



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, 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 to non-agenda items was given.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Twenty-one Directors were present upon roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Andersen reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on February 7, 2025.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Andersen stated that there were no requests for excused absences for the February 19, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 4.5 GENERAL COUNSEL ADDRESSING QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING DEALING WITH RE-ELECTED DIRECTORS

Legal counsel summarized research and conclusions regarding the question raised during the January Board Meeting regarding requirements under the law for re-elected Directors to renew oaths of office.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Seacrest to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Aldridge that the minutes here presented for the January 2025 Board of Directors Meeting be amended by strike / delete any and all references to "Aldridge" if / when he acts or votes as a Director of the Board. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The original motion to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Schutz

Voting "Present": Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

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

Lewis stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on February 10, 2025.

Lewis stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Matejka to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 and publish the expenditures for January 2025.

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

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the budget overrun for 447081 – Ash Hollow in the amount of \$6,425.33. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Baker

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on February 6, 2025 and February 13, 2025.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors change the District's position on LR22CA to monitor rather than oppose and accept all other positions decided at the NARD Legislative Conference. The motion was approved.

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

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

Hawkins stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on February 12, 2025.

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Agreement with NRCS for the Little Salt Creek Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations Plan.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the Little Salt Creek Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations Plan.

The motion was approved.

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

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Scope of Work Agreement with the Flatwater Group for \$65,000.00 for saline wetland pumping evaluation and management support.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the saline wetland pumping evaluation and management.

The motion was approved.

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

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign an Agreement with the Village of Elmwood for the use of District property as a tree and yard waste disposal site.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the use of the property by and the agreement with the Village of Elmwood.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to submit a change order request to Olsson for the deletion of the remaining work on the MoPac Trail 310th Street Bridge to JMN Construction and have JMN Construction return the bridge to its pre-construction condition.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, addressed questions from the Board regarding the MoPac Trail 310th Street Bridge.

The motion was approved.

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

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NAY: Hellerich and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: None

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

Peterson stated that the MoPac East – Lied Connector Subcommittee met on February 12, 2025.

Peterson moved the MoPac East - Lied Connector Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Scope of Services Agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for \$1,979,515.00 for the design and engineering of the MoPac East Connector Trail.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, and Ross Lawrence, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., answered questions from the Board regarding the scope of work, timeline, process and budget of the MoPac East Connector Trail.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: None

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

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on February 11, 2025.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve proposal from Longitude 103 for the ground water database for \$12,500.00, pending legal counsel review.

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Compliance Specialist, answered questions from the Board regarding the ground water database.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Agreement in the amount of \$315,700.00 with HDR to provide services to the District in revision and update of its Ground Water Management Plan, pending legal counsel approval.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Ground Water Management Plan update.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Jacobson stated that fourteen bids were received for the Weeping Water Creek 5K Structure Rehabilitation Project.

Contractor	Bid
Yost Excavating	\$50,794.00
Van Dorn Valley Construction LLC	\$59,948.25
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	\$63,091.94
Tim Sisco Construction LLC	\$66,632.20
Judd Bros. Construction Co.	\$74,589.00
Husker Engineering, Inc.	\$90,633.00
Kerns Excavating Co., Inc.	\$92,210.00
Agri-Builders LLC	\$93,685.00
Schmidt Excavating LLC	\$96,852.00
Ashland Road Excavating LLC	\$102,401.50
Drews Grading LLC	\$113,116.00
MC Wells	\$114,753.00
CDS Enterprise LLC	\$116,130.00
H.R. Bookstrom Construction, Inc.	\$127,268.00

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the low bid from Yost Excavating for \$50,794.00 for the construction of the Weeping Water Creek 5K Structure Rehabilitation Project, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 11 REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on February 13, 2025.

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Houston Engineering for Haines Branch Stream Stability Project #2 in the amount of \$194,233.00, pending legal counsel review.

Mike Sousek, General Manager, David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the Haines Branch Stream Stability Project #2 and the next item (Middle Creek Stream Stability Project #5).

The motion was approved.

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

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with The Flatwater Group for Middle Creek Stream Stability Project #5 in the amount of \$200,000.00, pending legal counsel approval. The motion was approved.

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

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 12. ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Green and seconded by Landis that the Board of Directors go into closed session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

It was moved by Green and seconded by Matejka to return to open session at 8:59 p.m. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson, Landis and Yoakum

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Matejka that the Board of Directors follow Director Andersen's plan.
The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson, Landis

ITEM 13. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

John Yoakum stated that the next NARD Board meeting is scheduled for March 9 – 10, 2025 in Lincoln.

ITEM 14. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 15. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 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 February 19, 2025 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

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