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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum. Andersen called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 on non-agenda items was given.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Twenty Directors were present upon roll call. Landis arrived after roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Andersen reported that the legal notice of the Board Meeting was published on August 14, 2026 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Lincoln Journal Star & Nebraska Press Association Websites.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Andersen stated that no requests for excused absences were received.

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

<u>It was moved by Matejka and seconded by Seacrest to adopt the Tentative Agenda.</u> The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Landis

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<u>It was moved by Hibler and seconded by Eagan to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2026 Board of Director's Meeting.</u> The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hassebrook
NOT PRESENT: None

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

Lewis stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on August 11, 2026. She reported that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 had been distributed.

<u>It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 and publish the expenditures for July, 2026.</u> The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: None

<u>Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the FY2027 Resolution and have Chair Andersen sign the Resolution.</u>

David Potter, General Manager, and Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the Budget.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge and Hibler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: None

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

Andersen reported that the Executive Subcommittee met on August 21, 2026.

<u>Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors endorse the Resolution pertaining to payroll expenditure and salary publication requirements and ratify the submission of said Resolution to the NARD to be considered at the 2026 fall conference.</u> The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge, Jacobson and Spangler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: None

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors endorse the Resolution pertaining to bonding authority for flood control and water enhancement projects and ratify the submission of said Resolution to the NARD to be considered at the 2026 fall conference .

David Potter, General Manager, and Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, answered questions from the Board regarding bonding authority.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge, Landis and Matejka
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: None

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the 2027 – 2028 Professional Services Contract with Mueller Robak LLC.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the Mueller Robak LLC Professional Services Contract.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge and Spangler
ABSTAIN: Peterson
NOT PRESENT: None

Andersen stated that four bids were received for the 2180 Arbor Road Site Preparation Project.

Contractor	Bid
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	$23,473.00
Tim Sisco Construction, LLC	$31,500.00
Yost Excavating, Inc.	$34,250.00
MC Wells Contracting, LLC	$106,850.00

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Gana Trucking and Excavating, Inc. for the 2180 Arbor Road Site Preparation Project at a cost not to exceed $23,473 and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement subject to receipt of the required performance bond and proof of insurance.

David Potter, General Manager, and Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, answered questions from the Board regarding the 2180 Arbor Road Site Preparation Project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: None

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

Vogel stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on August 20, 2026.

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the amendment to the Lower Platte South NRD Cover Crop Program to allow district-wide eligibility.

David Potter, General Manager, and Tom Cowan, NRCS District Conservationist, answered questions of the Board regarding the LPSNRD Cover Crop Program.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge and Spangler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: None

Vogel reported that seventeen cost-share applications have been received for installing water quality improvement practices for the NRD's Fall Conservation Program.

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 17 identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of $237,768.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Charles McNew	35	12	10	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
BSD Farms LLC	23	12	12	Cass	Terraces / Grassed Waterways	$15,000.00	
Andrew Murphy	12	11	11	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Mark Spangler	15	11	13	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Kenneth Ahrens	32	12	12	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Mark Meisinger	20	12	13	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Jim McLaughlin	20	10	10	Cass	Terraces	$4,645.00	
Luetchens Family LLC	17	11	11	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Davis Family Trust	20	12	12	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Voelker Farms LLC	10	9	13	Otoe	Terraces	$5,891.00	
Bonnie Barrett Trust	32	10	13	Cass	Terraces	$13,442.00	
Nancy Kunz	20	8	5	Lancaster	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Richard & Geraldine Benes Trust	17	12	6	Lancaster	Terraces	$15,000.00	
Kevin Benes	17	12	6	Lancaster	Terraces	$10,000.00	
Joyce Howlett	17	8	6	Lancaster	Terraces / Grassed Waterways	$10,391.00	SVL - Cottontail

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Grant Fiedler	14	13	6	Saunders	Terraces	$13,174.00	
Deanna Pulse	11	10	4	Seward	Terraces	$30,225.00	Twin Lakes

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Spangler
NOT PRESENT: None

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

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on August 12, 2026.

