



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MARCH 18, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, 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.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Nineteen Directors were present upon roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Andersen reported that the legal notice of the Board Meeting was published on March 6, 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

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Seacrest to adopt the Revised 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. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Hellerich and seconded by Hibler to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Spangler and Vogel

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

NOT PRESENT: Landis and Schutz

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

Lewis explained that the motion at the February Board Meeting regarding the January financial reports did not contain the time period of the reports and did not include instruction to publish the January expenditures. She stated that a motion would be needed to ratify the action including the period of the report and to publish the January expenditures. Lewis reported that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on March 10, 2026.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 and publish the expenditures for January, 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

Lewis stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 had been distributed.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Hassebrook to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 and publish the expenditures for February, 2026.

Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the financial reports.

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

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposed schedule for development of the Long Range Implementation Plan and the presentation and consideration of approving the FY2027 LPSNRD Budget.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding LRIP and the budget.

The motion was approved.

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

Lewis moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the budget overruns in the following amounts, \$3,000 for budget code 439090 Bank Services and \$1,064 for budget code 425005 Director / Staff Liability Insurance with funds coming from cash reserves. 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 URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Drew Bullett stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on March 11, 2026.

Bullett moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program Application from Beaver Lake Association for the Culver Replacement Project, not to exceed \$198,939.00.

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, and Troy Weatherby, representing Beaver Lake Association, answered questions from the Board regarding the Beaver Lake Culvert Replacement Project.

The motion was approved.

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

Bullett reported that bids were taken for the Deadmans Run Creek Channel Liner Repair at Vine Street and that one bid was received.

Contractor	Bid
MC Wells	\$34,862.00

Bullett moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the bid from MC Wells for Deadmans Run Creek Channel Repair at Vine Street for \$34,862.00.

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, answered questions from the Board on the Deadmans Run Creek Channel Repair.

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

Bullett reported that bids were taken for the Antelope Creek Channel Liner Repair at South 27th Street and Capital Parkway and that one bid was received.

Contractor	Bid
MC Wells	\$24,950.00

Bullett moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the bid from MC Wells for Antelope Creek Channel Liner Repair at South 27th Street and Capital Parkway for \$24,950.00.

David Potter, General Manager, and Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the Antelope Creek Project.

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

Bullett moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the release of an easement over a portion of Lot 92, Irregular Tracts located in the SE 1/4, Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska.

David Potter, General Manager, and Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the release of easement.

The motion was approved.

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

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

Yoakum stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife subcommittee met on March 9, 2026.

Yoakum moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Good Neighbor Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program cost-share agreement with the Wachiska Audubon for \$10,000 for forest stand improvement work on the Bagley conservation easement.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the Good Neighbor Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program and Wachiska Audubon.

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

Yoakum moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a license agreement with Jeffrey Schaefer for a private crossing on the Homestead Trail, pending legal counsel review.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, and Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, answered questions from the Board regarding the license agreement and the private crossing

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Hellerich and Peterson

ABSTAIN: Baker

VOTING “PRESENT”: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Landis and Schutz

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE MOPAC EAST – LIED CONNECTOR SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Baker stated that the MoPac East Lied Connector Subcommittee met on March 9, 2026.

Baker stated that bids were received for the construction of the MoPac East Trail from the Wabash Trailhead to 346th Street.

Contractor	Bid
Nebraska Digging Services LLC	\$462,220.31
Pavers, Inc.	\$466,475.35
K2 Construction	\$493,264.00
Drews Grading LLC	\$552,877.50
Husker Engineering	\$581,669.00
MDX LLC	\$593,431.60
MC Wells Contracting LLC	\$646,942.00

Baker moved the MoPac East Lied Connector Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$462,220.31, submitted by Nebraska Digging Services LLC, for the construction of the MoPac East Trail from the Wabash Trailhead to 346th Street.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the MoPac East Lied Connector project and the bids.

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

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on March 5, 2026 and March 18, 2026.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the General Manager to sign Supplement No. 2 Agreement with Otoe County for the Johnson Road Structure.
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

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Houston Engineering for the Johnson Road Structure Rehabilitation at a cost not to exceed \$33,887.

David Potter, General Manager, and Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, answered questions regarding the Agreement with Houston Engineering.

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

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Coordinator, gave a presentation on the 2025 Groundwater Management Plan Annual Review. He and David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the review.

Mark Patton, representing Cass County Our Water Our Future, addressed the Board commending the staff on the annual review and presented some suggestions for future reports.

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

Director Yoakum stated that the NARD held their meeting on March 8th & 9th, 2026. He stated that there would be no increase in the premiums for staff insurance and reported that new officers for the NARD had been elected.

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. Chair Andersen thanked those Directors who helped with the booth at the Lawn and Leisure Show. David Potter, General Manager, informed directors of upcoming events including Return of the Thunderbirds and Lincoln Earth Day Celebration and indicated that Director volunteers are needed for these events.

ITEM 14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out. Andersen stated that memos from Jodi Delozier and John Yoakum were attached regarding their attendance at the NACD Annual Conference in San Antonio in February.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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 March 18, 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