



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JANUARY 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, 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.

Harry Heafer addressed the Board regarding potential aids the Board can provide for those that have hearing loss.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Twenty 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 January 8, 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 a request for an excused absence was received from Christine Lamberty for the January 21, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Seacrest and seconded by Yoakum to approve the request for an excused absence from Christine Lamberty for the January 21, 2026 Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Matejka to adopt the Revised Agenda. The motion was approved..

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty and Landis

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Hibler to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

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

Lewis reported that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. She stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and to publish the "Expenditures without Director's expenditures" for December 2025.

David Potter, General Manager and Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the financials.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Landis to publish the "Director Group 1" (Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook and Hellerich) expenditures for December 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

ABSTAIN: Andersen, Baker, Eagan and Hassebrook

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Baker to publish the "Director Group 2" (Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka and Mealer) expenditures for December 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

ABSTAIN: Hibler, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Matejka and Mealer

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Matejka to publish the “Director Group 3” (Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum) expenditures for December 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Matejka and Mealer

NAY: Aldridge

ABSTAIN: Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

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

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on January 15, 2026 and January 21, 2026.

Kristen Hassebrook with Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza and Hassebrook gave a presentation of the legislative bills that have been introduced that the Lower Platte South NRD has interest in.

Hassebrook stated that the executive subcommittee recommended positions for the following bills and constitutional amendments at their January 15, 2026 meeting.

Support – LB807, 823, 935

Oppose – LB925

Monitor – LB759, 761, 770, 772, 794, 814, 827, 897, 947, 948, 964, 1028, and LR292CA

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve preliminary positions from January 15, 2026 on those proposed legislative bills and constitutional amendments identified by Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook.

It was moved by Baker and seconded by Yoakum to divide the question and remove LB1028 and LR22CA to be considered separately.

Kristen Hassebrook, Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza and Hassebrook, David Potter, General Manager, Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, and Morgan Kristensen with Johnson, Flodman, Guenzel & Wasserburger LLP, answered questions of the Board regarding legislative bills. LR22CA is a carry-over Constitutional Amendment from the last Legislative Session that LPSNRD took a position on.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hibler, Jacobson, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, and Yoakum

NAY: Andersen, Hellerich, Landis, Ruth, Spangler and Vogel

ABSTAIN: Hassebrook

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

The motion to approve preliminary positions from January 15, 2026 on those legislative bills and constitutional amendments identified by Mueller Robak Schaeffer Hruza & Hassebrook excluding LB1028 and LR22CA was approved.

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

NAY: Hellerich and Ruth

ABSTAIN: Baker

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Matejka and seconded by Mealer to change the position on LB1028 from Monitor to Support. The motion failed.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest and Yoakum

NAY: Andersen, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Ruth, Spangler and Vogel

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Green and seconded by Landis to take the position of Monitor on LB1028. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Spangler

ABSTAIN: Seacrest

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Baker and seconded by Eagan to change the position on LR22CA from Monitor to Support. The motion was approved.

AYE: Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hibler, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest and Yoakum

NAY: Andersen, Hellerich, Jacobson, Ruth, Spangler and Vogel

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

Hassebrook stated that the executive subcommittee recommended positions for the following bills and constitutional amendments at their January 21, 2026 meeting.

Support – LB1145, LR298CA

Oppose – LB1071, 1072, 1219, LR317CA

Monitor – LB1048, 1049, 1081, 1096, 1136, 1179, 1183, 1188, 1204, 1215

David Potter, General Manager, stated that there was a typo on the minutes from the January 21, 2026 that shows LB1219 as monitor. It should be listed as opposed.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the preliminary positions from January 21, 2026 on those legislative bills and constitutional amendments identified by Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook.

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Vogel to divide the question and remove LB1145 to be considered separately

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lewis, Matejka, Mealer, Schutz, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Baker, Landis, Peterson, Ruth and Seacrest

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

The motion to approve the preliminary positions from January 21, 2026 on those legislative bills and constitutional amendments identified by Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook with identified correction of moving LB1219 from Monitor to Oppose and excluding LB1145 was approved.

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

NAY: None

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty and Mealer

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Vogel to change the position on LB1145 from Support to Oppose. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Lewis, Matejka and Mealer

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty

It was moved by Green and seconded by Jacobson to delegate authority from the Board of Directors to the Executive Subcommittee to amend, modify, or reverse the preliminary positions adopted by the LPSNRD on legislative bills introduced during the 109th Legislature. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty and Landis

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 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.

It was moved by Vogel and seconded by Jacobson that the Board of Directors approve the two identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$24,585.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Joshua Tidd	13	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$15,000.00	
Kathleen Young	32	11	4	Seward	Basin	\$9,585.00	SVL – Pawnee Lake
					TOTAL	\$24,585.00	

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Lamberty and Landis

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Andersen stated that the Nominating Subcommittee, consisting of Jacobson, Eagan, and Ruth submitted the following slate of nominees for NRD officers and NARD Representative and Alternate for 2026.

Chair	Bob Andersen
Vice-Chair	Tom Green
Treasurer	Lisa Lewis
Secretary	Christine Lamberty
NARD Representative	John Yoakum
NARD Alternate	Gary Hellerich

Tom Green, conducted the election for the office of Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Andersen for Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Andersen was elected Chair by secret ballot receiving 17 votes.

Andersen conducted the election for the office of Vice-Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Green for Vice-Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Green was elected Vice-Chair by secret ballot receiving 17 votes.

Andersen conducted the election for the office of Treasurer. The subcommittee nomination of Lewis for Treasurer was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Lewis was elected Treasurer by secret ballot receiving 18 votes.

Andersen conducted the election for the office of Secretary. The subcommittee nomination of Lamberty for Secretary was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Lamberty was elected Secretary by secret ballot receiving 17 votes.

Andersen conducted the election for the office of NARD Representative. The subcommittee nomination of Yoakum for NARD Representative was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Yoakum was elected NARD Representative by secret ballot receiving 17 votes.

Andersen conducted the election for the office of NARD Alternate. The subcommittee nomination of Hellerich for NARD Alternate was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

Hellerich was elected NARD Alternate by secret ballot receiving 16 votes.

David Potter, General Manager, stated that Item 5(b) would not be necessary as Treasurer Lewis was elected to a second term and Tom Green will remain as the Treasurer's Designate.

ITEM 14. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Yoakum reminded the Board that the NARD Legislative Conference is on January 28th & 29th. He stated that the NARD DC Trip is scheduled for March 30th – April 1st and that additional information would be provided at a later date.

ITEM 15. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 16. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 17. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

Chair Andersen stated that the Board Retreat is scheduled for February 27th & 28th. Additional information would be provided to Directors in the coming weeks.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The undersigned, the 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 January 21, 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.

Donna Reid, Acting Secretary

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