



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JULY 17, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Weeping Water City Office at 101 W. Eldora Ave. in Weeping Water, Nebraska on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum. Landis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

17 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 July 5, 2024.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there were requests for excused absences from Christine Lamberty, Larry Ruth, Anthony Schutz and Ken Vogel for the July 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Stevens to accept the requests for excused absences from Christine Lamberty, Larry Ruth, Anthony Schutz and Ken Vogel for the July 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Lewis, Osborn and Seacrest

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

Johnson stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on July 10, 2024 and July 11, 2024.

Johnson stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 June 30, 2024 and publish the "Expenditures without Director's expenditures" for June 2024.

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

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

AYE: Aldridge, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Andersen, Baker, Eagan and Hawkins

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn and Peterson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn and Peterson

ABSTAIN: Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

Johnson moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors give tentative approval of Draft 2 of the FY25 Lower Platte South NRD budget, totaling \$36,235,948 and publicize and present the Budget at the public hearing. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge, Hawkins, Jacobson and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

Johnson moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors declare the house located at 2180 Arbor Road, Lincoln, NE 68521 as surplus property and direct staff to begin the process of selling the house.

Mike Sousek, General Manager and David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the house and property at 2180 Arbor Road.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

Landis stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on July 8, 2024.

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the NARD 414(h) Contribution Resolution and have Chair Landis sign the resolution.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions regarding the Resolution.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

Landis moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors direct staff to forward a resolution to NARD to be considered at the fall conference to allow for electronic payments under State Statute 2-3224.
The motion was approved.

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

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

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

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 3 proposal of \$165,239.80, by Schemmer Associates, Inc. for the Piening Water Quality Basin.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions regarding the amendment and the project.

The motion was approved.

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

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the approve the Bundy Wetland Bank Phase III Application for Credit for \$51,910.00 from the Bundy Family Partnership.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, and Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator, answered questions regarding wetland bank credits and stream bank credits.

The motion was approved.

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

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

Hawkins stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on July 11, 2024.

Hawkins stated that three bids were received for culvert replacement on MoPac Trail near 162nd Street.

Contractor	Bid
Nebraska Digging	\$19,175.00
Gana Trucking and Excavating	\$25,449.00
Yost Excavating	\$37,550.00

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of from Nebraska Digging in the amount of \$19,175.00 for the culvert replacement near 162nd Street on MoPac Trail.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions regarding the culvert replacement project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to purchase a conservation easement on the Next to Nine Mile Prairie, LLC. Property in Lancaster County.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions regarding the conservation easement. Pat Leach and Bill Oberg with the Next to Nine Mile Prairie LLC addressed the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

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

Jacobson stated that there was one application for summer surface water quality BMP cost-share. He stated that the application was reviewed by the Western Review Group and met the criteria for the Cost-Share Program and was not in a targeted area.

Applicant Name	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount
Chris Zetocha	18	14	5	Saunders	Terraces	\$8,484.00
					TOTAL	\$8,484.00

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Andersen that the Board of Directors approve the summer surface water quality BMP cost-share application for Chris Zetocha totaling an amount of \$8,484.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Lewis, Osborn, Peterson, Seacrest, Stevens and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

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

Tom Green stated that the next NARD meeting would be held at the NARD Annual Conference scheduled for September 22nd – 24th. Luke Peterson gave a review of the Republican River Basin Tour that he attended June 10th – 11th.

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 8:16 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 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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