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on December 6, 2022. He stated that the last two agenda items would be heard in closed session.

Green stated that one bid was received for the Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project – Calvert St. to “A” Street (STA 31+50 – 126+50R).

Bidder	Bid
Gana Trucking and Excavating	\$25.84 per linear foot plus \$5,202 mobilization fee

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$25.84/linear foot and \$5,202 for mobilization by Gana Trucking and Excavating, not to exceed \$150,000, for the Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project from Calvert to “A” Street (STA 31+50 – 126+50R). The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens and Vogel

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with JEO Consulting Group, in an amount not to exceed \$72,735 for engineering services for the Salt Creek Levee Drainage Ditch Repair Project from “J” to “N” Streets (STA 166+30R – 173+00R). The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens and Vogel

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

Seacrest stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on December 7, 2022.

Seacrest stated that four bids were received for the Upper Salt 16A (Kildeer) and Upper Salt 27A pipe replacement project

Bidder	Bid
Tim Sisco Construction	\$267,059.10
Nebraska Digging	\$299,904.35
Pat Thomas Construction	\$349,046.46
Lipsey Construction	\$429,370.00

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$267,059.10 from Tim Sisco Construction for the replacement of the riser, drawdown and principal spillway pipe on Upper Salt 16A (Kildeer) and Upper Salt 27A, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors agree to budget \$81,069.80 in the FY24 NRD Budget for the Weeping Water 6g – Alvo Bridge Replacement Project, pending legal counsel approval of any required releases for the project. The motion was approved.

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

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with Schemmer in the amount of \$136,916.00 for the design, environmental permitting and bidding of the Piening Dam in northwest Lancaster County. The motion was approved.

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

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

Lamberty stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on December 12, 2022.

Lamberty stated that two bids were received for the prescribed fire pumper unit.

Bidder	Bid
Danko Emergency Equipment Company	\$16,730.00
FYR-Tek, Inc.	\$19,750.00

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Danko Emergency Equipment Company in the amount of \$16,730.00 for the prescribed fire pumper unit and accept the \$2,500.00 grant award from the National Wild Turkey Federation to be used towards this purchase.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, and Al Langdale, Operation / Maintenance Coordinator answered questions of the Board regarding the prescribed fire pumper unit.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Yoakum moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the television and CTV (Connected TV) agreement from Firespring for educational announcements, not to exceed \$25,000, pending legal counsel approval.

Parker Robinson, Public Communications Specialist, and Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the educational announcements.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest and Spangler

ABSTAIN: Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

ITEM 13. REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Platte River Subcommittee met on December 14, 2022 just prior to the Board meeting.

Jacobson moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Papio-Missouri River NRD and Lower Elkhorn NRD for the Elkhorn / Platte River Cameras Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

ITEM 14 ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

Chair Deborah Eagan briefed the Board on the issues to be discussed in closed session.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Lamberty that the Board of Directors go into closed session at 2:50 p.m. to protect the public interest and develop strategy with respect to negotiations for the Salt Creek Master Plan Project #6 and the 52<sup>nd</sup> and Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Yoakum to return to open session at 3:21 p.m. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the appraisal for the Ronald and Judeen Oelling properties and authorize staff to negotiate and acquire the necessary easement. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize staff to begin the process for acquisition of landrights in accordance with Director Lewis's guidance, for the 52<sup>nd</sup> and Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Project, pending Legal Counsel Review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

ITEM 15. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT.

Luke Peterson announced upcoming NARD conferences.

ITEM 16. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 17. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 18. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were mailed out.

ITEM 19. NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT AND UPDATE

Eagan stated that she has appointed Don Jacobson (Chair), Tom Green and Christine Lamberty as the Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers and NARD Representatives.

ITEM 20. REPORT ON THE GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Eagan announced that she has appointed Deborah Eagan (Chair), David Landis, Bob Andersen, Don Jacobson, Chelsea Johnson, Christine Lamberty, Larry Ruth and Susan Seacrest as the General Manager (GM) Search Committee.

ITEM 21. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING DIRECTORS

Chair Eagan thanked Vern Barrett and Bruce Johnson for their time on the Board of Directors.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 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 December 14, 2022, 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.

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Donna Reid, Acting Secretary

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