



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING December 15, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum. Eagan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Eagan 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. Eagan 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.

16 Directors were present upon roll call. C. Johnson arrived after roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Eagan reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on December 4, 2021.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Eagan stated that requests for excused absences were received from Tom Green and Ray Stevens for the December 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Seacrest to approve the requests for excused absences from Tom Green and Ray Stevens for the December 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Nolte and Stevens

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Nolte and Stevens

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Hellerich to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Peterson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Nolte and Stevens

ITEM 6. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

General Manager Paul Zillig recognized McKenzie Barry, Environmental Education / Communication Coordinator, for 20 years of service with the District. The Directors expressed their appreciation.

Zillig recognized Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator, on his upcoming retirement after over 39 years of service with the District. The Directors expressed their appreciation.

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

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 had been distributed.

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

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Landis to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 and publish the General Expenditures for November 2021. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Eagan stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on November 30, 2021 and December 9, 2021.

General Counsel Corey Wasserburger gave a report on the background of the Lower Platte South NRD re-districting required due to the 2020 Census.

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Plan B Subdistrict maps to be utilized as of the 2022 election. The motion was approved.

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

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Corey Wasserburger, General Counsel, answered questions of the Board regarding the modifications to the NRD Operation and Personnel Policies.

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposed modifications to the District Operating Policy F-10: Non-Public Financial Donations and Personnel Policies No. 14: Overtime and Compensatory Time, No. 19: Employment of Family Members and No. 20: Holidays. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

Eagan stated that no action was required on a new Work Assistance Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Corrections Services at this meeting.

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on December 6, 2021. He stated that five bids were received for the Homestead Trail Location #9 Box Culvert Project.

Contractor	Bid
Bauer Underground, Inc.	\$311,275.00
K2 Construction	\$323,537.50
Judd Bros	\$433,825.00
MC Wells	\$587,735.00
HR Bookstrom	\$640,380.00

Schutz stated that due to an overestimated amount of riprap in the bid documents Bauer Underground, Inc. reduced their bid to \$274,835.00 to reflect the change in quantity of riprap needed.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors award the Homestead Trail Location #9 Concrete Box Culver Project to Bauer Underground, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$274,835.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Yoakum to approve Letter Agreement Amendment #3 between the Lower Platte South NRD and Olsson for construction phase services on the Homestead Trail Location #9 Concrete Box Culver Project in an amount not to exceed \$27,680.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Green, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist, answered questions of the Board regarding the Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program guidelines and authorize the General Manager to approve applications up to the budgeted amount. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT VOTING: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

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

Vogel reported that Land Resources Subcommittee met on December 8, 2021. He stated that one cost-share application was received for the fall cost-share program.

Name	County	Practice	SEC	TWN	RNG	Amount Requested
Keyes Enterprises Limited Partnership	Cass	Terraces	9	11	9	\$5,625.00
					TOTAL	\$5,625.00

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share application for Keyes Enterprises Limited Partnership in the amount of \$5,625.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Nolte and Stevens

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions on the 2022 Lower Platte South NRD Cost-Share Docket for Surface Water Quality Best Management Practices.

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2022 Lower Platte South NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program.
No vote was taken on this item.

Chair Eagan announced that weather alerts were coming in regarding incoming severe weather and due to safety risks, she was adjourning the meeting and the remaining agenda items will be heard at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 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 December 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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