



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING March 17, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met virtually via video / teleconference on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum. Eagan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Eagan welcomed those in attendance, and the pledge of allegiance was recited. She noted that the public meetings law is posted on the NRD Website. She requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. She reminded everyone a recording of the meeting will be on the NRD website. Eagan requested anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item to give their name and which agenda item they wished to speak on. An opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items was given. No one wished to speak on non-agenda items.

#### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Eighteen Directors were present upon roll call.

#### ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING.

Eagan reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 4, 2021.

#### ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Eagan stated that requests for excused absences were received from Don Jacobson and Ron Nolte for the March 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Ruth to approve the requests for excused absences from Don Jacobson and Ron Nolte for the March 17, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

#### ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Barrett and seconded by Ruth to adopt the Tentative Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Ruth to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

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

Andersen reported that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on March 9, 2021.

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 had been distributed.

Paul Zillig, General Manager and Kristin Buntmeyer, Administration and Finance Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Stevens to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 and publish the General Expenditures for February 2021. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

General Manager Paul Zillig answered questions of the Board regarding the Professional Services Agreement with HBE.

Andersen moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Professional Services Agreement with HBE for State Budget Form Assistance. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Eagan stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on March 8, 2021.

Susan Seacrest addressed the Board.

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors nominate Susan Seacrest to fill the Subdistrict #10 vacancy on the Board of Directors. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors appoint Gary Hellerich to serve as a Lower Platte South NRD representative on the Lower Platte River Basin Coalition Board of Directors. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: Hellerich

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Ameritas Resolution authorizing the release of deferred compensation funds. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

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

Ruth stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on March 15, 2021.

Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Specialist, gave a report on the 2020 Groundwater Management Plan Annual Review.

Ruth reported that a Special Board Meeting will be held next week to consider additional information required for the Monolith Well Permit Application. Discussion followed.

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

Green stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on March 11, 2021.

Tracy Zayac, Stormwater / Watershed Specialist answered questions of the Board regarding the City of Hickman Community Assistance Program request for the South 68<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Trail Underpass Project. Brian Schuele with Olsson and City Administrator Kelly Oelke, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the project.

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program application from the City of Hickman, for the South 68<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Trail Underpass Project, in an amount of 50% of the estimated cost, not to exceed \$103,743 of NRD funds, contingent upon an approved Interlocal Agreement between the District and City which outlines respective responsibilities, liability and other matters. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Green stated that three bids were received for the Deadmans Run Culvert Rehabilitation Project near 72<sup>nd</sup> & "O" Street. Paul Zillig, General Manager and Jared Nelson, District Engineer, answered questions of the Board.

Contractor	Bid
Subsurface, Inc.	\$76,305.00
Pat Thomas Construction, Inc.	\$118,825.25
Hydro-Klean	\$152,989.76

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the bid from Subsurface, Inc. in the amount of \$76,305 for the Deadmans Run Culvert Rehabilitation Project near 72d & "O" Street. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with JEO Consulting Group for the 2021 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF (System Wide Improvement Framework) Update, in an amount not to exceed \$28,520, subject to legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND  
CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on March 10, 2021.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist, and Terry Wittler with the Capitol Beach Community Association (CBCA) answered questions of the Board regarding the CBCA request for assistance improving access to the Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Capitol Beach Community Association to jointly obtain an easement to allow District and CBCA access to the Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center from Waterfront Place Street; CBCA would negotiate the easement with the property owners on behalf of the District and CBCA, the District would grant CBCA the right to use the path on the easement, CBCA and the District would cost-share 50/50, not to exceed \$5,000 of District funds on the cost of paving / surfacing the path, screening and / or landscaping, each party would be responsible for their respective legal counsel fees, and once the easement terms are outline, CBCA would return to the District for final approval. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

ABSTAIN: B. Johnson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Paul Zillig, General Manager, Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist, and Sue Kohles, from Prairie Pines Partners answered questions of the Board regarding the Prairie Pines Partners cost-share request for the trail connecting Murdock Trail to Prairie Pines.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors cost-share 50/50 with Prairie Pines Partners on the remaining portion needed for the Recreational Trails Program Grant for the trail connection Murdock Trail to Prairie Pines in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 of District funds. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Olsson Amendment #1 for bank stabilization and channel erosion issues on bridge #11 on Homestead Trail in an amount not to exceed \$23,950 and approve Olsson Amendment #2 for removal of bridge #9, design of a concrete box culvert, and installation of concrete box culvert in an amount not to exceed \$24,400. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Tom Malmstrom, Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership, addressed the Board regarding the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant Partner Agreement.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the North American Wetland Conservation Act Grant Partner Agreement to allow Ducks Unlimited to facilitate completion of Nebraska's Saline and Sandhills Wetland Initiative grants. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Amendment to Extend the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Salt Creek Levee Trail between the City of Lincoln and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District to maintain the levee trail for one year. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Nolte

ITEM 11. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Luke Peterson, NARD Representative for the Lower Platte South NRD gave a report of NARD activities.

ITEM 12. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 13. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were mailed out.

Chair Eagan reminded the Directors that a Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 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 March 17, 2021, 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.

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Chelsea Johnson, Secretary

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