



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## Memorandum

**Date:** May 17, 2024  
**To:** I&E Subcommittee  
**From:** Adam Sutton, Environmental Educator  
**Subject:** I&E Subcommittee Meeting (LRIP / Budget)

The Information and Education Subcommittee met Tuesday, May 14th, at 5:30 PM. Subcommittee members present were Ken Vogel (Chair), Susan Seacrest, Melissa Baker, Gary Aldridge, and John Yoakum. Others in attendance included staff members Mike Sousek, Jodi Delozier, Ron Orman Jr, and Adam Sutton.

Chair Vogel called the meeting to order. Mike introduced Jodi Delozier as the new I&E department supervisor. FY 2024 accomplishments were discussed, followed by review of LRIP, Budget Status Codes, Master Plan Goals and Objectives, Measurable Goals, and the Natural Resource Benefits Table. The subcommittee then reviewed proposed FY 2025 Actions and Budget Requests for Environmental Education and General Awareness. Also reviewed were FY 2026-29 actions and proposed expenditures.

There was discussion by the subcommittee on whether to financially support Lincoln Public School's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade "Habitat" Field Trips to the Lincoln Children's Zoo. Other topics discussed included LPSNRD increasing efforts to reach adult audiences with emphasis on flood awareness efforts, groundwater quality throughout the District and looking into more eco-friendly promotional items.

**It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Seacrest to submit the final FY 2025 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 26-29 Actions and Proposed Expenditures for Information and Education to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY 2025 Budget and LRIP.**

Following the motion and second, but before the vote, Director Aldridge made a motion to strike the word "calendars" from the FY25 general awareness budget under action of Print NRD brochures and promotional materials. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Director Aldridge made a second motion to amend budget code 421021 for FY25 Environmental Education by striking \$150K and substitute for budget code 421021 for FY25 \$112K, a reduction of 25% of budget dollars. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Aldridge then moved for budget code 421023 in FY25 I&E General Awareness to strike \$358.8K and insert \$270K, a reduction in net NRD funds taken for budget code 421023 general awareness. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Main motion was voted on. **A roll call vote was taken – Seacrest, Yoakum, Baker and Vogel voting yes, and Aldridge voting no. Motion passed.**

Director Aldridge then expressed why he made the motions relating to how the NRD should not be budgeting money it will not spend. Director Vogel then explained the money that is not spent is still available for the NRD to use through cash and investments and for additional funds in future years.

There being no further business, Chair Vogel adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Cc: Finance & Planning Subcommittee