



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors  
DATE: August 10, 2022  
FROM: David Potter, Assistant General Manager   
SUBJECT: Integrated Management Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met at the NRD office on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Lisa Lewis, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Don Jacobson, Bruce Johnson, Anthony Schutz, and Ken Vogel. Members absent was Mark Spangler. Others present were Deborah Eagan, Paul Zillig, Dick Ehrman, and David Potter, all with LPSNRD, and Jennifer Schellpeper, Madeline Johnson, Jeremy Gehle, and Philip Paitz with NeDNR. The meeting was called to order by Director Lewis at 5:30 p.m.

The first agenda item was the 2021 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report. The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) jointly adopted a voluntary Integrated Management Plan (IMP) with the goal of jointly managing groundwater and surface waters within the LPSNRD to sustain a balance between water uses and supplies for the long-term. The IMP became effective on May 15, 2014. This Annual Report covers the progress made towards Voluntary IMP implementation for both the LPSNRD and NeDNR in the 2021 calendar year. It is consistent with Chapter 9 of the IMP, which outlines the procedures for review and potential modification of the Voluntary IMP. In this review process, the LPSNRD and NeDNR provide an annual report on data collected, annual report on new groundwater or surface permits and uses, and review progress made toward achieving the goals and objectives. The adopted 2014 IMP can be found on the LPSNRD website. The 2021 Annual IMP Report was provided to the subcommittee and is attached.

Dick Ehrman, David Potter, Jennifer Schellpeper and Madeline Johnson presented a power point and briefly reviewed the contents of the draft 2021 Annual IMP Report, noting the changes from last year, highlighting the joint actions, and stating the report will be made available to the public for review. It was noted that no amendments are needed to the Integrated Management Plan at this time but some potential amendments by NeDNR in the future were mentioned. All potential (and needed) amendments to the plan should be compiled and handled at the same time. With the subcommittee's recommendation, the 2021 Report will be provided to the Board and the public at the Board meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. Discussion was held on the draft report by staff and the Directors. Philip Paitz presented information on NeDNR's modeling projects. One text change to monitoring and actions and a color change to a pie chart were noted on the copy provided to the subcommittee and have been incorporated into the final report.

**It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Hellerich and unanimously approved to accept and present the 2021 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report to the Board of Directors.**

The second item was review of the FY22 measurable goal(s) and recommendation of the FY23 goals for the subcommittee to Finance and Planning for inclusion in the FY23 LRIP. As directed in the LPSNRD 2019 Master Plan, a list of measurable goals is to be developed for each subcommittee for the fiscal year and then those goals are to be reviewed each year to see what has been accomplished. The measurable goal for the IM subcommittee for FY22 was to review of District drought planning resources and plans (District Drought Emergency Response Plan, Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Plan, Annual Weather Precipitation Outlook, etc.). The proposed FY23 measurable goals for the IM Subcommittee will include the same one as in the previous fiscal as well as continued cooperation with other NRDs and NeDNR in the Lower Platte River Basin Coalition for managing Basin groundwater and surface water supplies and continued cooperation with Lower Platte NRDs, MUD, LWS and NeDNR (Lower Platte Consortium) for drought awareness and water conservation messaging.

**It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by B. Johnson and unanimously approved to recommend the identified measurable goals to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the FY23 Long Range Implementation Plan.**

With no further business, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.