



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors
DATE: August 9, 2023
FROM: David Potter, Assistant General Manager DP
SUBJECT: Integrated Management Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met at the NRD office on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Members present included Don Jacobson, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Luke Peterson, Anthony Schutz, Mark Spangler, Ken Vogel, and John Yoakum. Others present were Dick Ehrman, Mike Murren, Tyler Benal, Mike Sousek, and David Potter, all with LPSNRD; and Madeline Johnson, Jack Mensinger, and Tyler Martin with NeDNR. The meeting was called to order by Director Jacobson at 5:30 p.m.

The first agenda item was the 2022 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report. The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) jointly adopted a voluntary Integrated Management Plan (IMP) with the goal of jointly managing groundwater and surface waters within the LPSNRD to sustain a balance between water uses and supplies for the long-term. The IMP became effective on May 15, 2014. This Annual Report covers the progress made towards Voluntary IMP implementation for both the LPSNRD and NeDNR in the 2022 calendar year. It is consistent with Chapter 9 of the IMP, which outlines the procedures for review and potential modification of the Voluntary IMP. In this review process, the LPSNRD and NeDNR provide an annual report on data collected, annual report on new groundwater or surface permits and uses, and review progress made toward achieving the goals and objectives. The adopted 2014 IMP can be found on the LPSNRD website. The 2022 Annual IMP Report was provided to the subcommittee and is attached.

Dick Ehrman, David Potter, and Madeline Johnson presented a power point and briefly reviewed the contents of the draft 2022 Annual IMP Report, identifying the changes from last year, highlighting the joint actions, and stating the report will be made available to the public for review. It was noted that no amendments are needed to the Integrated Management Plan at this time but some potential amendments due to modeling by NeDNR in the future were mentioned. All potential (and needed) amendments to the plan should be compiled and handled at the same time. With the subcommittee's recommendation, the 2022 Report will be provided to the Board and the public at the Board meeting on August 16th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Discussion was held on the draft report by NeDNR, NRD staff, and the Directors, including surface water appropriations, voluntary surface water use reporting, the Basin Coalition's 5-yr increment, jointly identified actions, and education and outreach.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Yoakum, and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors accept the 2022 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report.

The second item was review of the FY23 measurable goal(s) and recommendation of the FY24 goals for the subcommittee to Finance and Planning for inclusion in the FY24 LRIP. As directed in the LPSNRD 2019 Master Plan, a list of measurable goals is to be developed for each subcommittee for the fiscal year and then those goals are to be reviewed each year to see what has been accomplished. The 12-month review of the FY23 measurable goals and the proposed goals for FY24 for the Integrated Management Subcommittee were provided to the subcommittee.

It was moved by Hellerich, seconded by Vogel, and unanimously approved to recommend the Finance and Planning Subcommittee include the identified measurable goals as part of the FY24 Long Range Implementation Plan.

With no further business, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.