



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING May 18, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Directors participating were Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum. Eagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Eagan welcomed those in attendance, and the pledge of allegiance was recited. She noted that the public meetings law is posted in the room and that carrying concealed weapons is prohibited at board meetings. 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.

Stacie Sinclair, candidate for Subdistrict #5, introduced herself to the Board.

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Twenty 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 May 5, 2022.

ITEM 3. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' ABSENCES.

Eagan stated that a request for an excused absence was received from Luke Peterson for the February 16, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Landis to approve the request for an excused absence from Luke Peterson for the February 16, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Nolte

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA.

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

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Stevens to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens and Vogel
ABSTAIN: Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

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

Andersen stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 had been distributed. Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Jacobson to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 and publish the for April 2022. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum
ABSTAIN: Stevens
NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

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

Eagan stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on May 5, 2022.

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve for Fiscal Year 2023 an across the board increase of 4.0% for all salaried and part-time employees and an additional \$30,000 for merit and adjustments for changes in duties.

It was moved by Green and seconded by Vogel to amend the motion by striking the 4.0% and replace it with 6.5%

It was moved by B. Johnson and seconded by Green to replace the 6.5% with 10.0% plus the \$30,000 for merit raises as a friendly amendment to the previous amendment.

It was moved by C. Johnson and seconded by Vogel to call the question. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

The friendly amendment to the motion to replace the 6.5% with 10.0% plus the \$30,000 for merit raises failed.

AYE: Green, B. Johnson, Lewis, Schutz, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler and Stevens
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

It was moved by Green and seconded by Vogel to amend the original motion by striking the 4.0% in the original motion and replace it with 6.5%. The motion failed.

AYE: Barrett, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lewis, Schutz, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge, Andersen, Eagan, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler and Stevens
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

The original motion to approve for Fiscal Year 2023 an across the board increase of 4.0% for all salaried and part-time employees and an additional \$30,000 for merit and adjustments for changes in duties was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NOT VOTING: Green and B. Johnson
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

Eagan moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the FY 2023 Operational Agreement with the USDA / NRCS for staffing. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Lewis stated that the Integrated Management Subcommittee met on May 11, 2022.

Lewis moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte River Coalition Interlocal Cooperation Agreement No. 3. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Nolte

Lewis moved the Integrated Management Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Basin Water Management Plan – Second Increment (2022 – 2026) of Plan Implementation.

The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Nolte

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

Seacrest stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on May 12, 2022.

Dick Ehrman, Water Resources Specialist, Paul Zillig, General Manager, and John Mohr with LRE Water answered questions of the Board regarding the 3-Dimensional Hydrogeologic Framework.

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the proposal from LRE Water for development of a 3-Dimensional Hydrogeologic Framework for LPSNRD up to a total project cost of \$416,500, subject to review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Nolte

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Weather Monitoring Station.

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska / Nebraska State Climate Office for a Weather Monitoring Station at Red Cedar Wildlife Management Area and accept the quote of \$18,000 for the installment and 5-year annual operation of the weather station. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Schutz

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Nolte

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors enter into a professional services contract with Midwest Laboratories for the 5-year period of June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2027 for water and soil analysis at the prices given in the attached document, subject to review by legal counsel. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

Seacrest moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement, Release and Waiver with Lylester Ranch, LLC and Fulton Construction, Inc. for the Driveway replacement and access for the Upper Salt 3-A Rehabilitation Project, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: Aldridge
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Hellerich stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on May 11, 2022.

Hellerich moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Upper Big Blue NRD and Lower Platte South NRD. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Upper Big Blue NRD.

Hellerich moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement between Upper Big Blue NRD and Lower Platte South NRD. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Stevens, Vogel and Yoakum
NOT VOTING: Aldridge
NAY: None
NOT PRESENT: Nolte

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

Luke Peterson gave a report of NARD activities highlighting the Basin Tour and upcoming vote on the NARD Budget.

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.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 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 May 18, 2022, 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.

Chelsea Johnson, Secretary

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