



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met in the Plattsmouth Public Library in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum. Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Green 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. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone a recording of the meeting will be on the NRD website. Green 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.

Dean Helmick introduced himself and stated that he was a Legislative candidate running for the Plattsmouth area.

#### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

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

Green reported that the legal notice of the Board Meeting was published on November 7, 2025 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Lincoln Journal Star & Nebraska Press Association Websites.

#### ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Green stated that requests for excused absences from Gary Aldridge and Bob Andersen were received for the November 19, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Yoakum to approve the requests for excused absences from Gary Aldridge and Bob Andersen for the November 19, 2025 Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Andersen and Schutz

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Andersen and Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Seacrest and seconded by Landis to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

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

Lewis stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lamberty and seconded by Yoakum, to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 and to publish the expenditures for October 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

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

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on November 10, 2025.

Landis reported that five bids were received for tree clearing along Deadmans Run Basin near 56<sup>th</sup> Street.

Contractor	Bid
J. Pettiecord, Inc.	\$129,717.15
M.E Collins Contracting Co., Inc.	\$151,246.40
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	\$159,152.90
Van Dorn Valley Construction LLC	\$248,035.00
MC Wells Contracting, LLC	\$325,900.00

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from J. Pettiecord, Inc., for \$129,717.50 for the Deadmans Run Basin Tree Clearing Project.

David Potter, General Manager, and Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program Application from the Village of Raymond for a Drainage Analysis Study, not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Frank Robbins, Board Chair of the Village of Raymond, addressed the Board and thanked them for considering their request for assistance.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Permanent Utility Easements with the City of Lincoln for the Agate Blowdown Line Project.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the utility easements.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Baker

NAY: Matejka

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

Landis stated that three bids were received for the Debris Removal in Antelope Creek at 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

Contractor	Bid
Gana Trucking and Excavating	\$22,464.00
Nebraska Digging	\$44,500.00
Brandt Excavating	\$61,336.00

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$22,464.00 from Gana Trucking and Excavating for Debris Removal in Antelope Creek at 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the debris removal project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

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

Lamberty stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on November 10, 2025.

Lamberty stated that five bids were received for the redecking of the 298<sup>th</sup> Street bridge on MoPac Trail.

Contractor	Bid
Nebraska Digging Services, LLC	\$129,900.00
General Excavating	\$160,726.00
MC Wells, Inc.	\$167,880.00
Theisen Construction, Inc.	\$207,592.00
Constructors, Inc.	\$218,992.84

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with Nebraska Digging Services, LLC., for the redecking of the 298<sup>th</sup> Street bridge on the MoPac Trail for \$129,900.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

Lamberty stated that three bids were received for the resurfacing of the MoPac Trail between 286<sup>th</sup> Street and 298<sup>th</sup> Street.

Contractor	Bid
Pavers, Inc.	\$89,460.00
Next Level Construction	\$111,800.00
Constructors, Inc.	\$240,600.00

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with Pavers, Inc. for the resurfacing of the MoPac Trail between 286<sup>th</sup> Street and 298<sup>th</sup> Street, for \$89,460.00.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the resurfacing project on MoPac Trail.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

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

Vogel stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. He reported that one cost-share application has been received for installing water quality improvement practices for the NRD's Fall Conservation Program.

It was moved by Vogel and seconded by Jacobson that the Board of Directors approve the one identified cost-share application totaling an amount of \$21,736.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Gilbert Woebbecke	9	10	4	Seward	Sediment Basin	\$21,736.00	Twin Lakes
					TOTAL	\$21,736.00	

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

General Manager David Potter recognized Lesli Lair, Resources Technician with the Lower Platte South NRD housed in the NRCS Weeping Water Field Office.

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on November 13, 2025.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Two-Year Cooperative Agreement for \$162,855 between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Conservation and Survey Division, School of Natural Resources and Lower Platte South NRD on behalf of ENWRA, pending legal counsel review.

Katie Cameron, ENWRA Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the Cooperative Agreement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for Water Resource Investigations of 15 Streamgages for \$129,720.00.

Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the Joint Funding Agreement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Andersen

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

Yoakum stated that the NARD Legislative Conference will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the NACD Conference will be held in San Antonio this year and that the Washington D.C. Annual NARD Meeting will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported that the NARD Board is working on benefit packages and investment options for staff.

David Potter, General Manager, stated that the NRD Managers' Meeting will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> before the Legislative Conference and invited Directors to attend.

#### 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 6:13 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 November 19, 2025 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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Christine Lamberty, Secretary

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