



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING November 18, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson. Ruth called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Ruth 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. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone a recording of the meeting can be found on the NRD website. He offered an opportunity for public present to speak to non-agenda items.

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

Fourteen Directors were present upon roll call.

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

Ruth reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on November 5, 2020.

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

Ruth stated that requests for excused absences were received from Karen Amen, Bob Andersen, Vern Barrett, Mike DeKalb, Gary Hellerich, Bruce Johnson and Mark Spangler for the November 18, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Osborn to approve the requests for excused absences from Karen Amen, Bob Andersen, Vern Barrett, Mike DeKalb, Gary Hellerich, Bruce Johnson and Mark Spangler for the November 18, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

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

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

ITEM 5. ADOPTION CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 11b was removed from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Jacobson to approve the following consent agenda motions:

6. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

- a. Approve the Updated Minutes of the September 16, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting.

12. Report of Land Resources Subcommittee and consideration of recommendations:

- a. Consideration of Surface Water Quality Best Management Practices (BMP) cost-share applications.  
"Recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 3 identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$35,000."

Name	County	SEC	TWN	RNG	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
L&W Land	Lancaster	6	9	8	Terraces	\$10,000	
Brad Moser	Lancaster	14	7	5	Terraces	\$15,000	SVL – Olive Creek
Rhonda Bores	Cass	28	12	10	Terraces	\$10,000	
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	

The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

ITEM 6. APPROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES.

Minutes for September and October were included in the approved consent items.

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Steinkruger reported that the Finance & Planning Subcommittee met on November 17, 2020. He stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 had been distributed.

Paul Zillig, General Manager answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Stevens to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 and publish the General Expenditures for October 2020. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Steinkruger stated that four proposals were received for a 2020 – 2021 ¾ ton crew cab gas 4x4 pickup for the maintenance department.

Dealer	Vehicle	Proposal Amount
Anderson Ford (Lincoln)	2021 F-250 Crew Cab	\$19,118
Baxter Dodge (Lincoln)	2021 2500 Crew Cab	\$20,237
Husker Auto (Lincoln)	2021 2500HD Crew Cab	\$20,999
Woodhouse Auto (Plattsmouth)	2021 2500HD Crew Cab	\$21,200

Steinkruger moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee’s recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Andersen Ford of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$19,118 for the purchase of a new 2021 ¾ ton crew cab gas 4x4 pickup with trade in. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Steinkruger stated that five proposals were received for a 2020 – 2021 ¾ ton diesel regular cab 4x4 pickup for the maintenance department with the trade in of a 2014 Ford F-250 pickup.

Dealer	Vehicle	Proposal Amount
Baxter Dodge (Lincoln)	2021 2500 Diesel	\$36,355
Anderson Ford (Lincoln)	2021 F-250 Diesel	\$38,216
Woodhouse Auto (Plattsmouth)	2021 2500HD Diesel	\$38,255
Husker Auto (Lincoln)	2021 2500HD Diesel	\$39,577
Husker Auto (Lincoln)	2020 2500HD Diesel	\$40,999

Steinkruger moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Baxter Dodge of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$36,355 for the purchase of a new 2021 ¾ ton diesel regular cab 4x4 pickup truck. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Steinkruger reported on the natural resources benefits of NRD practices and programs.

#### ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ruth stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on November 12, 2020. David Potter, Assistant General Manager answered questions of the Board and gave an overview the changes made to the Cooperative Agreement with NRCS.

Ruth moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Individual Unfunded Cooperative Agreement between LPSNRD and NRCS, subject additional recommended changes by the District Conservationist and pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Dan Steinkruger gave an update on NRD staffing changes.

Ruth reviewed the procedure for nomination of board officers and the Nebraska Association of Resources District (NARD) Association Director and Alternate Association Director. The voting for these positions will take place at the January Board Meeting after new members are sworn in, but the Operating Policies state that the nomination process starts at the December meeting when the Board Chair appoints a committee to nominate officers and the NARD Association Director and Alternate. In order to get a head start on the process before the busy Holiday Season, Ruth announced his intention to appoint Director Ray Stevens as chair of that nomination subcommittee. He invited directors who want consideration for a nomination to contact Director Stevens, and also to contact Stevens if they do not want consideration.

Ruth also reviewed the General Manager performance evaluation process. He emphasized the need for directors to return the General Manager evaluations that were recently sent to them.

ITEM 9. REPORT OF RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on November 3, 2020.

Paul Zillig, General Manager, answered questions of the Board regarding the resolution for the Rosa Parks Way Trail.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the resolution to construct the Rosa Parks Way Trail, project number ENH-55(164). The motion was approved.

AYE: Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Green stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on November 12, 2020. He stated that six bids were received for the Salt Creek Levee Penetration Repairs.

Contractor	Bid Amount
H.R. Bookstrom Construction	\$230,866
General Excavating	\$268,946
MC Wells Contracting LLC	\$293,798
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.	\$314,850
Pat Thomas Construction, Inc.	\$352,702
Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc.	\$445,214

Paul Zillig, General Manager and Lindy Rogers with FYRA answered questions of the Board.

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the bid from H.R. Bookstrom Construction in the amount of \$230,866 for the Salt Creek Levee Penetration Repairs Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Green moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #1 to the Contract between the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Lower Platte South NRD for the Water Sustainability Fund Grant (WSF No. 5253) for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Ben Higgins with the City of Lincoln and Brian Dunnigan with Olsson gave a presentation on the Salt Creek Flood Plain Resiliency Study.

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Osborn stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on November 10, 2020. He reported that there would be a presentation, possible public hearing and action on the Dwight-Valparaiso-Brainard SMA Allocation probable violation on the Ragusa/Hladik/Hansen property at the December Board Meeting.

Steve Herdzina, Water Resources Compliance Specialist, answered questions of the Board regarding the work to be done by Phoenix Web Group.

Osborn moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the professional services agreement for database improvements with the Phoenix Web Group in the amount not to exceed \$30,800. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

Osborn moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a claim submitted by Stan and Bonnie Litty in the amount of \$1,800 due to delays in construction of the Oak Middle Creek 82-B Rehabilitation Project, dependent upon Litty's agreement to a Release of All Claims, and authorize the General Manager to approve a Release of All Claims, pending legal counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Hellerich, B. Johnson and Spangler

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE LAND RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration of Surface Water Quality Best Management Practices (BMP) cost-share applications was Included in approved consent agenda items.

ITEM 13. REPORT OF NARD REPRESENTATIVE

Milt Schmidt, NARD Representative for Lower Platte South NRD, gave a report on the NARD Annual Report and upcoming activities of the NARD.

ITEM 14. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 15. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were mailed out, including report from District Conservationist.

General Manager Paul Zillig reported on the election results. Newly elected directors Christine Lamberty (Subdistrict #8), Ron Nolte (Subdistrict #2), Lisa Lewis (Subdistrict #9) and John Yoakum (Subdistrict #5) introduced themselves and addressed the Board.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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 November 18, 2020, 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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Donna Reid, Acting Secretary

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