



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler and Vogel. 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

Seventeen Directors were present upon roll call. Schutz 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 February 6, 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 requests for excused absences were received by Chuck Hassebrook, Lisa Lewis, Susan Seacrest and John Yoakum for the February 18, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Lamberty and seconded by Landis to approve the requests for excused absences from Chuck Hassebrook, Lisa Lewis, Susan Seacrest and John Yoakum for the February 18, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.  
The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Yoakum

### ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Yoakum

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Ruth and seconded by Landis to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Spangler and Vogel

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Lamberty

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Schutz, Seacrest and Yoakum

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

Matejka stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 had been distributed.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Eagan to approve the financial reports.

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

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

Matejka stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on February 11, 2026.

Two proposals were received for the purchase of a flex-wing tractor mower.

Dealer	Equipment	Proposal
Hamilton Equipment	Land Pride RC3715	\$20,275
AKRS Equipment Solutions	John Deere FC15M	\$29,855

Matejka moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposal from Hamilton Equipment of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$20,275 for the purchase of a flex-wing tractor mower.

David Potter, General Manager, Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel and Trent Henry, Operations/Maintenance Technician, answered questions from the Board regarding the flex-wing tractor mower.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Hellerich

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

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

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on February 12, 2026.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve district position on those legislative bills and constitutional amendments identified by Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook.

Kristen Hassebrook with Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook gave a review of recent activity on the bills by the Legislature.

Edison McDonald representing GC Resolve, Mia Perales, Megan Wilkins and Jacki Petrow representing Sustain UNL, addressed the Board regarding LB1028 and LR22CA.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler and Vogel

NAY: Hellerich

VOTING "PRESENT": Aldridge

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

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

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife subcommittee met on February 10, 2026.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the sale of a permanent easement to Nebraska Department of Transportation for improvements on Hwy 1 in Elmwood and MoPac East Trail intersection for \$810.00, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Landis, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with Judson Irrigation to install a saline groundwater sprinkler system at Marsh Wren Community Wetland to complement the existing groundwater pumping system.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator answered questions from the Board regarding the sprinkler system.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Hellerich

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

Schutz stated that item 8c would be heard later in closed session.

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

Baker stated that the MoPac East Lied Connector Subcommittee met on February 10, 2026.

Baker moved the MoPac East Lied Connector Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #1 Scope of Services to the professional services agreement with JEO Consulting Group for the MoPac Connector Project.

Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding the amendment to the professional services agreement with JEO.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz and Vogel

NAY: Hellerich and Spangler

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

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

Vogel stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on February 9, 2026.

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between Cass County and Lower Platte South NRD for the use of digital map products for portions of Lower Platte South NRD in Cass County at a cost of \$24,000.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement between Saunders County and Lower Platte South NRD for the use of digital map products for portions of Lower Platte South NRD located in Saunders County at a cost of \$12,000.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2026 Lower Platte South NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Seacrest and Yoakum

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte South NRD Buffer Strip Booster Program.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the booster program.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Schutz, Spangler and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge and Baker

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest and Yoakum

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on February 12, 2026.

Landis stated that six bids were received for the Middle Creek #5 Stabilization Project.

Contractor	Bid
Van Dorn Valley Construction	\$354,252.50
Judds Bros. Construction Co.	\$564,905.00
Sibbersen Excavating	\$634,127.00
Gana Trucking & Excavating	\$657,104.24
General Excavating	\$740,064.74
Lipsey Construction	\$819,223.00

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Van Dorn Valley Construction for the Middle Creek #5 Stabilization Project for the amount of \$354,252.50. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest and Yoakum

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement from Houston Engineering for the Salt Creek and Oak Creek Culvert Inspection and Rehabilitation Recommendation for the amount of \$30,868.00. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest and Yoakum

ITEM 11.5. ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Green and seconded by Baker that the Board of Directors go into closed session at 6:57 p.m. to protect the public interest while discussing strategy with respect to negotiations to purchase real estate. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Lamberty, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Schutz, Spangler and Vogel

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest and Yoakum

It was moved by Green and seconded by Hibler to return to open session at 7:16 p.m.. The motion was approved

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Hibler, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Matejka, Mealer, Peterson, Schutz, Spangler and Vogel

NAY: Aldridge

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest and Yoakum

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Denton property appraisal and authorize staff to negotiate and acquire fee title in accordance with Director Schutz's guidance. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Hassebrook, Lewis, Ruth, Seacrest and Yoakum

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

There was no report due to Director Yoakum's absence.

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 7:18 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 18, 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.

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Christine Lamberty, Secretary