BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
February 21, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson. Stevens called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Stevens 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 reminded everyone an audio recording of the meeting can be found on the NRD website. He offered an opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items.

Stevens recognized those directors who have filed for re-election.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Eighteen Directors were present upon roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING.

Stevens reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on February 8, 2018.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Stevens stated that requests for excused absences were received from Karen Amen and Dan Steinkruger for the February 21, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Schmidt to accept the requests for excused absences from Karen Amen and Dan Steinkruger for the February 21, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger
ITEM 4. ADOPT TENTATIVE AGENDA

Stevens stated that two changes needed to be made to the Agenda. On Agenda Item 10(d) “Consideration to amend” should be “Consideration to approve” and on Agenda Item 10(e) “construction easement” should be “conservation easement”.

It was moved by Ruth and seconded by Spangler to adopt the Revised Agenda with the above changes. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

ITEM 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Bolte to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

ABSTAIN: Kerkman and Svoboda
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

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

Kerkman stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 had been distributed.

It was moved by Kerkman and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 and to publish the approved expenditures for January 2018. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

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

Stevens stated that the Executive Subcommittee met just prior to the Board meeting.
Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the NRD positions on legislative bills. The motion was approved.

NAY:   None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for Technical Assistance.

Cory Schmidt, District Conservationist, with the Lancaster County NRCS answered questions of the board.

NAY:   None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Eagan stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met on February 12 and February 20, 2018.

She gave a report of the subcommittee discussion and stated that no action was taken by the subcommittee at this time.

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Wilson stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on February 13, 2018.

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry Program applications with the District’s share not to exceed $2,464.65 for The Preserve Home Owners Association to plant 15 trees; $337.67 for Lou Ann Mansek to plant 2 trees; and $7,435.00 for the Downtown Lincoln Association to plant 68 trees. The motion was approved.

NAY:   Aldridge, Hellerich, Jacobson and Spangler
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger
Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the 90% Plans Right of Way Cost Estimate Approval Resolution and approve the Lower Platte South NRD portion of the right of way costs not to exceed $4,400 for the Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail project. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the City of Lincoln’s Stevens Creek Sanitary Sewer Easement across the MoPac East Trail Corridor on the west side of 120th & “A” Streets. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn, Ruth and Steinkruger

Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator, answered questions from the Board.

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors give consent to the assignment of sublease between the Village of Valparaiso, Oak Creek Valley Bank and American Legion Post #371 and to authorize the General Manager to sign the assignment of sublease. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors initiate the transfer of the Stiefel property according to the terms of the escrow agreement by naming approximately 11 acres in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township-9-North, Range-5-East, Lancaster County, Nebraska the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead and authorizing staff to notify the escrow agent and Stiefels of the naming and that the District is beginning trail engineering, construction and seeding of the crop ground. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

Dan Schulz answered questions from the Board.
Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the seeding proposal from Prairie Plains Resources Institute to seed two tracts totaling up to 18.6 acres of crop ground located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township-9-North, Range-5-East, Lancaster County, Nebraska at a cost not to exceed $9,300. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Bruce Johnson stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on February 20, 2018.

B. Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the agreement for Levee SWIF Task Order #5 from JEO in the amount of, not to exceed, $62,280 for amending the Salt Creek Levee Operation and Maintenance Manual which includes updating or adding 30 drainage structures and 4 maintenance turn-arounds. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

B. Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the agreement for Levee SWIF Task Order #7 from JEO in the amount of, not to exceed, $9,725 for obtaining and editing drone video of the Salt Creek Levee system to aid NRD staff in maintenance and inspection of the levee system. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger

B. Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Letter Agreement for Olsson Associates to complete the FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Scope of Service for the Waverly Ash Hollow Dry Dam Project, at a cost not to exceed $20,200. The motion was approved.

NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger
Ann Post, Attorney for the Developer and Paul Zillig, General Manager answered questions of the Board.

B. Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Easement Exchange Agreement with Key Crest, LLC for the Garden View Addition. The motion was approved.

NAY: Aldridge  
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Osborn and Steinkruger  

Johnson stated that the last item was deferred by the subcommittee and therefore no action was needed by the Board.

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

Spangler stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board Meeting however the review groups had reviewed the cost-share applications.

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It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Andersen to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share applications. The motion was approved.

ABSTAIN: Spangler
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Barrett, Osborn and Steinkruger

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met just prior to the Board Meeting.

Devin Biesecker, District Engineer, answered questions of the Board.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposal from Lametti & Sons of Hugo, MN to slip line the principal spillway pipe of Plattsmouth Watershed Structure 18-A at a cost of $37,000 and direct legal counsel to prepare a contract for signature by the contractor and General Manager. The motion was approved.

NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Amen, Barrett, Osborn and Steinkruger

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.

Milt Schmidt gave a report of NARD activities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 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 21, 2018, 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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Deborah Eagan, Secretary

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