



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH

## natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING June 19, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors present were Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, Jacobson, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger and Wilson. Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Nineteen 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 June 6, 2019.

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

Ruth stated that requests for excused absences were received from Mike DeKalb and Ray Stevens for the June 19, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Peterson to approve the requests for excused absences from Mike DeKalb and Ray Stevens for the June 19, 2019 Lower Platte South NRD 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

ITEM 4. ADOPT REVISED AGENDA

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Landis to adopt the Revised 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Al Langdale recognized Bryce Jensen, Operation/Maintenance Technician, for 5 years to service to the District and Larry Ruth recognized Paul Zillig, General Manager, for 40 years of service to the District.

ITEM 6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Hellerich to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 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, Steinkruger and Wilson

ABSTAIN: Spangler

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

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

General Manager Paul Zillig presented Draft #1 FY 2020 Budget to the Board of Directors.

Steinkruger stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 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 Steinkruger and seconded by Andersen to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 and publish the General Expenditures for May 2019. The motion was approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Schmidt and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Steinkruger moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve moving \$40,000 from budget code 730200 Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch to 447066 Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Operation & Maintenance. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

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

Schutz stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee met on June 11, 2019.

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Theisen Construction, Inc. to inspect and provide reports on 31 bridges located in the conservation corridors of the MoPac East, Oak Creek and Homestead Trails at a cost not to exceed \$17,515.00. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry Program application from the Raymond Rural Fire District to plant 54 trees with the District's share not to exceed \$2,865.95. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Schutz stated that proposals were solicited to remove and replace fence at the City of Lincoln's Petersen / Bobcat II property and two proposals were received.

Contractor	Bid
Dresen Contracting, LLC	\$7,033.75
Goracke Contracting, LLC	\$7,740.00

Schutz moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Dresen Contracting, LLC to replace and build 2,225 feet of fence at Petersen / Bobcat II for a cost not to exceed \$7,033.75. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

ITEM 9 REPORT OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Osborn stated that the Information & Education Subcommittee met just prior to the Board Meeting.

Osborn moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation for the Pioneer Park Nature Center School Tour Program for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per fiscal year and authorize the General Manager to sign one year renewal for up to two additional years, the length of term remaining on the original MOU. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Osborn moved the Information & Education Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve Renew of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation for the Pioneer Park Nature Center Prairie Immersion Program for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 per fiscal year and authorize the General Manager to sign one year renewals for up to two additional years, the length of term remaining on the original MOU. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

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

Ruth stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on June 6, 2019 (no quorum present), June 13, 2019 and June 18, 2019. Ruth stated that Item 10(b) would be heard later in the meeting during closed session.

Ruth moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts for Technical Assistance. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: C. Johnson, DeKalb and Stevens

ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacobson stated that the Platte River Subcommittee met on June 12, 2019.

Jacobson moved the Platte River Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Water Quality Management Plan. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

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

Hellerich reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee met on June 18, 2019.

Hellerich moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte South NRD Water Quality Management Plan. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Hellerich reported that four cost-share applications for installing water quality improvement practices were received for the NRD's Summer Conservation Program. David Potter, Assistant General Manager, answered questions of the Board.

Name	County	Type	Amount
Cindy & Robert Arias	Lancaster	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Orville Pearson	Seward	Terraces (SVL – Targeted)	\$11,796.00
Josh Capp	Cass	Terraces	\$15,000.00
Landon Farms, Inc.	Cass	Terraces	\$15,000.00
		TOTAL	\$56,796.00

Hellerich moved the Land Resources Subcommittees recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the four identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$56,796. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Hellerich moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the modifications to the NRD Cover Crop Program. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

ITEM 13. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Andersen stated that the Water Resources Subcommittee met on June 18, 2019.

Andersen moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Notice of Grant & Agreement Award and Amendment No. 3 for the Upper Salt Site 3A Project Agreement. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Andersen moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the Oak-Middle 82-B Watershed Rehabilitation Project Agreement, pending legal counsel review. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

Andersen moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the Wetland Mitigation Easement for the Oak-Middle 82-B Wetland Mitigation Area from Robert & Ramona Kunasek of Bee, NE. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

ITEM 14. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSED SESSION.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Osborn to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. to protect the public interest and as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1401(d) to evaluate the job performance of the General Manager and prevent needless injury to the reputation of such person and to discuss whether to offer such person an Employment Contract. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: Aldridge

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb, Jacobson and Stevens

It was moved by Osborn and seconded by Schmidt to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Barrett, DeKalb and Stevens

Ruth moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve an Employment Agreement with the General Manager effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. 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 and Wilson

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: DeKalb and Stevens

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.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 June 19, 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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Bruce Johnson, Secretary

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