

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING April 20, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman. Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Osborn 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. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He offered an opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items.

Gary Aldridge and Don Olson addressed the Board
Matt Glensinger, Temporary DC for Lancaster County NRCS, was introduced

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Nineteen Directors were present upon roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING.

Osborn reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on April 12 2016.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Osborn stated there were requests for excused absences from Larry Hall for the March 23, 2016 Board of Directors meeting and from Jeremie Kerkman for the April 20, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Skopp and seconded by Zimmerman to approve the request for an excused absence from Larry Hall for the March 23, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

It was moved by Zimmerman and seconded by Barrett to approve the request for an excused absence from Jeremie Kerkman for the April 20, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.



AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

ITEM 4. ADOPT REVISED AGENDA

It was moved by Bleed and seconded by Stevens to adopt the Revised Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

ITEM 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND MARCH 30, 2016 SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Potter and seconded by Eagan to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

It was moved by Bohac and seconded by DeKalb to approve the minutes of the Special March 30, 2016 Special Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

ABSTAIN: Jacobson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

Stevens stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on April 7th. He indicated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 had been distributed.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 and publish the expenditures for March 2016. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Stevens moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the budget expenditure overruns in Account 473001 Taxes on NRD Properties in the amount of \$1,878 to be covered by the Cash Reserve and in Account 419306 GIS Mapping ROW in the amount of \$1,978 to be covered by Account 470012. The motion was approved

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

DeKalb stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on April 19th at the NRD Office.

DeKalb stated that there were two bidders for the Antelope Creek Slope Stabilization Damage at 28th Street. The bids were from:

Bidder	Bid Price
Husker Engineering (Burwell, NE)	\$93,071.00
H.R. Bookstrom (Lincoln, NE)	\$156,965.00

It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Zimmerman that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Husker Grading in the amount of \$93,071.00 to replace two broken-back pipes and repair the channel erosion near 28th and Antelope Creek. The motion was approved

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Bolte that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #1 to our Agreement with Olsson Associates to perform Construction Administration Services for the repair project near 28th and Antelope Creek in the amount not to exceed \$6,500. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

DeKalb stated that there were 5 bidders for the Salt Creek levee repairs at BNSF Bridge at "U" Street.

Bidder	Bid Price
Ganna Trucking & Excavating (Martell, NE)	\$25,453.59
General Excavating (Lincoln, NE)	\$25,525.50
Yost Excavating, Inc. (Nebraska City, NE)	\$16,962.50
H.R. Bookstrom (Lincoln, NE)	\$20,905.00
Husker Engineering (Burwell, NE)	\$18,004.00

It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Stevens that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Yost Excavating to repair the Salt Creek Levee located near "U" Street in the amount of \$16,962.50. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

Bohac stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife subcommittee met on April 14, 2016. Dan Schulz, LPSNRD Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board.

It was moved by Bohac and seconded by Bleed that the Board of Directors approve the Links Home Owners Association Community Forestry Program application to plant 25 trees with the District's share not to exceed \$4,086.43. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

ABSTAIN: Skopp

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

It was moved by Bohac and seconded by Schmidt that the Board of Directors enter into the Marsh Wren Project Production Grant Agreement for \$10,000 with NET Foundation for Television and authorize the General Manager to enter into a License Agreement with Michael Forsberg Photography for rights to access Marsh Wren time lapse imagery for educational, non-commercial purposes without fee subject to legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler and Stevens

NAY: Zimmerman

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Bohac stated that the last agenda item "US Fish & Wildlife Service Grant for Pollinator Habitat" needed no action at this time.

ITEM 9. REPORT OF INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Potter stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met just prior to the Board Meeting.

Potter stated that three Professional Service Proposals were received for the Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Plan. The three consultant groups interviewed were: Olsson Associates and FYRA; EA Engineering, Science & Technology with McDonald Morrissey & Associates and Hageman Law P.C.; and HDR and The Flatwater Group.

Potter moved the Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$393,274 and to authorize proceeding with Phase I not to exceed \$34,678, deferring final approval and authorization to proceed with Phase II pending revisions to Scope and Fee. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

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

Ruth stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met just prior to the

Ruth moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the continued development and support of the Water Resources database through an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Phoenix Web Group in the amount of \$71,250. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Zimmerman stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. He stated that the following applications for surface water quality BMP cost-share are to be considered.

Paul Zillig and Matt Glesinger, Temporary DC for the Lancaster County NRCS, answered questions of the Board.

County	Name	SCP?	Practice	Amount
BU	Chris Zetocha	Y	Terraces	\$8,211
LA	Donna Starzec	Y	Terraces	\$15,000
LA	Twin B General Partnership	Y	Terraces	\$15,000
CA	Nancy Graham	Y	Terraces	\$10,000
			Total	\$48,211

It was moved by Zimmerman and seconded by DeKalb that the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality best management practices applications. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Eagan stated that the Information & Education subcommittee met on April 18, 2016. McKenzie Barry, Environmental Education Specialist, answered questions of the Board.

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Red Thread to develop an NRD social media video and to provide social media technical and support services in the amount of \$8,000. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the District-Wide Prairie Immersion Program and provide cost-share up to \$4/student, not to exceed \$15,000 in Fiscal Year 2017. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Kerkman and Svoboda

ITEM 14. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 15 SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were mailed out.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 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 April 20, 2016, 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.

Milt Schmidt, Secretary

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