



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING May 16, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Luke Peterson, candidate for Subdistrict #7 introduced himself and addressed the Board.

Assistant General Manager David Potter introduced Joe Peterson, Resource Technician housed at the Lancaster County NRCS Office, to the Board.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Nineteen 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 May 4, 2018.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Stevens stated that there were no requests for excused absences.

ITEM 4. ADOPT REVISED AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

ITEM 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by DeKalb to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

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

Schmidt 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, 2017 through April 30, 2018 had been distributed.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, Kathy Spence, Administrative Assistant, Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Specialist, answered questions of the Board.

It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 and publish the expenditures for April 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Nominating Committee met and recommended Dan Steinkruger for the position of Treasurer.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Treasurer. The Nominating Committee nomination of Steinkruger for Treasurer was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted. Steinkruger was elected Treasurer on a secret ballot receiving 18 votes and one abstaining.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Osborn to approve the Bank Resolution authorizing Dan Steinkruger as Treasurer and his Designee to executive financial documents. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Bolte stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting however the review groups had reviewed the applications received. Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board.

County	Name	Practice	Amount
Cass	Dean Nickels	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Cass	Ronald Schulte Revocable Living Trust	Terraces	\$804.00
Lancaster	Michael McClellan	Terraces	\$3,503.00
Otoe	Ellis Liesmeyer	Grassed Waterways/ Rebuild Terrace End	\$7,781.49
		TOTAL	\$27,088.49

It was moved by Bolte and seconded by Landis to approve the four applications for cost-share assistance for summer conservation work in the amount totaling \$27,088.49. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

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

Stevens stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on May 11, 2018.

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve for FY2019 a 3.0% salary increase for all qualified employees and an additional \$24,100 for merit and adjustments to be determined by the General Manager.

It was moved by Aldridge and seconded by Hellerich to amend the motion by striking 3.0% and replacing it with 2.4%. The motion failed.

AYE: None

NAY: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

The original motion to approve for FY2019 a 3.0% salary increase for all qualified employees and an additional \$24,100 for merit and adjustments to be determined by the General Manager was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2019 Operational Agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Steve Seglin, Legal Counsel answered questions of the Board.

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the draft License Agreement, incorporating the suggested changes to be completed by Steve Seglin, Legal Counsel, and authorize the Executive Subcommittee to enter into License Agreements with landowners to allow certain minor temporary structures to be located in NRD flood pool easements. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Stevens moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Anthony Schutz to fill the Subdistrict #6 vacancy on the NRD Board of Directors.

It was moved by Aldridge to nominate Maggie Squires to the vacancy. Aldridge withdrew his nomination.

Anthony Schutz addressed and answered questions of the Board.

The motion to approve Anthony Schutz to fill the Subdistrict #6 vacancy on the NRD Board of Directors was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

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

Bruce Johnson stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on May 10, 2018.

Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 Work Plan for the Interlocal Agreement on Stormwater Management. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Ed Ubben, Projects Coordinator and Paul Zillig, General Manager answered questions of the Board.

Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln to construct South Salt Creek Master Plan #4, contingent upon legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the agreement for design of improvements to the Salt Creek Levee System from 27th Street to Superior Street with Olsson Associates, pending legal counsel review, at a cost not to exceed \$309,985.88. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered question of the Board. DaNay Kalkowski, attorney for the developer, addressed the Board and answered questions.

Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposed easement modification for the Stevens Creek Master Plan Project #17, pending approval by Watershed Management of the City of Lincoln and legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson
NAY: Jacobson
NOT PRESENT: Spangler

Johnson stated that three bids were received for log jam debris removal from Beal Slough.

Bidder	Bid
Gana Trucking and Excavating	\$20,364.00
Yost Excavating	\$23,000.00
General Excavating	\$29,400.00

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered question of the Board.

Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Gana Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$20,364.00 to remove debris from five locations along the Beal Slough channel between Hwy. 2 and North 27th Street. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Barrett, C. Johnson and Spangler

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

Wilson stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on May 9, 2018. She stated that a quorum was not present and so a second to the motion would be needed.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department, gave an overview of the project. Paul Zillig, General Manager and Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator, answered questions of the Board.

It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Jacobson that the Board of Directors accept title to the Petersen Property for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project, described as Lot 1 Irregular Tracts, located in the Northeast Quarter, Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 5 East, Lancaster County, Nebraska and Lots 12 and 13, Irregular Tracts, located in the North Half, Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 5 East, Lancaster County, Nebraska, subject to legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Bolte, DeKalb, Eagan, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger, Stevens, Svoboda and Wilson

NAY: Hellerich

NOT PRESENT: Spangler

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Specialist, gave a report on the 2018 Weather / Precipitation Outlook.

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 sent out.

ITEM 15. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were sent out.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, distributed minutes of the Director's Retreat held earlier this year.

Milt Schmidt gave a report of NARD activities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 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 16, 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.

Deborah Eagan, Secretary

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