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Coordinator, and Madeline Johnson and Tyler Martin with Nebraska Water, Energy and Environment Department, gave a presentation on the 2025 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report and answered questions from the Board regarding the report.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the 2025 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors grant preliminary approval for permits LPS-260477, LPS-260478, LPS-260479, LPS-260-480 and LPS-260481.

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Coordinator, David Potter, General Manager, Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, and Kyle Liebig, John McClure and Bob Nitsch with NPPD answered questions from the Board regarding the applications for preliminary approval.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Baker, Hellerich, Hibler and Mealer
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green

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

Seacrest stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met on July 29, 2026.

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Operating Policy G-5 for informal competitive bids requirement and approve an agreement with Nebraska Public Media in an amount not to exceed $28,570 for the period of September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest and Vogel
NAY: Aldridge and Spangler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green and Yoakum

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Operating Policy G-5 for informal competitive bids requirement and approve an agreement with LK Media in an amount not to exceed $37,375 for the period of August 31, 2026 through July 25, 2027.

Jodi Delozier, Communications Coordinator / Adult Environmental Educator, answered questions from the Board regarding LK Media.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge and Spangler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Operating Policy G-5 for informal competitive bids requirement and approve an agreement with Lincoln Journal Star in an amount not to exceed $1,670 per month for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge, Baker, Schutz and Spangler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Operating Policy G-5 for informal competitive bids requirement and approve an agreement with Lincoln Journal Star in an amount not to exceed $29,089 per issue for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Baker, Schutz and Spangler
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green

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

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on August 13, 2026.

He reported that eleven bids were received for the Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Project at 27th and NE Parkway.

Contractor	Bid
Central Seeding	$186,176.50
Yost Excavating	$190,852.25
National Concrete Cutting	$204,814.50
H.R. Bookstrom Construction, Inc.	$212,196.00
MDX	$239,553.50
Gana Trucking & Excavating	$243,791.03
MC Wells Contracting	$246,170.00
High Plains Structural Group	$272,036.50
Tim Sisco Construction	$290,767.80
Ashland Road Excavating	$303,077.50
Nebraska Digging Services	$351,921.73

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Central Seeding for the Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Project at 27th and NE Parkway in the amount not to exceed $186,176.50.

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #1 Construction Administration to the Professional Agreement with HDR for the Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Project at 27th and NE Parkway in the amount not to exceed $42,466. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green and Matejka

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on August 19, 2026.

He reported that ten bids were received for the MoPac Trail Bridge Replacement Project near 310th Street.

Contractor	Bid
Tim Sisco Construction LLC	$172,040.50
MC Wells Contracting LLC	$261,907.00
High Plains Structural Group	$326,308.50
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.	$356,082.94
National Concrete Cutting	$367,564.00
Nebraska Digging Services LLC	$427,090.00
Yost Excavating, Inc.	$468,197.79
Gana Trucking and Excavating, Inc.	$444,184.97
H.R. Bookstrom Construction, Inc.	$518,290.00
Malone Construction Co., Inc.	$260,571.77

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with the low bidder, Tim Sisco Construction, LLC, for the MoPac Trail Bridge Replacement Project at 310th Street, for a total project cost of $172,040.50. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green and Matejka

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the amendment with Midwest Engineering, Inc. for construction oversight services for the MoPac Trail Bridge Replacement project at 310th Street, at a cost not to exceed $48,000.00 The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green and Matejka

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry cost-share application from Raymond Central Communities in the amount of $5,186.25.

Aaron Clare, District Forester, answered questions from the Board regarding the Community Forestry Program cost-share application.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green and Matejka

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the price increase for bare root seedlings for the FY2027 Conservation Forestry Program.

Aaron Clare, District Forester, answered questions from the Board regarding the Conservation Forestry Program.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOT PRESENT: Green and Matejka

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

Director Yoakum stated that the NARD Annual Conference will be held September 27th, 28th and 29th in Kearney.

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.

Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, introduced Sadie Horacek as the recently hired Receptionist / Secretary at the District office.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 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 August 26, 2026 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.

Christine Lamberty, Secretary