



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING July 20, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Stevens, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum. Eagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. 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 give their name and which agenda item they wished to speak on. An opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items was given. No one wished to speak on non-agenda items.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Fifteen Directors were present upon roll call. Peterson 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 July 8, 2022.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Eagan stated that requests for an excused absences were received from Tom Green, Christine Lamberty and Lisa Lewis for the July 20, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Yoakum to approve the requests for an excused absences from Tom Green, Christine Lamberty and Lisa Lewis for the July 20, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA.

Director Andersen stated that Item 6(c) would not require action at this meeting due to unforeseen complications beyond the NRDs control.

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Landis to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Seacrest, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Ruth and Spangler

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

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

Andersen stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on July 13, 2022.

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 had been distributed. Paul Zillig, General Manager, Kristin Buntmeyer, Administration & Finance Manager and Donna Reid, District Secretary / Program Administrator, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Landis to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and publish the Expenditures without Directors' expenditures for June 2022. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Stevens to publish the Director Group 1 expenditures for June 2022. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich and Jacobson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Stevens to publish the Director Group 2 expenditures June 2022. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Nolte, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: B. Johnson and Landis

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Jacobson to publish the Director Group 3 expenditures for June 2022. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte,

ABSTAIN: Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Peterson and Schutz

Paul Zillig answered questions of the Board regarding Draft #2 of the Budget.

Andersen moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors give tentative approval of Draft #2 of the FY2023 Lower Platte South NRD Budget, totaling \$36,684,328 and publicize and present the Budget at the public hearing.

It was moved by B. Johnson and seconded by Vogel to amend the budget to increase funding to the Salt Creek Floodplain Resiliency Sinking Fund by \$400,000 and to increase the requested property tax by \$400,000. The motion failed.

AYE: Barrett, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler and Stevens

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

The original motion to give tentative approval of Draft #2 of the FY 2023 Lower Platte South NRD Budget totaling \$36,684,328 and publicize and present the Budget at the public hearing was passed.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Andersen stated that Item c. would not be acted on due to unforeseen complications beyond the NRDs control.

Andersen moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the FY'22 Budget Overruns for 470090 BMP Demo Projects, 770221 Upper Salt Master Plan, and 769010 Office Equipment. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth and Schutz

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Vogel stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met on July 11, 2022.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

Vogel moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between LPSNRD, LPNNRD, PMNRD, City of Lincoln, MUD and NeDNR, subject to legal counsel approval. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Hellerich stated that there was one summer cost-share application for installing water quality improvement practices. He stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board, however the application was reviewed by the Eastern Review Group.

It was moved by Hellerich and seconded by Andersen to approve the Summer Conservation Program Cost-Share Application from Boyd Farms in the amount of \$17,500.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Stevens stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on July 12, 2022.

Stevens moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the request from the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership to provide additional funding, not to exceed \$100,000, towards the acquisition of the Kreiner saline wetland tract. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Stevens moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Mentor Hunt Agreement between the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for mentored hunting on the Warner Wetlands Property. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered question of the Board regarding the grassland restoration project.

Stevens moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to conduct a grassland restoration project on Cottontail WMA, with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission providing 75% cost-share on the total project cost, up to \$45,000. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Stevens moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the engineering services agreement from The Flatwater Group for the project design to repair the headcut on Schleich Wetland, with an upset limit of \$35,000, subject to legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on July 18, 2022.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, Mike Murren, Project Coordinator, Brad Brabec and Andy Beil with Dakota Springs Homeowners Association answered questions of the Board regarding the Community Assistance Program request.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Ruth to approve the Community Assistance Program request by Dakota Springs Homeowners Association for a cost-share assistance, not to exceed \$39,860.50 for the protection of the dam shoreline for the two ponds, pending all permitting requirements are met. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Barrett and Nolte

ABSTAIN: Jacobson

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Paul Zillig answered questions of the Board regarding the flume model for Deadman's Run Flood Reduction Project.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Peterson to approve Research Agreement #146033 with the University of Nebraska's Office of Sponsored Programs, at a cost of \$87,232, for additional analysis and modifications of the flume model for the Deadman's Run Flood Reduction Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Barrett, Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Mike Murren, Project Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the South Salt Creek Master Plan project #6.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Andersen to approve the Agreement for the temporary access into Wilderness Park, for the South Salt Creek Master Plan Project #6. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Luke Peterson gave a report of NARD activities highlighting the Governor's Proclamation of NRD Week. He announced the dates of the 2022 NARD Annual Conference in Kearney Nebraska.

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 9:06 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 July 20, 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.

Donna Reid, Acting Secretary

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