




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors
DATE: September 8, 2021
FROM: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
SUBJECT: Integrated Management Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met at the NRD office on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Don Jacobson, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Bruce Johnson, Larry Ruth, Anthony Schutz, and Mark Spangler. Member absent was Chelsea Johnson. Others present were Tracy Zayak, Dan Schulz, Dick Ehrman, and David Potter, all with LPSNRD, and Jennifer Schellpeper and Madeline Hoffer with NeDNR. The meeting was called to order by Director Jacobson at 5:31 p.m.

The first agenda item was the 2020 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 in order 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 2020 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 Annual Report and power point presentation was presented to the subcommittee. The adopted 2014 IMP can be found on the LPSNRD website.

Jennifer Schellpeper and David Potter presented a power point and briefly reviewed the contents of the draft 2020 Annual IMP Report, noting 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 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 2020 Report will be provided to the Board and the public at the Board meeting on September 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Discussion was held on the draft report by staff and the Directors. A couple needed changes were noted and have been incorporated into the final report.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Hellerich and unanimously approved to accept and present the 2020 Annual Integrated Management Plan Report to the Board of Directors.

The second item was review of the FY21 measurable goal(s) and recommendation of the FY22 goal(s) for the subcommittee to Finance and Planning for inclusion in the FY22 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 measurable goal for the IM subcommittee for FY21 was to complete the Drought Contingency Study Tabletop Exercise/Workshop. Due to pandemic reasons, the tabletop exercise was not held in FY21, but was recently held on August 24, 2021 at Lake Wanahee. The proposed FY22 measurable goal for the IM Subcommittee is review of District drought planning resources and plans (District Drought Emergency Response Plan, Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Plan, Annual Weather Precipitation Outlook, etc.)

It was moved by Ruth, seconded by Schutz and unanimously approved to recommend the identified measurable goal to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the FY22 Long Range Implementation Plan.

With no further business, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.