



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING September 15, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Egan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum. Egan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Egan 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 an audio recording of the meeting can be found on the NRD website. Egan 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.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

20 Directors were present upon roll call. Schutz arrived after roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Egan reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 3, 2021.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Egan stated that there were no requests for excused absences for the September 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Egan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Schutz

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

Andersen reported that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on September 7, 2021.

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 had been distributed.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Kristin Buntmeyer, Administration & Finance Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and publish the Expenditures for August 2021. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Andersen reported that a tax request hearing for public input was held on September 7, 2021 at the Lower Platte South NRD Office.

Andersen moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Resolution to set the FY'22 tax request and file the Budget. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: None

Andersen moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Long Range Implementation Plan for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

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

Eagan stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on September 13, 2021.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Representation Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD and Papio-Missouri River NRD.

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Representation Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD and Papio-Missouri River NRD for Water Strategies LLC services. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding NARD Resolution #2021-1.

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors agree that the Lower Platte South NRD support local control, private property rights, and long-term effective voluntary conservation, but are not in support of NARD Resolution #2021-1. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Schutz, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Hellerich and Spangler

NOT VOTING: Jacobson

ABSTAIN: Nolte

NOT PRESENT: None

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

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on September 8, 2021. He reported that there was not a quorum present at the subcommittee meeting.

Schutz stated that no action would be taken on the first item of the Arnold Heights Native Prairie property protection request from Jon & Bill Oberg.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Tom Malmstrom, City of Lincoln / Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership, answered questions of the Board regarding the Kreiner Saline Wetland Property with the Lincoln "Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Stevens that the Board of Directors provide \$200,000 of District funds towards the acquisition of the Kreiner saline wetland tract located in the SE ¼ of Section 13, Township-11-North, Range-6-East, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Hellerich

NOT PRESENT: None

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Tom Malmstrom, City of Lincoln / Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership, answered questions of the Board regarding the NET Grant assistance on greenway projects for saline wetland assistance and Wilderness Park cedar removal.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Stevens that the Board of Directors agree to provide up to \$140,000 of Nebraska Environmental Trust grant match including the \$50,000 commitment in the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership Agreement, \$50,000 of in-kind services from seasonal employees or cash for saline wetlands and \$40,000 of cash match for wetland restoration in Wilderness Park during the grant period. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

C. Johnson stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met on September 1, 2021.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Jennifer Schellpeper, NE Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation to the Board on the 2020 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report and answered questions of the Board. Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Specialist, answered questions of the Board.

C. Johnson moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept and present that 2020 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report to the Board of Directors. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met on September 8, 2021

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Mike Mascoe, Public Information Specialist, answered questions of the Board regarding radio advertising.

Landis moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve an agreement with Radio Lobo for radio advertising, April through September 2022, at a cost not more than \$5,000, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: Nolte

NOT PRESENT: None

Landis moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve an agreement with Alpha Media for radio advertising, November 2021 through October 2022, at a cost of not more than \$11,500.08 pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge, Hellerich and Nolte

NOT PRESENT: None

Landis moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve an agreement with Broadcast House for radio advertising, October 2021 through September 2022, at a cost of not more than \$11,495, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge and Nolte

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Green stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on September 9, 2021.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Lindy Rogers, FYRA Engineering, answered questions of the Board. Green stated that three bids were received for the Salt Creek Levee Pipe Replacement Northwest of 27th & Cornhusker Highway.

Contractor	Bid
MC Wells Contracting	\$148,750.00
H.R. Bookstrom Construction, Inc.	\$217,165.00
Yost Excavating, Inc.	\$244,351.00

Green moved the Urban Subcommittees' recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Bid from MC Wells Contracting in the amount of \$148,750.00 for the Salt Creek Levee Pipe Replacement Project – Northwest of 27th & Cornhusker Highway. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Antelope Creek Pipe Replacement Project 26th Street to 57th Street.

Green stated that two bids were received for the pipe replacement project.

Contractor	Bid
MC Wells Contracting	\$593,367.00
High Plains Enterprises, Inc.	\$604,099.50

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the bid from MC Wells Contracting in the amount of \$593,367 for the Antelope Creek Pipe Replacement Project – 26th Street to 57th Street. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Amendment #2 to the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson, for the Antelope Creek 40th – Scott Avenue Repair Project, in an amount not to exceed \$79,255, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Yoakum

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Ross Lawrence, JEO, answered questions of the Board regarding the Professional Service Agreement for the Salt Creek Levee Pipe Abandonment Project.

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement between JEO Consulting Group and the Lower Platte South NRD, in an amount not to exceed \$21,010, for engineering services for the Salt Creek Levee Pipe Abandonment Project – near Calvert Street & Jamaica North Trail, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Peterson

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Hellerich stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board.

He reported that there are 17 cost-share applications before the Board for approval. All meet the qualifications for the cost-share program with 8 in the western area and 9 in the eastern area, with three located in targeted

areas. He indicated that the applications had been reviewed by the Eastern and Western Review Groups.

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

It was moved by Hellerich and seconded by Stevens that the Board of Directors approve the 17 identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$201,803. The motion was approved

County	Name	Practice	Amount Requested	Notes
CA	Mark Meisinger	Grassed Waterways	\$12,500	
CA	Michael L. Vogt	Terraces	\$12,000	
CA	Eric Vogler	Terraces	\$12,500	
CA	J & J Farms	Terraces	\$12,500	
CA	Perkins-Palmer Farms LLC	Terraces	\$12,500	
CA	Perkins-Garrett-Palmer Farms LLC	Terraces	\$12,500	
CA	Straub-Perkins-Palmer Farms LLC	Terraces	\$12,500	
CA	Thimgahn, Eldred W. Irrevocable Trust	Terraces	\$3,450	
CA	Otto Brothers	Terraces	\$7,642	Administered by Saunders
LA	Marvin Hall	Terraces	\$12,500	
LA	Jared L. Moser	Grassed Waterways	\$3,413	SVL – Olive Creek
SA	Bruce A. Woita	Terraces	\$10,021	
SA	Larry Woita	Terraces	\$12,500	
SA	James R. Frederick	Terraces	\$8,829	
SA	Norman R. Schneider Family Trust	Terraces / Grassed WW	\$12,500	
SE	Rick Ficken	Terraces	\$30,650	319 Twin Lakes Watershed
SE	Kenny Schultz	Terraces	\$13,298	319 Twin Lakes Watershed

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

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

Luke Peterson, NARD Representative for the Lower Platte South NRD reported on the upcoming NARD Annual Conference in Kearney, NE scheduled for September 27th & 28th. He answered questions of the Board regarding upcoming NARD activities.

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 8:58 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 September 15, 2021, 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.

Chelsea Johnson, Secretary

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