



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JANUARY 15, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, 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 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

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 January 3, 2025.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there was a request for an excused absence from Anthony Schutz for the January 15, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Lamberty to accept the request for an excused absence from Anthony Schutz for the January 15, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Seacrest to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Hassebrook, Matejka and Mealer

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

ITEM 6. 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 December 31, 2024 had been distributed.

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Hassebrook to publish the "Expenditures without Director's expenditures" for December 2024. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Eagan to publish the "Director Group 1" (Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins and Hellerich) expenditures for December 2024. The motion was approved.

AYE: Green, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hawkins and Hellerich

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Yoakum to publish the "Director Group 2" (Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Osborn and Peterson) expenditures for December 2024. The motion was approved.

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

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Eagan to publish the "Director Group 3" (Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum) expenditures for December 2024. The motion was approved.

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

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

Landis stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on January 8, 2025.

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept that Personnel Policy 22 changes be accepted and adopted.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding changes to Personnel Policy 22.

The motion was approved.

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

Landis stated that the subcommittee considered modifications to NRD Operating Policy #C-5 – Conferences and Meetings and that no action will be taken at this Board meeting.

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of accept the 2024 Outreach and Technical Assistance Grant and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement for the 2024 Technical Assistance Grant with National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) when it is received pending legal counsel review.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Outreach and Technical Assistance Grant.

The motion was approved.

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

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize staff to proceed with an application to Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR)/FEMA allowing the District to be a sub-applicant for the FEMA Swift Current Grant Program on the Berniece Jones and Michele Beekmann property near South Bend, NE.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, and David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions regarding the project and the DNR/FEMA Grant program.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Spangler and Yoakum
NAY: Hawkins, Hellerich, Seacrest and Vogel
VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Schutz

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize staff to proceed with an application to Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR)/FEMA allowing the District to be a sub-applicant for the FEMA Swift Current Grant Program on Andrew and Anne Arther property on Lake Wa-Con-Da near Union, NE.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the project and the DNR/FEMA Grant program.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Hellerich
VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Schutz

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to proceed with a Quick Claim Deed transferring our interest in this property to the City of Lincoln.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Seacrest to amend the motion by reflecting "Ashland" as opposed to "Lincoln". The motion was approved.

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

Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, and Steve Owen, City of Lincoln, answered questions of the Board regarding the transfer of the interest in this property and the quick claim deed.

The amended motion to authorize the General Manager to proceed with a Quick Claim Deed transferring our interest in this property to the City of Ashland was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

ITEM 8. REPORT OF LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on January 10, 2025.

Jacobson moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2025 LPSNRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

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

Ruth stated that the Nominating Subcommittee, consisting of Ruth, Seacrest and Vogel submitted the following slate of nominees for NRD officers and NARD Representative and Alternate for 2025

Chair	Bob Andersen
Vice-Chair	Tom Green
Treasurer	Lisa Lewis
Secretary	Christine Lamberty
NARD Representative	John Yoakum
NARD Alternate	Gary Hellerich

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

Andersen was elected Chair on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes.

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

Green was elected Vice-Chair on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes.

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

Lamberty was elected Secretary on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes.

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

Lewis was elected Treasurer on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes.

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

Yoakum was elected NARD Representative on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes.

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

Hellerich was elected NARD Alternate on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Matejka to approve the Business Authorization Resolution with Union Bank & Trust authorizing Treasurer – Lisa Lewis, Treasurer’s Designee – Tom Green and Assistant Treasurer – Mike Sousek as Agents for the District. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

VOTING “PRESENT”: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

ITEM 10. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Tom Green reminded directors that the Legislative Conference will be held on January 28th & 29th.

ITEM 11. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 12. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

Bob Andersen presented a gavel to out-going Chair Dave Landis.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 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 15, 2025 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.

Christine Lamberty, Secretary

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