



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JULY 16, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Jacobson, Landis, 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 to non-agenda items was given.

#### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Sixteen 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 July 7, 2025 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Lincoln Journal Star & Nebraska Press Association Websites.

#### ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Andersen stated that there were requests for excused absences from Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, Christine Lamberty, Lisa Lewis and Anthony Schutz were received for the July 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Seacrest to approve the requests for excused absences from Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, Christine Lamberty, Lisa Lewis and Anthony Schutz for the July 16, 2025 Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

#### ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Ruth to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Jacobson, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Matejka stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on July 9, 2025 .

Matejka stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 had been distributed.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Hassebrook, to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to publish the "Expenditures without Director's expenditures" for June 2025.

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

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Seacrest to publish the "Director Group 1" (Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook and Hawkins) expenditures for June 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Green, Jacobson, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Andersen, Baker, Hassebrook and Hawkins

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Jacobson, Matejka and Mealer

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Ruth to publish the "Director Group 3" (Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum) expenditures for June 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Jacobson, Matejka and Mealer

NAY: None

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

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Matejka moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors give tentative approval of Draft #2 of the FY2026 LPSNRD Budget totaling \$40,161,029 and publicize and present the budget at the public hearing on August 13, 2025.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, gave a review of Draft #2 of the FY2026 LPSNRD Budget and answered questions of the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Matejka moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a \$3,697.66 budget overrun in GL Code 419001 and move funds from cash reserve. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on July 9, 2025.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the Assistant General Manager to sign the Representation Agreement with Water Strategies, Lower Platte North NRD and Papio-Missouri River NRD. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum  
NAY: Hawkins and Spangler  
NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the Assistant General Manager to sign the 2026 Professional Services Contract with Mueller Robak LLC.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Kristen Hassebrook, with Mueller Robak LLC, addressed the Board and answered questions of the Board regarding the services of Mueller Robak.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Green, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum  
NAY: Aldridge, Baker, Hawkins, Peterson and Spangler  
NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Hawkins stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife subcommittee met on July 10, 2025.

He reported that requests for bids were sent to several well drillers in the area and that one bid, from Sargent Drilling Company in the amount of \$148,465.00 was received for the installation of livestock and monitoring wells.

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$148,465.00 from Sargent Drilling Company for the installation and repair of the District monitoring wells and the installation of livestock wells on NRD properties in the Prairie Corridor.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, and Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding installation and repair of district monitoring wells and the new livestock wells in the Prairie Corridor.

The motion was approved.

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

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the Assistant General Manager to sign the agreement between the Lower Platte South NRD and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for a grassland enhancement project on Timber Point WMA, with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission providing 75% cost-share on the total project cost, up to \$29,760.00. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Jacobson, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis, Ruth and Schutz

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

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on July 8, 2025.

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with HDR for Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Design at 27<sup>th</sup> and Nebraska Highway for \$171,965.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

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

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on July 10, 2025.

Jacobson reported that seven bids were received.

| Contractor                        | Base Bid A (Upper Salt 38-3) | Base Bid B (Upper Salt 18-8) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tim Sisco Construction LLC        | \$96,096.01                  | \$72,757.38                  |
| Nemaha Infrastructure             | \$242,131.85                 | \$195,448.25                 |
| Sibbernson Excavating, inc.       | \$212,978.20                 | \$183,181.20                 |
| H.R. Bookstrom Construction, Inc. | \$233,536.40                 | \$186,661.40                 |
| Pat Thomas Construction, Inc.     | \$171,235.50                 | \$155,508.00                 |
| K2 Construction                   | \$212,090.40                 | \$187,226.40                 |
| General Excavating                | \$201,867.97                 | \$174,845.92                 |

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the lowest bid received for both projects, being from Tim Sisco Construction, LLC, with an amount of \$96,096.01 for Upper Salt 38-3, and an amount of \$72,757.38 for Upper Salt 18-8. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

ITEM 11. ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Green and seconded by Yoakum that the Board of Directors go into closed session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

It was moved by Green and seconded by Jacobson to return to open session at 7:44 p.m. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Yoakum to approve the strategy discussed in closed session. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Eagan, Hellerich, Lamberty, Lewis and Schutz

ITEM 12. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Yoakum stated that the NARD Fall Conference would be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> in Kearney and encouraged Directors to attend.

ITEM 13. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 14. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 15. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 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 July 16, 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.

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Donna Reid, Acting Secretary

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