




## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** May 15, 2026  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** David Potter, General Manager   
**RE:** Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

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The Land Resources Subcommittee met virtually at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, to consider action on one item. Subcommittee members present included Ken Vogel, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Gary Hellerich, David Landis, Lisa Lewis, Suzanne Mealer, and Susan Seacrest. Others present included Bob Andersen, David Potter – NRD and Katie Hickle, Madeline Johnson, and Noah Hovorka - DWEE. Director Vogel called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, and asked Potter to present the agenda item.

The only item was **consideration of an Inter-Governmental Agreement Amendment to Twin Lakes 319 Project**. Potter stated the Twin Lakes Watershed Section 319 Project has been going on since 2021 but due to drought the several years, projects have not been completed and funds have not been obtained through the grant. The District and the State Department want to see these funds used for the eligible projects leading toward better water quality in the watershed, and there is still interest from the landowners.

In 2021 the District approved an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (now the Department of Water, Energy and Environment) and LPSNRD for the Twin Lakes Watershed Target Area Implementation. The priority area project was identified through the District's Water Quality Management Plan. Since the 2021 Section 319 grant approval, the project has had great interest from landowners but has also seen weather related construction restrictions that have prolonged the project, including best management practice (BMP) construction and expenditure of grant funds. The District and the State have approved two amendments since 2021. One was for additional funds and the other was for project extension. LPSNRD continues to promote and implement the BMPs identified in the Project Implementation Plan (PIP). Eligible cost-share projects are approved for 90% cost-share by the LPSNRD Board of Directors based on estimated construction costs, the PIP, our fiscal year budget, and the amended Agreement.

Staff recently met with representatives from NeDWEE and discussed the project timeline, landowner interest, funds spent, funds available, and a proposed third amendment. The amendment will provide for payment of projects completed up to April 30, 2026. The grant agreement will then be closed out, and another similar grant will be proposed that will allow for additional BMPs to be constructed and the balance of the grant funds to be expended through Summer of 2027 or possibly longer. The proposed Amendment 3 and the approved Amendment 2, Amendment 1, and original Agreement with the PIP were given to the subcommittee.

**It was moved by Landis, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement Amendment III between NeDWEE and LPSNRD for the Twin Lakes Watershed Target Area Implementation Project, subject to legal counsel review.**

There being no further business, Vogel adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.