



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, September 23, 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, Schutz, 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

Eighteen Directors were present upon roll call. Landis, Matejka and Schulz 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 September 15, 2026 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Lincoln Journal Star & Nebraska Press Association Websites.

ITEM 2.5 It was moved by Green and seconded by Yoakum to authorize and ratify the rescheduling of the September Board Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Matejka and Schutz

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Andersen stated that no requests for excused absences were received.

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Matejka and Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Landis to approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2026 Board of Director's Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Matejka and Schulz

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

Lewis stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on September 8, 2026 and September 18, 2026. She reported that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 and publish the expenditures for August, 2026. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Matejka and Schulz

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the FY2027 Property Tax Resolution dated September 23, 2026, establishing a property tax request of \$14,907,283.66 and setting the property tax levy at \$0.026415 and authorize Chair Andersen sign the Resolution.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the property tax request and property tax levy.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge and Hibler

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the FY2027-2031 LPSNRD Long-Range Implementation Plan.

David Potter, General Manager, thank Directors and staff for all of their work on the Long Range Implementation Plan.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the budget overrun in the amount of \$37,299.00 in Budget Code 767010 – Auto and Truck Purchases for the purchase of a replacement vehicle, with the funding provided from cash reserves.

David Potter, General Manager, and Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the budget overrun.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND
CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz reported that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on September 9, 2026.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors agree to provide the City of Lincoln with \$300,000.00 for the acquisition of the Llama Ranch property.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the Llama Ranch property purchase.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with NRCS for 100% cost-share funding for the design and engineering phase of the Little Salt Creek Watershed project, pending Legal Counsel review.

David Potter, General Manager, and Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answers questions from the Board regarding the Little Salt Creek Watershed project.

The motion was approved.

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

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Good Neighbor Wildlife Habitat Program cost-share application for Shannon Roberts and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement to provide up to \$10,000 for habitat work.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the cost-share application from Shannon Roberts.

The motion was approved.

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

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Operating Policy G-5 requirement for informal competitive bids and approve an agreement with Theisen Construction, Inc. to repair the Road 30 Bridge West #1 bridge on the Oak Creek Trail for \$239,344.00. The motion was approved.

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

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Operating Policy G-5 requirements for informal competitive bids and approve and agreement with Theisen Construction, Inc. to repair the Road 31 West #1 bridge on the Oak Creek Trail for \$151,500.00. The motion was approved.

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

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 two 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 Yoakum that the Board of Directors approve the two identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$30,000.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount
Cardwell Ranch II, LLC	16	8	6	Lancaster	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Mary Joe Simms	17	12	13	Cass	Terraces	\$15,000.00
					TOTAL	\$30,000.00

The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 8.5 REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on September 21, 2026.

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for the Deadmans Run Streamgage for \$10,025.00.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the Joint Funding Agreement for Deadmans Run Streamgage.

The motion was approved.

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

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS

Peterson stated that the Platte River Subcommittee met on September 10, 2026.

Peterson reported that five bids were received for the Turner Lake Culvert Project.

Contractor	Bid
MC Wells	\$385,250.00
Valley Corporation	\$457,446.59
Nebraska Digging Services	\$545,630.00
High Plains Structural Group	\$584,399.00
Midwest Infrastructure, Inc.	\$828,687.50

Peterson moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from MC Wells in the amount of \$385,250.00 for the Clear Creek Levee Turner Lake Culvert Replacement Project.

David Potter, General Manager, and Lindy Rogers from Papio-Missouri River NRD, answered questions from the Board regarding the Clear Creek Levee Turner Lake Culvert Replacement Project.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Peterson moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Joint Funding Agreement between Lower Platte South NRD, Papio-Missouri River NRD and the Nebraska National Guard for the Clear Creek Levee Turner Lake Culvert Replacement Project. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 9.5 REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS

Baker stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on September 21, 2026.

Baker moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for 15 streamgages for \$131,945.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 10. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Director Yoakum stated that he had attended the NARD Financial Committee Meeting and the NARD Insurance Committee meeting and that both the FY2027 NARD Budget and the insurance programs are in good shape. He reminded Directors that the NARD Annual Conference is next week on September 27th, 28th and 29th in Kearney.

ITEM 11. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 12. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

Chair Andersen stated that the Lower Platte South NRD was offered a position on the Lancaster County Task Force created regarding Data Centers. He announced that Dick Ehrman will represent the District on that task force.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 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 September 23, 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