



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MAY 20, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, 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 on non-agenda items was given.

Roger Schwisow addressed the Board regarding his concern over thistles growing along the Salt Creek bank near his property.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Seventeen Directors were present upon roll call. Matejka 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 May 8, 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 from Melissa Baker and Anthony Schutz for the May 20, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Seacrest and seconded by Lamberty to approve the requests for excused absences from Melissa Baker and Anthony Schutz for the May 20, 2026 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson, Matejka and Schutz

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Eagan to adopt the Tentative Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Mealer

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson, Matejka and Schutz

ITEM 5. REPORT FROM KRISTEN HASSEBROOK, MUELLER ROBAK SCHAEFER HRUZA & HASSEBROOK ON LEGISLATION

Kristen Hassebrook of Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook gave a recap of legislative action during the past session. She answered questions from the Board.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Hibler and seconded by Yoakum to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Board of Director's Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Hibler, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Mealer, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson, Matejka and Schutz

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Lewis stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 had been distributed.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Eagan to approve the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 and publish the expenditures for April, 2026.

David Potter, General Manager, Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, and Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel answered questions from the Board regarding the financial reports.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson and Schutz

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Andersen reported that the Executive Subcommittee had two subcommittee meetings on May 12, 2026, one starting at 5:37 p.m. and ending at 7:07 p.m. and the second starting at 7:24 p.m. and ending at 7:26 p.m.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2027 Operational Agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The motion was approved.

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

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to amend the prior motion on recommending a 3.42% salary increase for all qualified employees and to instead recommend the Board of Directors approve a 4.11% salary increase for all qualified employees, to also recommend an additional \$34,000 for merit and adjustments to be determined by the General Manager for the FY27 Budget as previously recommended, and to establish the April 12-month CPI for the Midwest as the guide for considering annual cost-of-living increases for staff in the future

David Potter, General Manager, and Chris Barber, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the cost-of-living increase.

The motion was approved.

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

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

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on May 14, 2026.

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive the Community Assistance Program Policy for needing design plans approved by an Engineer of Record and accept the application from Copper Dollar Cove Homeowner's Association for the Principal Spillway Pipe and Riser Repair Project, not to exceed \$66,775.00.

Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, John Petersen with JEO, and Mike Naegle with the Copper Dollar Cove Homeowner's Association, answered questions from the Board regarding the Principal Spillway Pipe and Riser Repair Project.

The motion was approved.

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

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant Contract between the Nebraska Environmental Trust and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District regarding the implementation for the Pecan Creek Wetland Complex and ratify the General Manager's authorization. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Hellerich

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson, Schutz and Spangler

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Houston Engineering for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project in the amount not to exceed \$145,334.00.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson, Mealer and Schutz

Landis reported that bids were taken for the Deadmans Run NRD Basin Project and that five bids were received.

Contractor	Base + Bid Alt 1	Base + Bid Alt 2
High Plains Structural Group LLC	\$1,639,945.00	\$1,765,863.00
MDX LLC	\$2,066,287.40	\$2,507,000.40
Ashland Road Excavating LLC	\$2,283,040.30	\$2,534,876.30
Gana Trucking & Excavating	\$2,297,148.01	\$2,368,291.68
Valley Corporation	\$2,643,664.08	\$2,570,002.05

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from High Plains Structural Group LLC for Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Phase I Construction Project in the amount not to exceed \$1,639,945.00.

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, answered questions from the Board on the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Phase I Construction Project.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson and Schutz

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement for the Drainage Pipe Repair / Replacement STA 183+86L (P Street) and STA 184+90R (P Street) with Houston Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$35,003.00.

Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, answered questions from the Board regarding the Professional Services Agreement for the Pipe Repair / Replacement on P Street.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson and Schutz

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

Vogel stated that the Land Resources subcommittee met on May 14, 2026.

Vogel moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement Amendment III between the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment (NeDWEE) and the Lower Platte South NRD for the Twin Lakes Watershed Target Area Implementation Project, subject to Legal Counsel review.

David Potter, General Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding the Twin Lakes Watershed Target Area Implementation Project Grant.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Jacobson and Schutz

ITEM 11. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Director Yoakum stated that the NARD will hold their next meeting on June 7, 2026. He stated that the NARD Basin Tour would then be held on June 8th and 9th touring the South Platte Basin and visiting the Perkins County Canal.

ITEM 12. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 13. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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 May 20, 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.

Christine Lamberty, Secretary