



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING December 12, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 2:00 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, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, 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.

Chair Stevens recognized incoming directors Tom Green and Luke Peterson.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

20 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 November 29, 2018.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Stevens stated that a request for an excused absence for the December 12, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was received from Dave Landis.

It was moved by Svoboda and seconded by DeKalb to approve the request for an excused absence from Dave Landis for the December 12, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

ITEM 4. ADOPT TENTATIVE AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Schulz introduced Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist, who was recognized for 20 years of service to the Lower Platte South NRD.

ITEM 6. RECOGNITION OF DIRECTORS LEAVING THE BOARD

Chair Stevens recognized Richard Bolte and Ronald Svoboda for their time on the Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South NRD. Both Bolte and Svoboda reflected on their years on the Board.

ITEM 7. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Bolte and seconded by Osborn to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Spangler and Steinkruger

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Steinkruger stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on December 4, 2018. He indicated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 had been distributed.

Kathy Spence, Administrative Assistant, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 and publish the General Expenditures for November 2018.

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

ABSTAIN: Schmidt

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

Paul Zillig, General Manager and David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Master Plan.

Steinkruger moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte South NRD 2019 Master Plan.

It was moved by Ruth and seconded by Osborn to amend the Lower Platte South 2019 Master Plan, page 29, Resiliency to Changing Climate and Clean Environment, by adding "by adjusting to and moderating negative effects" after ". . .and national levels to reduce risks". The amendment was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Landis

The amended motion to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte South NRD 2019 Master Plan as amended was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

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

Wilson stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on December 6, 2018.

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board Directors approve the Lincoln Police Department's proposal to remove fill material from the Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Lincoln subject to legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Amen

NAY: Eagan

NOT PRESENT: Landis

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the changes to the Community Forestry Program and program documents.

It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Svoboda to amend the last sentence of the first paragraph to read "Lands cannot be owned by the United States Government or the State of Nebraska." The amendment was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

The amended motion to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the changes to the Community Forestry Program and program documents as amended was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Landis

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

Stevens stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on December 6, 2018. He stated that there was not a quorum present.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Andersen to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the proposed changes to Operating Policies C-2 & 14, D-2 & 6, G-12 and Personnel Policy No. 6. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by DeKalb to recommend that the Board of Directors amend its November 14th action approving the sale of 0.3115 wetland credits from the Blue Heron Wetland Bank for Project HRRR-7915(1) by increasing the amount of credits from 0.3115 to 0.3617 for the same dollar amount based on the finding of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the greater number of wetland credits are needed for the project, and authorize the General Manager to sign the bill of sale. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge and Jacobson

NOT PRESENT: Landis

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

Spangler stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on December 4, 2018.

Spangler moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the surface water quality cost-share application for Steven Otto in the amount totaling \$4,049.55. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

Cory Schmidt, Lancaster County NRCS, addressed the Board regarding the proposed cost docket.

Spangler moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2019 LPS NRD Average Costs for the Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

DeKalb stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on December 10, 2018.

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the engineering services agreement with JEO Consulting Group for the 2019 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF (System-Wide Improvement Framework) Update, in an amount not to exceed \$24,510. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Landis

Richard Grauerholz, Mayor of Ashland, addressed the Board on the Community Assistance Program applications from Ashland.

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program application from the City of Ashland for 50% of the Engineering Design, Construction Services and Permitting for the Salt Creek Bank Stabilization Project at Silver Street (Phase 1), in an amount not to exceed \$7,525 NRD funds. The motion was approved.

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

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

DeKalb moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program application from the City of Ashland for 50% (50% of \$14,914) of the Engineering, Design, Construction Services and Permitting, for the Drainage Ditch Improvement Project (Phase 1), in an amount not to exceed \$7,457 NRD funds. The motion was approved.

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

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Landis

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.

Director Jacobson gave a report of Nominating Subcommittee. He stated that the subcommittee consisted of Jacobson, Wilson and Landis. He reported that the following slate is being submitted by the Nominating Subcommittee to be voted on at the January 2019 Board Meeting. He also stated that nominations from the Board will also be allowed at the Board meeting.

Chair – Larry Ruth
Vice Chair – Deborah Eagan
Treasurer – Dan Steinkruger
Secretary – Bruce Johnson
NARD Representative – Milt Schmidt
Alternate NARD Representative – Sarah Wilson

Milt Schmidt gave a report of NARD activities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 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 December 12, 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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