



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EMERGENCY MEETING March 19, 2020

**The COVID-19 Pandemic raises severe public health consequences which necessitate limiting travel and public meetings resulting in the cancellation of the regular board meeting and the convening of an Emergency Board Meeting by teleconference to consider emergency items only.**

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met via teleconference on Wednesday, March 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., initiated at the Lower Platte South NRD office, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. Directors participating were Aldridge, Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, C. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Peterson, Ruth, Schmidt, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger, Stevens and Wilson. Ruth called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Ruth 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 will be on the NRD website.

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

Twenty Directors were present upon roll call.

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

Ruth reported that notice of the regularly scheduled Board meeting was publicized in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 5, 2020. That regularly scheduled Board meeting was cancelled and the emergency Board meeting was scheduled for the same time, notice of the emergency Board meeting was posted on the front door of the office beginning March 16, 2020, posted on the NRD Website starting March 16, 2020, posted on Facebook on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and on Instagram on March 16, 2020.

#### ITEM 3. ADOPT TENTATIVE AGENDA

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by C. Johnson to adopt the Tentative Agenda. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

#### ITEM 4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Steinkruger stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 had been distributed.

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

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Osborn to approve the financial reports for the period of July 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 and publish the General Expenditures for February 2020. The motion was approved.

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

NOT VOTING: Aldridge

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

ITEM 5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ruth stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on March 11, 2020 and March 17, 2020. Paul Zillig, General Manager, and Steve Seglin, Legal Counsel, answered questions of the Board.

It was moved by Ruth and seconded by Amen that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager authority to change office hours at any time for any reason. There was a friendly amendment to add "thru May 31, 2020"

It was moved by Ruth and seconded by C. Johnson to authorize the General Manager authority to change office hours at any time for any reason thru May 31, 2020. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

The Board discussed the subcommittee motion to grant temporary leave. There was a friendly amendment to add "thru May 31, 2020". It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Steinkruger that the Board of Directors grant authority to the General Manager to grant temporary leave from job assignment as necessary to respond to emergency conditions, with pay and benefits, thru May 31, 2020. The motion was approved

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

NAY: None

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

It was moved by Osborn and seconded by Green that the Board of Directors delegate authority to the General Manager to approve, with the concurrence of the Chair, those non-emergency items that would normally require Board action in order to continue with the business of the District during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Osborn agreed to withdraw the motion, agreed to by Green. The motion was withdrawn.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by DeKalb that the Board of Directors delegate authority to the General Manager to approve, with the concurrence of the Chair, those non-emergency action items appearing on the March Board Meeting Agenda.

DeKalb called the question. The motion was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Hellerich, B. Johnson, Landis, Osborn, Ruth, Schmidt, Steinkruger and Stevens

NAY: Aldridge, Green, C. Johnson, Peterson, Schutz, Spangler and Wilson.

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

The original motion to delegate authority to the General Manager to approve, with the concurrence of the Chair, those non-emergency action items appearing on the March Board Meeting Agenda was approved.

AYE: Amen, Andersen, Barrett, DeKalb, Eagan, Green, Hellerich, B. Johnson, Landis, Ruth, Schmidt and Stevens

NAY: Aldridge, C. Johnson, Osborn, Peterson, Schutz, Spangler, Steinkruger and Wilson

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson

It was moved by C. Johnson and seconded by Schmidt that Finance & Planning Subcommittee Action Item 7c be removed from the General Manager's authority to approve and be voted on by the Board of Directors at the April, 2020 Board meeting. The motion was approved.

Osborn left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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

NAY: Aldridge, B. Johnson and Ruth.

NOT PRESENT: Jacobson and Osborn

Aldridge left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Stevens that the Board of Directors recommend that while the intent is for Directors to attend meetings in person, in case of where Board or Subcommittee Meetings are held via teleconference or video-conferencing during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Directors approve allowing Directors to vote remotely and receive per diem for participating in their assigned meetings. The motion was approved.

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

NAY: C. Johnson, Spangler and Stevens

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Jacobson and Osborn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 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 emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held via teleconference on March 19, 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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Bruce Johnson, Secretary

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