



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING January 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, and Wilson. Stevens called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Stevens 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.

Stevens recognized the newly elected and newly re-elected Directors.

### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Twenty Directors were present upon roll call. DeKalb arrived at 3:00 p.m.

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

Stevens reported that the legal notice for the Directors' Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 5, 2019.

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

Stevens stated that there were no requests for excused absences received.

### ITEM 4. ADOPT TENTATIVE AGENDA

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Osborn to adopt the Tentative Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

ITEM 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Barrett to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

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

Steinkruger stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 had been distributed.

Paul Zillig, General Manager and Kathy Spence, Administrative Assistant, answered questions of the Board regarding the financial reports.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Osborn to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and publish the General Expenditures for December 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NOT VOTING: Green

ABSTAIN: Peterson and Schmidt

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Spangler to publish the expenditures for Directors Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan and Green for December 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

ABSTAIN: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green and Peterson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Andersen to publish the expenditures for Directors Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn and Peterson for December 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Ruth, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, and Wilson

ABSTAIN: Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson and Schutz

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Osborn to publish the expenditures for Directors Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson for December 2018. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis and Osborn

ABSTAIN: Green, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens, and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

ITEM 7. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Wilson stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on January 14, 2019. She stated that Agenda Item 7(a) Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch – Consideration of the appraisal and authorization of negotiations to acquire the Cochran Conservation Easement will be heard in closed session later in the meeting.

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into the right-of-entry agreement with the City of Lincoln and Harlan and Judith Stiefel for the construction of the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

B. Johnson stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on January 15, 2019.

He indicated that two bids were received for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project.

Bidder	Bid Amount
Thiele Geotech, Inc.	\$40,948.00
Olsson, Inc.	\$59,340.00

B. Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the geotechnical services unit price bids from Thiel Geotech, Inc. in the amount of \$40,948.00 for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

General Manager Paul Zillig answered questions of the Board regarding the Engineering Services Agreement.

B. Johnson moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with Intuition & Logic for additional services pertaining to permitting and construction services for the South Salt Creek Master Plan Projects #3 & #4 in the amount not to exceed \$37,400.00, subject to legal counsel approval. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

ITEM 9. REPORT OF NOMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF NRD OFFICERS AND NARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

Landis stated that the Nominating Subcommittee submitted the following slate of nominees for NRD officers and NARD Representative and Alternate for 2019

Chair	Larry Ruth
Vice-Chair	Deborah Eagan
Treasurer	Dan Steinkruger
Secretary	Bruce Johnson
NARD Representative	Milt Schmidt
NARD Alternate	Sarah Wilson

Chair Stevens conducted the election for the office of Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Ruth for Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Ruth to cease nominations for the position of Chair. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson  
NAY: None  
NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

Ruth was elected Chair on a secret ballot receiving 20 votes with 1 absent.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Vice-Chair. The subcommittee nomination of Eagan for Vice-Chair was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Landis to cease nominations for the position of Vice Chair. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson  
NAY: None  
NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

Eagan was elected Chair on a secret ballot receiving 20 votes with 1 absent.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Treasurer. The subcommittee nomination of Steinkruger for Treasurer was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Andersen to cease nominations for the position of Treasurer. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson  
NAY: None  
NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

Steinkruger was elected Treasurer on a secret ballot receiving 20 votes with 1 absent.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of Secretary. The subcommittee nomination of B. Johnson for Secretary was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

It was moved by Osborn and seconded by Landis to cease nominations for the position of Secretary. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: B. Johnson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

B. Johnson was elected Secretary on a secret ballot receiving 19 votes with 1 not voting and 1 absent. Stevens conducted the election for the office of NARD Representative. The subcommittee nomination of Schmidt for NARD Representative was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Spangler to cease nominations for the position of NARD Representative. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and DeKalb

Schmidt was elected NARD Representative on a secret ballot receiving 20 votes with 1 absent.

Stevens conducted the election for the office of NARD Alternate. The subcommittee nomination of Wilson for NARD Alternate was placed on the floor. No other nominations were submitted.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Spangler to cease nominations for the position of NARD Alternate. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

Wilson was elected NARD Alternate on a secret ballot receiving 20 votes with 1 absent.

Stevens stated that Item 9(b) would not be necessary as Treasurer Steinkruger was elected to a second term.

ITEM 10. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION.

It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Landis to go into closed session at 2:52 p.m. to protect the public interest and develop strategy with respect to negotiations related to the acquisition of the Cochran Conservation Easement for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: Spangler

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Landis to return to open session at 3:31 p.m. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: Aldridge and Spangler

NOT PRESENT: None

Wilson moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approved the appraised value and authorize District staff to negotiate and acquire the conservation easement in accordance with Jacobson's guidance. The motion was approved.

AYE: Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Green, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson

NAY: Hellerich and Osborn

NOT PRESENT: None

ITEM 11. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 12. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.

ITEM 13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Various memos were mailed out.

Milt Schmidt gave a report of NARD activities.

Newly Elected Chair Larry Ruth addressed the Board and presented a gavel to Outgoing Chair Stevens.

Stevens addressed the Board.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 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 January 16, 2019, 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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Deborah Eagan, Secretary

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