



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING September 20, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 7:00 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, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 offered an opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items.

### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

18 Directors were present upon roll call. Landis arrived after roll.

### 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 September 11, 2017.

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

Stevens stated there were requests for excused absences from Dave Landis for the August 16, 2017 Board of Directors meeting and from Jeremie Kerkman and Dan Steinkruger for the September 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Svoboda and seconded by Andersen to approve the requests for excused absences from Dave Landis for the August 16, 2017 Board of Directors meeting and Jeremie Kerkman and Dan Steinkruger for the September 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman, Landis and Steinkruger

ITEM 4. ADOPT TENTATIVE AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman, Landis and Steinkruger

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

General Manager Paul Zillig recognized Jay Seaton, NRD Forester 15 years of service and Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator for 35 years of service to the Lower Platte South NRD

ITEM 6. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Bolte and seconded by Osborn to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Eagan

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

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

Osborn stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on September 13, 2017. He indicated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 had been distributed.

Legal Counsel Steve Seglin addressed the Board and explained the ruling by the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission and how it affects the NRD:

It was moved by Osborn and seconded by Spangler to approve the financial reports for the period of August 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 and to publish the approved expenditures for August 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: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

Osborn moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the Long Range Implementation Plan on page 71, Platte River, last entry "support efforts to control invasive species and noxious weeds along the Lower Platte River" the expenditure is \$40,000 by adding after invasive species "i.e. Emerald Ash Borer" so it would read "Support efforts to control invasive species, i.e. Emerald Ash Borer, and noxious weeds along the Lower Platte River and change the expenditure amount from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The motion died for lack of second.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the Long Range Implementation Plan on page 95, Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife, Tree Planting, the last box "Monitor tree mortality due to disease and insects such as Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm Disease" by changing the amount from \$0 to \$20. The motion died for lack of second.

Discussion was held on the Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) for FY 2018 and its relationship to the adopted FY 2018 Budget.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the Long Range Implementation Plan on page 141, Water Resources, Streambank Erosion, "Stream stabilization costs-share assessment above public access lakes" by changing the amount from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The motion was ruled out of order.

It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Spangler to call the question. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

The original motion that the Board of Directors approve the Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

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

Stevens stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on September 19, 2017. Stevens stated that 6 proposals were submitted for website development. Those proposals were received from: Artillery Media, Three Pillars Media, Firespring, CIVIC Plus, Unanimous and Red Thread. Nathan Kuhlman, IS Administrator, addressed the Board.

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the professional services contract with Unanimous of Lincoln, Nebraska for Website Redesign and Development at an estimated cost of \$23,850.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Hellerich to table the decision on the professional services contract with Unanimous of Lincoln for one month to get additional details regarding security from Unanimous. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, and Svoboda

NAY: Bolte, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Spangler, Stevens and Wilson

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve holding the October NRD Board of Director's Meeting at the Waverly Community Foundation Banquet Hall in Waverly on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

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

DeKalb stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on September 13, 2017.

Mark Hunzecker, Attorney for Apples Way addressed the Board.

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the modifications to the Sievers Conservation Easement located near 27<sup>th</sup> & Rokeby Road, contingent upon legal counsel review.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the notary line from Paul Zillig, Mayor of the City of Lincoln Nebraska on behalf of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska to state Paul Zillig, General Manager of the Lower Platte South NRD on behalf of the Lower Platte South NRD. Legal Counsel Steve Seglin stated that the wording had already been corrected. Motion dies for lack of second.

The original motion that the Board of Directors approve the modifications to the Sievers Conservation Easement located near 27<sup>th</sup> & Rokeby Road, contingent upon legal counsel review was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge and Hellerich

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the acquisition of land rights for the South Salt Creek Master Plan Project #3 and approve the professional services agreement with Great Plains Appraisal, not to exceed \$6,600 and Midwest Right of Way Services, not to exceed \$2,580, 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, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors grant a Private Utility Easement from a portion of Outlot “A” – Landmark Corporate Center 9<sup>th</sup> Addition, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, subject to legal counsel review. Motion was approved.

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

DeKalb stated that proposals were received from two contractors for the Salt Creek Levee maintenance project.

Contractor	Stations 159+50, 205+90, 335+70 Bid	Station 240+00 Bid
Gana Excavating	\$18,431.24	\$8,5750.00
Yost Excavating	\$20,250.00	5,570.00

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a proposal from Gana Excavating to repair (erosion / drainage structures) at Stations 159+50, 205+90, 335+70 on the Salt Creek Levee located in Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$18,431.24, and to approve a proposal from Yost Excavating to repair erosion at Station 240+00 on the Salt Creek Levee located in Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$5,750.00. The motion was approved.

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

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

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

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Landis that the Board of Directors approve the identified cost-share application totaling an amount of \$15,010. The motion was approved.

Co.	First Name	Terrace System	Grassed Waterways	Amount	Targeted Area
SE	Tim Suchy	x	x	\$15,010	SVL

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

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Eagan stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met on September 12, 2017.

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve contract “Option 1” from Broadcast House in the amount of \$12,961. The motion was approved.

- AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
- NAY: Aldridge, B. Johnson and C. Johnson
- NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve contract “Concept 1” from Alpha Media in the amount of \$12,880. The motion was approved.

- AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
- NAY: Aldridge, B. Johnson and C. Johnson
- NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

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

Schmidt stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on September 11, 2017.

Schmidt moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the one year extension for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln. The motion was approved.

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

Schmidt stated that bids were received from two contractors for the installation of a new culvert on the Oak Creek Trail.

Contractor	Bid
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.	\$29,222.30
Husker Engineering, Inc., DBA Husker Grading	\$30,876.00

Schmidt moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from M.E. Collins Contracting, Co. Inc., in the amount of \$29,222.30 to install a new culvert on the Oak Creek Trail pending legal counsel review and the General Manager can waive any informalities. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

Jay Seaton, District Forester, answered questions regarding the Community Forestry Application.

Schmidt moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry Program application from Edenton South Townhouse Association to plant a mixture of twelve six foot conifers with the District's share not to exceed \$2,648.40. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: Amen, Barrett, Hellerich, B. Johnson

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

Schmidt moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Highway 34 Platte River Trail Bridge Interlocal Agreement with the District's share not to exceed \$4,000. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Steinkruger

ITEM 13. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 14. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was sent out.

ITEM 15. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were sent out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 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 September 20, 2017, 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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Deborah Eagan, Secretary

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