



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JANUARY 17, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum. Landis called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 the public to speak to non-agenda items was given.

Tom Mountford representing the Natural Resources Conservation Service introduced NRCS employees Merceidez Fabok and Joseph Debebe. They addressed the Board.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Sixteen 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 January 5, 2024.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there were requests for excused absences from Christine Lamberty, Anthony Schutz, Stacie Sinclair and Ray Stevens for the January 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Eagan to accept the requests for excused absences from Christine Lamberty, Anthony Schutz, Stacie Sinclair and Ray Stevens for the January 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.
The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Ruth to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Peterson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

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

Johnson stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting.

Johnson stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2023 through December 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 December 31, 2023 and publish the "Expenditures without Director's expenditures" for December 2023.

General Manager Mike Sousek answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Eagan to publish the "Director Group 1" (Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich and Jacobson) expenditures for December 2023. The motion was approved.

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

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Andersen to publish the "Director Group 2" (Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson and Ruth) expenditures for December 2023. The motion was approved.

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

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Baker to publish the "Director Group 3" (Schutz, Seacrest, Sinclair, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum) expenditures for December 2023. The motion was approved.

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

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

Landis stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on January 10, 2024.

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors appoint Seth Hawkins of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to fill the vacant seat in Sub-district 2.

Seth Hawkins addressed the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

Landis stated that Mueller Robak LLC was present to give a legislative update. Matt Schaefer from Mueller Robak addressed the Board regarding upcoming legislation.

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

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

Yoakum moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program cost-share request, in an amount not to exceed \$38,550.92 for the Village of Ceresco Hobson Branch Stream Restoration Construction Project, pending legal counsel review.

Drew Ratkovec, Project Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Community Assistance Program cost-share request from the Village of Ceresco.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

Yoakum moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$38,213 for Engineering Services for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project - CLOMR.

Mark Lindeman, District Engineer, and Connor Kelley with Houston Engineering answered questions from the Board regarding the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

Yoakum moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$163,243 for Engineering Services for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project – Value Engineering.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, Mark Lindemann, District Engineer, and Mike Sotak from Houston Engineering answered questions of the Board regarding the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

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

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

Seacrest stated that three bids were received for Upper Salt 3-2 Watershed Dam Rehabilitation Project.

Contractor	Bid
Tim Sisco Construction	\$127,730.65
Nebraska Digging Services	\$134,762.55
Mount Farm Drainage	\$233,359.40

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$127,730.65, by Tim Sisco Construction for the Upper Salt 3-2 Watershed Dam Rehabilitation Project.

Craig Matulka, Stormwater/Watershed Specialist, answered questions of the Board regarding the Upper Salt 3-2 Watershed Dam Rehabilitation Project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the water well permit LPS-240441 located in the Hydrologically Connected Area for Timothy Jacobs. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

ITEM 10. REPORT OF NOMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF NRD OFFICERS AND NARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024

Jacobson stated that the Nominating Subcommittee, consisting of Jacobson, Lamberty and Green, submitted the following slate of nominees for NRD officers and NARD Representative and Alternate for 2024

Chair	David Landis
Vice-Chair	Bob Andersen
Treasurer	Chelsea Johnson
Secretary	Lisa Lewis
NARD Representative	Tom Green
NARD Alternate	John Yoakum

Cory Wasserburger, General Counsel, conducted the election for the office of Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Landis for Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Landis was elected Chair on a secret ballot receiving 14 votes.

Landis conducted the election for the office of Vice-Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Andersen for Vice-Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Andersen was elected Vice-Chair on a secret ballot receiving 14 votes.

Landis conducted the election for the office of Treasurer. The subcommittee nomination of Johnson for Treasurer was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Johnson was elected Treasurer on a secret ballot receiving 15 votes.

Landis conducted the election for the office of Secretary. The subcommittee nomination of Lewis for Secretary was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Lewis was elected Secretary on a secret ballot receiving 15 votes.

Landis conducted the election for the office of NARD Representative. The subcommittee nomination of Green for NARD Representative was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Green was elected NARD Representative on a secret ballot receiving 15 votes.

Landis conducted the election for the office of NARD Alternate. The subcommittee nomination of Yoakum for NARD Alternate was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Yoakum was elected NARD Alternate on a secret ballot receiving 14 votes.

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Landis to approve the Business Authorization Resolution with Union Bank & Trust authorizing Treasurer – Chelsea Johnson, Treasurer’s Designee – Robert Andersen, and Assistant Treasurer – Mike Sousek as Agents for the District. The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Andersen and Johnson

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Schutz, Sinclair and Stevens

ITEM 11. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Tom Green thanked the Board for voting him as NARD Representation.

Directors were reminded that the NARD Legislative Conference is being held on January 23 & 24, 2024.

ITEM 12. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 13. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 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 January 17, 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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