



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum. Landis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Landis welcomed those in attendance, and the pledge of allegiance was recited. He noted that the public meetings law is posted at the entrance to the room. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone that 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 the public to speak to non-agenda items was given.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

17 Directors were present upon roll call. Schutz arrived after 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 December 5, 2024.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there were requests for excused absences from Gary Hellerich and Ray Stevens for the December 18, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Yoakum to accept the requests for excused absences from Gary Hellerich and Ray Stevens for the December 18, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Schutz and Stevens

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Seacrest to adopt the Agenda.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding notice of the new meeting time.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Mike Sousek, General Manager, recognized Craig Matulka, Stormwater/Watershed Specialist, for 20 years of service to the District.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Eagan to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Andersen and Osborn

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

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

Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024 had been distributed.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Osborn to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024 and publish the expenditures for November 2024.

Barber answered questions of the Board regarding the financial statements.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Baker

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

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

Green reported that the Executive Subcommittee met on December 12, 2024.

Green stated that Item 8f would be moved to closed session at the end of the Board meeting.

Green moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Personnel Policy 17 changes be accepted and adopted. The motion was approved.

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

Green moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Personnel Policy 21 changes be accepted and adopted.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the changes proposed to Personnel Policy 21.

The motion was approved.

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

Green stated that no action would be taken this Board meeting on Item 8c.

Green moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Operating Policy G-2 changes be accepted and adopted .

Mike Sousek, General Manager, David Potter, Assistant General Manager and Will Inselman Resources Coordinator answered questions of the Board regarding the LPSNRD fencing policy.

The motion was approved.

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

Green moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors sign the 2025 Work Crew Agreement with Cornhusker State Industries. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Lamberty stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on December 9, 2024.

Lamberty reported that four bids were received for the MoPac East Trail and Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project. She stated that C-R Menn Concrete withdrew their bid.

Contractor	Bid
C-R Menn Concrete	\$70,078.30
Pavers, Inc.	\$122,966.63
Gana Trucking & Excavating	\$146,685.59
National Concrete Cutting, Inc.	\$423,010.00

It was moved by Lamberty and seconded by Yoakum that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$122,966.63 submitted by Pavers, Inc., for the MoPac East Trail and Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding MoPac East Trail and Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project and the bids.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

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

Seacrest stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on December 9, 2024.

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the grant contract with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$12,891.45 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase additional telemetry equipment for ground water level monitoring.

Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the telemetry equipment and its use.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Yoakum stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on December 10, 2024.

Yoakum moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Right-of-Entry Access Agreement with the City of Lincoln for the Sediment Removal Project in Antelope Park, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis and Stevens

Yoakum moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with JEO for the 2025 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF Update, not to exceed \$24,980.00, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

ITEM 12. REPORT OF LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the meeting.

Jacobson reported that there was one application for fall surface water quality BMP cost-share.

Applicant Name	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Mary Poteet	17	10	9	Cass	Terraces	\$15,000.00	
					TOTAL	\$15,000.00	

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Lamberty to approve the fall surface water quality BMP cost-share application for Mary Poteet in the amount of \$15,000.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Spangler

VOTING “PRESENT”: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson and Stevens

ITEM 13. ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Jacobson to go into closed session at 6:42 p.m. in order to protect the public interest during discussion of litigation. The motion was approved.

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

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Yoakum to return to open session at 7:37 p.m.

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

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Osborn to go into closed session at 7:38 p.m. in order to protect the public interest during discussion of litigation. The motion was approved.

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

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Seacrest to return to open session at 7:44 p.m.

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

ITEM 14. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Tom Green reminded board that the NARD Legislative Conference is scheduled for January 28 & 29, 2025.

ITEM 15. NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Landis announced that he has appointed Larry Ruth (Chair), Susan Seacrest and Ken Vogel as the nominating committee for officers in 2025.

ITEM 16. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING DIRECTORS

Chair Landis recognized and thanked Ray Stevens, Chelsea Johnson and Greg Osborn for their time on the Board.

ITEM 17. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 18. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 19. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 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 18, 2024 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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