



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, 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 to non-agenda items was given.

Jeff Kanger addressed the Board regarding ideas for the District's Cover Crop Program.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Eighteen 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 October 3, 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 requests for excused absences from Tom Green and Anthony Schutz were received for the October 15, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Baker and seconded by Landis to approve the requests for excused absences from Tom Green and Anthony Schutz for the October 15, 2025 Board of Director's meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Mealer

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

ABSTAIN: Mealer

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Seacrest to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Mealer

NAY: None

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

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

Lewis reported that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on October 7, 2025 . She stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Eagan, to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 and to publish the "Expenditures without Director's expenditures" for September 2025. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

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

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

ABSTAIN: Andersen, Baker, Eagan and Hassebrook

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

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

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

ABSTAIN: Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka and Mealer

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

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

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

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the Lower Platte South NRD FY2025 Audit as presented by HBE.

Kiley Wiechman and Lucas Post with HBE presented the Audit and answered questions of the Board.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

Lewis stated that three proposals were received for the purchase of two new ½ ton crew cab 4 x 4 pickups with trades.

Dealer	Vehicle	Proposal
Anderson Ford	2 – 2026 Ford F-150 Super Crew	\$81,034.00
Sid Dillon	2 – 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$81,054.00
Husker Auto	2 – 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$82,335.97

Lewis moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the bid from Sid Dillon of Wahoo in the amount of \$81,054.00 to purchase two new half ton crew cab 4 x 4 pickups and trade in two used pickups. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

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

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on October 8, 2025.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve David A. Hibler to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors for Subdistrict 2.

David A. Hibler, Alex Dierks and Mark Patton introduced themselves and addressed the Board.

Andersen called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources subcommittee met on October 13, 2025.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the identified changes to the Ground Water Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program effective immediately pending legal counsel review.

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the proposed changes.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

General Manager David Potter introduced Steve Herdzina as the new Water Resources Coordinator.

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

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on October 9, 2025.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Yoakum to approve the General Manager to sign the easement for the Black Hills Energy Easement for Gass Pipelines and Appurtenances.

Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the easement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Jacobson, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Baker and Matejka

NAY: Hassebrook, Hellerich and Mealer

NOT VOTING: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Green, Lamberty and Schutz

ITEM 10. 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 \$44,249.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Gary Snide	6	8	6	Lancaster	Terraces	\$20,000.00	SVL – Yankee Hill
Deanna Pulse	11	10	4	Seward	Terraces	\$24,249.00	Twin Lakes
					TOTAL	\$44,249.00	

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the cost-share applications.

The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Seacrest stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met on October 6, 2025.

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Campaign Proposal for November 18, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$21,760.00 as presented by Nebraska Public Media and direct the General Manager to execute the contract as consistent with the terms of the proposal once it is presented.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the proposal.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge, Jacobson and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the LK Media agreement for a radio campaign, scheduled for November 3, 2025 through June 28, 2026, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Sam Elofson, Public Communications Specialist, answered questions of the Board regarding the radio ads.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge, Landis and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

Seacrest moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lincoln Journal Star agreement for an advertising campaign running from October 1, 2025 through June 25, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Journal Star ads.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge, Baker, Jacobson and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: Green and Schutz

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE MOPAC EAST-LIED CONNECTOR AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE AND
CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Peterson stated that the MoPac East-Lied Connector Ad Hoc Subcommittee met on October 6, 2025.

Peterson moved the MoPac East-Lied Connector Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to allow the District to evaluate the feasibility of a trail connection through Platte River State Park and/or Louisville State Recreation Area.

David Potter, General Manager, and Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the project.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Green, Landis and Schutz

ITEM 13. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Lamberty reported that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on October 13, 2025.

She reported that three bids were received for the engineering services for the 310th Street Bridge replacement on the MoPac Trail.

Contractor	Bid
Midwest Engineering, Inc.	\$60,600.00
Olsson, Inc.	\$80,950.00
Benesch	\$185,448.00

Lamberty moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Midwest Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the 310th Street bridge replacement on MoPac Trail for \$60,600.00.

David Potter, General Manager, and Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board regarding the bridge replacement project.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Green, Landis and Schutz

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

Yoakum gave a recap of the NARD Fall Conference held on September 29th & 30th in Kearney.

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.

Sam Elofson, Public Communications Specialist, gave an update on the new District website.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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 October 15, 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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