



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MAY 15, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel. Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Andersen 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. Andersen 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.

General Manager Mike Sousek introduced new employee Jodi Delozier, Communication Coordinator / Adult Environmental Education, to the Board.

### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Fifteen Directors were present upon roll call.

### ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Andersen reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on May 4, 2024.

### ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Andersen stated that there were requests for excused absences from Gary Hellerich, Chelsea Johnson, Dave Landis and Luke Peterson for the May 15, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Baker to accept the request for excused absences from Gary Hellerich, Chelsea Johnson, Dave Landis and Luke Peterson for the May 15, 2024 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

VOTING PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Ruth to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

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

Stevens stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 had been distributed.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 and publish the expenditures for April 2024. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

VOTING PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

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

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on May 6, 2024.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors change the June board meeting date from June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to avoid the federal holiday of Juneteenth. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Jacobson and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2025 merit and adjustment increase of \$21,000. Motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors change the venue from the LPSNRD Board Room to the City Hall of Weeping Water for the July 2024 regularly scheduled (July 17) board meeting. Staff is also directed to plan a small tour of a CAP project site at the Weeping Water City Park prior to the meeting that Directors can voluntarily attend. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

VOTING PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the resignation letter of Stacie Sinclair and to announce a vacancy in Subdistrict 5. Staff is instructed to file the necessary paperwork with the Secretary of State and begin advertising the opening.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the process used to announce the vacancy

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

VOTING PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

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

Eagan stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on May 2, 2024.

Eagan moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Action Program application request for the Weeping Water Creek Bank Stabilization and channel realignment project at a cost share amount of 50% of the total eligible design costs, not to exceed \$36,125.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

Eagan moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Work Plan for the Interlocal Agreement on Stormwater Management with the City of Lincoln. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

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

Jacobson stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. He reported that three cost-share applications have been received for installing water quality improvement practices for the NRD's Summer Conservation Program. The applications were reviewed by the Eastern and Western Review Groups and meet the criteria for the Cost-Share Program.

| Applicant Name                     | SEC     | TWN | RNG | County | Practice     | Amount             | Targeted Area      |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|--------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Michael L. Bornemeier              | 15      | 10  | 10  | Cass   | Terraces     | \$20,000.00        |                    |
| Arlo & Vicki Fleischman            | 27      | 10  | 10  | Cass   | Terraces     | \$20,000.00        |                    |
| St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Bee | 23 / 26 | 12  | 4   | Seward | Terraces     | \$23,795.00        | SVL – Branched Oak |
|                                    |         |     |     |        | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$63,795.00</b> |                    |

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Stevens to approve the three identified Surface Water Quality BMP cost-share applications for summer work totaling \$63,795. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Stevens and Vogel

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

ITEM 10. ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Eagan to go into closed session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Seacrest to return to open session at 8:20 p.m.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Eagan that the Board of Directors accept Ken Vogel's recommendations. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

VOTING PRESENT: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hellerich, Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Sinclair and Yoakum

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

Tom Green stated that he had no report this month.

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 8:22 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 May 15, 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.

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Lisa Lewis, Secretary

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