



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MARCH 15, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Yoakum and Vogel. Landis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Landis 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 and on District property. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone a recording of the meeting will be on the NRD website. Landis requested anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item to provide their name on the sign-in sheet and which agenda item they wished to speak on. An opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items was given.

General Manager introduced Logan Hutt, Maintenance Technician, to the Board.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Eighteen Directors were present upon roll call. Schutz arrived after roll call.

ITEM 2. PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Landis reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 2, 2023.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES

Landis stated that there were requests for excused absences from Melissa Baker for the March 15, 2023 Board of Directors meeting and Stacie Sinclair for the March, April and May Board of Directors meetings. It was decided to split the question and take each request separately.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Vogel to accept the request for an excused absence from Stacie Sinclair for the March 15, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Corey Wasserburger, Legal Counsel, answered questions of the Board regarding excused vs. unexcused absences and the consequences of three consecutive unexcused absences.

The motion failed.

AYE: Aldridge, Green, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Schutz and Yoakum

NAY: Andersen, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lewis, Nolte, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

NOT PRESENT: Baker and Sinclair

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Eagan to accept the request for an excused absence from Melissa Baker for the March 15, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Schutz

NOT PRESENT: Baker and Sinclair

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker and Sinclair

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Seacrest to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel

ABSTAIN: Yoakum

NOT VOTING: Peterson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker and Sinclair

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

Andersen stated that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on March 15, 2023, just prior to the Board meeting.

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 had been distributed.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Stevens to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 and publish the expenditures for February, 2023. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Johnson and Sinclair

Andersen moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposed FY'24 Budget / Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) Schedule. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Johnson and Sinclair

Andersen moved the Finance & Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize staff to acquire a 2023 Rav4 Hybrid XLE or XSE AWD from Baxter Toyota Lincoln for the not to exceed cost of \$36,695, including trade-in. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Aldridge, Hellerich and Nolte

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Johnson and Sinclair

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

Landis stated that the Executive Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting.

Kristen Hassebrook from Mueller Robak LLC addressed the Board and highlighted the Legislative Bills and positions before the Board.

Chair Landis reflected on the Salt Creek Floodplain Resiliency Study. Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board relating to the Study.

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on March 9, 2023.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve an agreement for a one-year extension and an additional \$100,000 in additional federal funds from USDA / NRCS for the Little Salt Creek WFPO Plan – Environmental Assessment, pending legal counsel approval. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Johnson and Sinclair

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the transfer of title for the UTV used for Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership activities from the Lower Platte South NRD to the City of Lincoln. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Johnson and Sinclair

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to submit an application to the USDA for 50% cost-share assistance towards the possible purchase of the Oberg / Next to Nine Mile Prairie, LLC Conservation Easement.

Bill Oberg, landowner, and Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answered question of the Board regarding the proposed conservation easement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Nolte, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Hellerich

NOT PRESENT: Baker, Johnson and Sinclair

ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Seacrest stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on March 8, 2023.

Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Coordinator, reviewed the 2022 Groundwater Management Plan Annual Report and answered questions of the Board regarding the Report.

Seacrest reported on the development of a Water Well Permit Study Assistance Program. She said this program may be brought before the Board at a later date.

ITEM 10. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT

Tom Green gave a report on the NARD meeting that he attended and highlighted the proposed budgets for the NARD. He also mentioned the upcoming Basin Tour this summer.

ITEM 11. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was provided.

ITEM 12. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was provided.

ITEM 13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

General Manager Paul Zillig introduced Tom Cowan, the new NRCS District Conservationist for the Lancaster and Cass County NRCS office.

Various memos were provided.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 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 15, 2023 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.

Lisa Lewis, Secretary

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