

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING March 23, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Steven and Zimmerman. Osborn called the meeting to order at 2:00 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

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 March 11, 2016.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Osborn stated there was a request for excused absence from Karen Amen for the February 17, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by DeKalb and seconded by Stevens to approve the request for an excused absence from Karen Amen for the February 17, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

ITEM 4. ADOPT REVISED AGENDA

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Zimmerman to adopt the Revised Agenda. The motion was approved.



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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

General Manager Glenn Johnson recognized Jeff Hegy, Operation & Maintenance Coordinator, for 25 years of service to the Lower Platte South NRD.

ITEM 6. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Bolte to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Barrett, Bleed, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

ABSTAIN: Amen, Bohac, Johnson and Skopp

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

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

Stevens stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. 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 February 29, 2016 and publish the expenditures for February 2016. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Stevens reviewed the schedule for preparation and adoption of FY 2017 and 2018 Budget and update of Long Range Implementation Plan.

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

Osborn stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on March 8, 2016.

Osborn moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposal from Capital City Concepts, LLC to perform a salary and benefits comparability study for a fee of \$9,350 plus expenses. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Skopp stated that the Platte River Subcommittee met on March 21, 2016.

Matt Moser with USGS and Meghan Sittler, Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Coordinator, answered questions from the Board.

Skopp moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the 3-year Agreement with USGS for the operation of three real-time continuous water quality monitoring network sites (Platte River at Louisville, Elkhorn River at Waterloo and Salt Creek at Ashland). The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Skopp moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the 3-year Agreement with USGS for operation of the Platte River at Leshara real-time continuous water quality monitoring site. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Skopp moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the Agreement with the Lincoln Water System for funding of the Platte River at Leshara real-time water quality monitoring site. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Barrett, Bleed, Bohac, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Skopp moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the 3-year Agreement with Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) for funding of the Platte River at Leshara real-time water quality monitoring site. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Skopp moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the Amendment to the Product Production Grant with the NET Foundation for Television for the Platte Basin Timelapse Project. The motion was approved

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

ABSTAIN: Bohac

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Skopp moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, approve the Agreement with the Nebraska Army National Guard for additional funding of the Platte River Timelapse Project. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Bohac

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

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

DeKalb stated that the Urban Subcommittee met just prior to the Board meeting.

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve submitting a formal appeal of FEMA's denial of the Antelope Creek Slope Stabilization Damage Application for damage between Scott Avenue and 40th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska. The motion was approved

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Dan Fricke from JEO Consulting gave a presentation on the update of the Salt Creek Systemwide Improvement Framework Study.

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Bohac stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife subcommittee met on March 16, 2016.

Bohac moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the following Community Forestry Program applications with the District's share not to exceed \$5,150.44 – Heritage Lake Homeowners Association; \$5,957.50 – St. Elizabeth Foundation / Nebraska Heart Foundation; and \$7,296.08 – The Ridge Townhomes. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Bohac moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors enter into the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District for the Rosa Parks Way Trail Project. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

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

Eagan stated that the Information & Education subcommittee met on March 21, 2016. Mike Mascoe, Public Information Specialist, answered questions of the Board.

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the Outdoor Classroom Grant Application from Trinity Infant and Childcare Center and Kindergarten in the amount of \$1,263. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposed contract for television advertising from Firespring for spring and fall campaigns, in the amount of \$29,995.00, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposed contract for advertising in the Lincoln Journal Star through February, 2017, in the amount of \$12,667.20, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Kerkman

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Eagan moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposed contract for printing and distribution of the NRD's newsletter by the Lincoln Journal Star through February, 2017, in the amount of \$50,224.86, which would include the digital admail and banner option, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

ITEM 12.5. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Potter stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met on March 21, 2016.

Potter moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Proposal from HDR for additional IMP Studies at a cost not to exceed \$91,197. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

ITEM 13 REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on March 16, 2016.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors on behalf of Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA), enter into the Service Agreement

with the Nebraska State Climate Office University of Nebraska to continue weather station monitoring for three ENWRA weather stations. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Paul Zillig, Assistant General Manager, answered questions of the Board.

Jacobson moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors pass a resolution approving the Wiles Development LLC variance request #012 for 20 acres located in Section 12, T-12-N, R-13-E, Cass County, Nebraska.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by DeKalb to amend the motion to change the number of acres from 20 to 17. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

The amended motion to pass a resolution approving the Wiles Development LLC variance request #012 for 17 acres located in Section 12, T-12-N, R-13-E, Cass County, Nebraska was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall and Svoboda

Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Specialist, gave a presentation on the 2015 Ground Water Management Plan Review.

ITEM 13.5. 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.

County	Name	SCP?	Practice	Amount
BU	Jerald Bongers	Yes	Basins	\$14,307
BU	Lumir Ratkovec – SVL: Red Cedar	Yes	Terraces	\$20,000
SA	Phil Rezac	Yes	Terraces	\$10,388
SA	Jean Jochum	Yes	Terraces	\$10,080
LA	Paul Mundt	Yes	Terraces	\$15,000
LA	Jerad Reetz	Yes	Terraces	\$15,000

CA	John Fritsch	Yes	Terraces	\$10,000
CA	Eunice Hall	Yes	Terraces	\$5,976
CA	Roger Gaebel	No	Grassed Waterways	\$2,204
			Total	\$102,955

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, Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Landis, Osborn, Potter, Ruth, Schmidt, Skopp, Spangler, Stevens and Zimmerman

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Hall 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 4:20 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 March 23, 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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