



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JUNE 20, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum. Landis called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Fourteen Directors were present upon roll call. Green, Schutz and Spangler arrived after 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 June 6, 2024.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there were requests for excused absences from Gary Hellerich, Lisa Lewis and Susan Seacrest for the June 20, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Jacobson to accept the request for excused absences from Gary Hellerich, Lisa Lewis and Susan Seacrest for the June 20, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Spangler

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Spangler

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Hawkins to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Ruth, Stevens and Vogel

ABSTAIN: Johnson, Peterson and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Spangler

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

Johnson stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on June 12, 2024. She reported that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2023 through May 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 May 30, 2024 and publish the expenditures for May 2024.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, and Seacrest

Johnson presented Draft #1.1 of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions from the Board.

Chair Landis opened the floor for public comment. No public present wished to comment on Draft #1.1 of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

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

Landis stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on June 11, 2024 and June 14, 2024.

Landis explained that three applications were received to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict #5 with one being received after the deadline and one being out of the subdistrict. Landis put forth Greg Osborn as the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to fill the empty seat in Subdistrict #5.

Chair Landis opened the floor for nominations to fill the position. Director Yoakum nominated Suzanne Mealer to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict #5.

Greg Osborn addressed the Board.

Corey Wassenburger, General Counsel, answered questions from the Board.

A vote was taken to fill the empty seat in Subdistrict #5

OSBORN: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Ruth, Stevens, and Vogel

MEALER: Baker, Peterson, Spangler and Yoakum

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, and Seacrest

Greg Osborn was appointed to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict #5.

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Lamberty stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on June 10, 2024.

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a License Agreement for Private Crossings for agricultural purposes on the Oak Creek Trail to Jerry Hofpar.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, and Seacrest

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors ratify the signing of the agreement with the Nebraska Trails Foundation to submit an Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant for the feasibility of a rail with trail from Lincoln to Valparaiso.

It was moved by Green and seconded by Spangler to amend the motion to replace ratify with approve. The motion was approved.

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

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, Corey Wasserburger, General Counsel, answered questions from the Board.

Marie Gregoire, Nebraska Trails Foundation, addressed the Board.

The amended motion to approve the signing of the agreement with the Nebraska Trails Foundation to submit an Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant for the feasibility of a rail with trail from Lincoln to Valparaiso was approved.

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

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors agree to provide cost-share for 50% of the local match requirement for the Village of Cedar Creek's Recreational Trails Program grant, not to exceed \$25,000.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

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

Ruth stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on June 10, 2024.

Four bids were received for the Harshman Road Structure Rehabilitation Project.

| Contractor | Bid |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Tim Sisco Construction | \$33,736.80 |
| Empire Construction and Trenching | \$40,848.00 |
| Yost Excavating | \$49,560.00 |
| Gana Trucking and Excavating | \$58,301.38 |

Ruth moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$33,736.80 by Tim Sisco Construction for the Harshman Road Structure Rehabilitation Project.

Craig Matulka, Stormwater/Watershed Specialist, answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Stevens

Ruth moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the initiation of the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan update to be consistent with the controls found in the Basin-Wide Plan and authorize the General Manager to sign the initiation letter to NeDNR.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Schutz, and Seacrest

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

Yoakum stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on June 12, 2024. He stated that there were no action items for the subcommittee.

Yoakum and Mark Lindemann, District Engineer, gave a report on the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project.

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on June 11, 2024.

Jacobson moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between Cass County and LPSNRD for the use of digital map products for portions of LPSNRD located in Cass County. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, and Seacrest

Jacobson moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between Seward County and LPSNRD for the use of digital map products for portions of LPSNRD in Seward County. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, Seacrest and Stevens

Jacobson moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between the City of Lincoln and LPSNRD for the use of digital map products for portions of LPSNRD located in Lancaster County.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

ABSTAIN: Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, and Seacrest

Jacobson stated that there were two applications for summer surface water quality BMP cost-share.

| Applicant Name | SEC | TWN | RNG | County | Practice | Amount | Targeted Area |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Gary Snide | 6 | 8 | 6 | Lancaster | Terraces | \$12,265.00 | SVL – Yankee Hill |
| Paulsen Family Living Trust | 32 | 8 | 6 | Lancaster | Terraces | \$17,750.00 | |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$30,315.00 | |

Jacobson moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the summer surface water quality BMP cost-share applications for Gary Snide and Paulsen Family Living Trust totaling \$30,315. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis, and Seacrest

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Vogel stated that the Platte River Subcommittee met on June 11, 2024

Vogel moved the Platte River Subcommittee recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Cooperative Assistance Agreement between the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Land Trust that allows for an additional three-year District commitment in the amount of \$30,000/year, commencing in fiscal year 2025. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Ruth

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis and Seacrest

Vogel moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigations (Trend Analysis) with LPSNRD on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance.

Matt Moser, USGS answered questions from the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis and Seacrest

Vogel moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Inter-governmental Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the LPSNRD on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance regarding the implementation of the project titled Trend Analysis of Continuous Water Quality in the Lower Platte River. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis and Seacrest

Vogel moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Joint Funding Agreement for the USGS Streamgage Trend Analysis between LPSNRD on behalf of the LPRCA and LPNDR, PMRNRD, NeDNR, NGP, UNL, MUD, and Lincoln Water.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered question from the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Lewis and Seacrest

ITEM 13. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

John Yoakum reported that the NARD is changing the staff health insurance provider and that they have voted to enhance the retirement program contributions.

ITEM 14. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 15. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The undersigned, the 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 from the Board of Directors of the District held on June 20, 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.

Donna Reid, Acting Secretary

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