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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, October 21, 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, 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.

Andersen acknowledged UNL Journalism students Keegan Cunningham, Jenna Voorhees and Joshua Srery and Donna Baur, candidate for the Lower Platte South NRD Board in attendance.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Nineteen 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 October 6, 2026 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Lincoln Journal Star, and Nebraska Press Association websites.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Andersen stated that a request for an excused absence was received from Anthony Schutz for the October 21, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Lamberty to approve the request for an excused absence from Anthony Schutz for the October 21, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Chair Andersen recognized David Potter, General Manager, for ten years of service to the District.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Matejka and seconded by Eagan to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Lewis stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on October 13, 2026. She reported that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Hibler to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026 and publish the expenditures for September, 2026. The motion was approved.

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

Lucas Post and Kiley Wiechman with HBE LLP presented a report of the Lower Platte South NRD (LPSNRD) FY2026 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the LPSNRD FY26 Audit as presented by HBE LLP.

Lucas Post with HBE answered questions from the Board regarding the Audit. David Potter, General Manager, indicated that the Audit was available on the website as part of the Board's agenda and when the Audit is approved by the Board, HBE will place it in final format.

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

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

Vogel 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 Fall Conservation Program and were reviewed by the East and West Cost-Share Review Groups and meet the criteria for the Cost-Share Program.

It was moved by Vogel and seconded by Jacobson that the Board of Directors approve the fall surface water quality BMP cost-share applications from Woodruff Family LLC, Margaret Mills, and Janice Backemeyer totaling $45,000.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount
Woodruff Family LLC	5	8	6	Lancaster	Terraces	$15,000.00
Margaret Mills	19	11	11	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00
Janice Backemeyer	21	10	10	Cass	Terraces	$15,000.00
					TOTAL	**$45,000.00**

The motion was approved.

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

Tom Cowan, Lancaster County NRCS District Conservationist, answered questions from the Board regarding this year's soil compaction status.

ITEM 9. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Director Yoakum reported on the NARD Annual Conference held on September 28th and 29th in Kearney. He stated that two Resolutions submitted by the Lower Platte South NRD relating to publication of salaries and NRD bonding authority were approved.

David Potter, General Manager, explained the procedure going forward on the approved resolutions.

Yoakum stated that there would not be a rate increase in the employee health insurance. He reported that the NARD Legislative Conference will be held on January 26th & 27th, 2027 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln, the NACD Conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 6 – 10, 2027,and the annual NARD Washington DC trip is scheduled for March. Yoakum stated that Dean Edson, NARD Executive Director, announced his retirement and the position has been advertised.

ITEM 10. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 11. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 12. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

Chair Andersen stated that the November 18th Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Valparaiso at the Fire Hall and that a tour for Directors of surrounding NRD projects would be prior to the meeting.

Andersen commended staff on their response and actions during the recent flooding in the District.

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 October 21, 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.

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Christine Lamberty, Secretary