




**LOWER PLATTE SOUTH**  
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Agenda Item #6

## Memorandum

**Date:** August 14, 2025  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** David Potter, Assistant General Manager   
**RE:** Finance & Planning Subcommittee August 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.

The Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, after the FY26 Budget Hearing to take action on two items and discuss two others. Subcommittee members present included Lisa Lewis, Stephanie Matejka, Don Jacobson, Seth Hawkins, Ken Vogel, and John Yoakum. Members absent were Deborah Eagan and Chuck Hassebrook. Others present included Bob Andersen-Board Chair, David Potter-staff, and Becky Appleford-JEO Consulting Group. Director Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Resolution to approve the FY2026 Budget [Action Item]** – Lewis recapped the public hearing on the proposed budget that ended earlier at approximately 5:18 p.m. Potter highlighted a few slides from his budget hearing presentation focusing on the proposed expenditures, comparisons to FY25, estimated levy rate based on the property tax request, and the historical trends in the levy, property tax request, and valuations. There was discussion and consideration of the two testimonials given at the hearing. Discussion followed on needed funds for the District’s identified and important projects and programs. The subcommittee again shared positive comments on a sound budget and the need to move forward. No changes were made to the presented FY26 Budget (Draft #2). A proposed resolution to approve the FY 26 Budget was presented to the subcommittee.

**It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Vogel, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY2026 Resolution and have Chair Andersen sign the Resolution.**

**Resolution to approve the 2025 LPSNRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan [Action Item]** – Potter gave a brief overview of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update and introduced Becky Appleford with JEO who is one of the project managers. Becky gave a presentation on the process, participants, and benefits. A proposed resolution to adopt the HMP was presented. The 2025 HMP can be found on the JEO project website at <https://jeo.com/lower-platte-south-nrd-multi-jurisdictional-hazard-mitigation-plan-2025-update/>

**It was moved by Vogel, seconded by Yoakum, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for LPSNRD by approving Resolution Number 2025-1.**

**Publication of Expenditures [Discussion]** – Potter again discussed staff’s ideas to consolidate parts of the District’s publication of expenditures to save money. After discussion and legal advice, the District will continue to publish the expenditures in the newspaper the same way for now.

**Arbor Road property Conceptual Design [Discussion]** – Potter provided an update on the JEO intern project to complete a conceptual design of the District’s 11.09-acre parcel. The technical review committee is meeting with the JEO team next week to review the project consisting of a proposed site plan and building concepts.

There being no further business, Lewis adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Resolution dated August 20, 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (“Board of Directors”) is the governing body having the power and authority to develop and adopt an annual budget for the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (“District”) and to certify the amount to be received from personal and real property taxation to fund the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held, as required by law, a separate public hearing on August 13, 2025, on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that had been tentatively approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of such separate public hearing was published on August 7, 2025, at least four days prior to the date set for hearing, in the Lincoln Journal Star, which is the newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the District. The notice included a summary of the proposed budget statement and information comparing the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 tax request with the prior year's request. A copy of the affidavit of publication for the separate public hearing notice is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, at the separate public hearing, at least three copies of the proposed budget statement were made available to the public; a presentation was made, which outlined the key provisions of the proposed budget, including a comparison with the prior year's budget; and members of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget statement were given an opportunity to address the Board of Directors, including a reasonable amount of time to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, at its meeting on August 20, 2025, considered the adoption of the proposed budget statement as a final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which totals \$40,161,029.00 in expenditures and revenues, and which requires property tax revenue of \$12,289,341.00; and

WHEREAS, *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 2-3225 provides that the District shall have the power and authority to levy a tax of not to exceed four and one-half cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation annually on all of the taxable property in the District, subject to certain budget limitations provided in *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 13-501 to 13-522, 77-1631 to 77-1634, and 77-3442 to 77-3444; and when the property tax request is set, the Chair of

the Board of Directors, Robert C. Andersen, shall certify such property tax request and file it with the County Clerk of each county which in whole or in part is included within the District and with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after the required separate public hearing held on August 13, 2025, the proposed budget statement is hereby adopted and approved as the final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which totals \$40,161,029.00 in expenditures and revenues, and which requires property tax revenue of \$12,289,341.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Directors, Robert C. Andersen, be and is hereby authorized and directed to file the final adopted Budget along with the other required documents, including a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Clerk of each county which in whole or in part is included within the District, and with the Auditor of Public Accounts, on or before September 30, 2025.

## CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Chair of the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Robert C. Andersen, hereby certifies that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, adopted and approved at its regular Board of Directors Meeting held on August 20, 2025.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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Robert C. Andersen, Chair

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-1

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed into law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, a Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Lincoln, NE.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the region and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect **Lower Platte South NRD** and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of **Lower Platte South NRD** in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body of **Lower Platte South NRD** does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA-approved version of the Lower Platte South NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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ATTEST