



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District met at the Lower Platte South NRD Office on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Directors participating were Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum. Andersen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Andersen 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 and on District property. He requested all cell phones be put on silent mode. He reminded everyone a recording of the meeting will be on the NRD website. Andersen requested anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item to provide their name on the sign-in sheet and which agenda item they wished to speak on. An opportunity for the public to speak to non-agenda items was given.

#### ITEM 1. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Eighteen Directors were present upon roll call. Ruth arrived after roll call.

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

Andersen reported that the legal notice of the Board Meeting was published on September 5, 2025 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Lincoln Journal Star & Nebraska Press Association Websites.

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

Andersen stated that requests for excused absences were received from Gary Aldridge and Suzanne Mealer for the September 17 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Lamberty to approve the requests for excused absences from Gary Aldridge and Suzanne Mealer for the September 17, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

ITEM 4. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Seacrest to adopt the Revised Agenda. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Landis to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Eagan

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

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

Lewis stated that the financial reports for the period July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 had been distributed.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Yoakum to approve the financial reports for July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 and publish the expenditures for August, 2025. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

Lewis stated that the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on September 10, 2025.

Lewis moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the FY2026 Property Tax Resolution establishing a property tax request of \$12,289,341.41 and setting the property tax levy at \$0.022999 and have Chair Andersen sign the Resolution. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

Lewis moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the FY2026 – 2030 Long Range Implementation Plan. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

Assistant General Manager David Potter thanked staff for their work on the FY2026 – 2030 Long Range Implementation Plan.

Lewis moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a \$822.50 budget overrun in GL code 471502 and move funds from the cash reserve. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

Lewis moved the Finance and Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a \$2,500.00 budget overrun in GL code 770226 and move funds from the cash reserve. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Ruth

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

Andersen stated that the Executive Subcommittee met on September 11, 2025.

Andersen announced that Director Seth Hawkins has submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors. He stated that Director Hawkins is moving out of the District. Anderson reported that Hawkins' resignation is effective September 17, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the resignation of Seth Hawkins from the Board effective September 17, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. and declare a vacancy on the Board effective September 18, 2025 and move forward with filling the position.

Hawkins addressed the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hawkins

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the 2026 Individual Unfunded Cooperative Agreement between Lower Platte South NRD and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Tom Cowan, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service addressed the Board. He outlined the importance of having Lower Platte South NRD in their offices.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

David Potter was excused from the meeting.

Andersen moved the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Lower Platte South NRD General Manager Employment Agreement with David Potter.

Corey Wasserberger, Legal Counsel, answered questions of the Board regarding the Employment Agreement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

David Potter returned to the meeting. He addressed the Board and thanked them for this opportunity.

ITEM 7.5. REPORT OF THE URBAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Landis stated that the Urban Subcommittee met on September 15, 2025.

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program request for the Construction Phase of Weeping Water Creek Bank Stabilization Project at a cost-share amount of 50% of the total eligible costs, not to exceed \$50,217.50.

Travis Figard, with E & A Consulting Group, answered questions of the Board regarding the project. Mike Barrett, Mayor of Weeping Water, thanked the Board for their assistance with this project.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Hellerich

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with E & A Consulting Group for the 52<sup>nd</sup> and Nebraska Parkway Beal Slough Bank Stabilization Project for \$25,800.00, pending Legal Counsel review. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Peterson

Landis stated that two bids were received for the Oak Creek Drainage Structure Project.

Contractor	Bid
MC Wells Contracting LLC	\$147,239.00
Constructors, Inc.	\$162,704.11

Landis moved the Urban Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from MC Wells Contracting LLC for the Oak Creek Drainage Structure Rehabilitation in the amount of \$147,239.00.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, Bryce Jensen, Land & Flood Operations Coordinator, and Chris Furman, Houston Engineering, answered questions of the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Eagan, Green, Hawkins, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Baker, Hassebrook, Hellerich and Schutz

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

ITEM 8. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, FORESTRY & WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE AND  
CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Hawkins stated that the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife subcommittee met on September 11, 2025.

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize the Assistant General Manager to sign a cooperative agreement with Audubon for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project, pending Legal Counsel review.

Corey Wasserberger, Legal Counsel, answered questions of the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the request of Tina Holmes and Ralph Belter to build a home in the allowed area described in the Sabatka Conservation Easement, subject to amending the language in the easement to allow such conditions.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Hassebrook to amend the motion by removing the language following the word "Directors" and replacing it with "approve the amendment to the Sabatka conservation easement and allow the current owner, Ralph Belter, to construct a single residence within the allowed buildable area".

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, and Corey Wasserberger, Legal Counsel, answered questions of the Board regarding the conservation easement.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: Hawkins, Hellerich, Peterson and Spangler

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

The amended motion to approve the amendment to the Sabatka conservation easement and allow the current owner, Ralph Belter, to construct a single residence within the allowed buildable area was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum  
NAY: Hawkins, Hellerich, Peterson and Spangler  
ABSTAIN: None  
NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors waive Operating Policy G-5 Competitive Bidding and authorize the Assistant General Manager to sign an agreement with Theisen Construction, Inc. for visual inspections of timber bridges on the MoPac, Homestead and Oak Creek Trail.

David Potter, Assistant General Manager, and Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator, answers questions of the Board.

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

Hawkins stated that three bids were received for the Timber Point Grassland Improvement Project.

Contractor	Bid
Morrissey Enterprises	\$20,150.00
Midwest Tree Cutters	\$38,750.00
Nebraska Tool Land Management Bid	\$66,650.00

Hawkins moved the Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$20,150.00 submitted by Morrissey Enterprises for the grassland improvement project on Timber Point WMA. The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Spangler, Vogel and Yoakum  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
NOT PRESENT: Aldridge and Mealer

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

Vogel stated that the Land Resources Subcommittee did not meet prior to the Board meeting. He reported that six cost-share applications have been received for installing water quality improvement practices for the NRD's Fall Conservation Program.

It was moved by Vogel and seconded by Yoakum that the Board of Directors approve the six identified cost-share applications totaling an amount of \$78,509.00.

Applicant	SEC	TWN	RNG	County	Practice	Amount	Targeted Area
Ardath Hartmann	9	10	14	Seward	Terraces	\$20,830.00	Twin Lakes
Bonnie Barrett Trust	32	10	13	Cass	Terraces	\$12,354.00	
Matt Zoz	15	11	9	Cass	Terraces / Grassed Waterways	\$7,892.00	
George Mills, Jr.	19	11	11	Cass	Terraces / Grassed Waterways	\$15,000.00	
Angeline Meyer	24	11	11	Cass	Terraces / Grassed Waterways	\$15,000.00	
James Bender	24	11	11	Cass	Terraces / Grassed Waterways	\$7,433.00	
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$78,509.00</b>	

The motion was approved.

AYE: Andersen, Baker, Eagan, Green, Hassebrook, Hawkins, Hellerich, Jacobson, Lamberty, Landis, Lewis, Matejka, Peterson, Ruth, Schutz, Seacrest, Vogel and Yoakum

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT PRESENT: Aldridge, Mealer and Spangler

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

John Yoakum reported that the NARD Annual Conference is scheduled for September 28 - 30, 2025 and, urged Directors to attend.

ITEM 12. REPORT FROM MUELLER ROBAK LLC

Kristen Hassebrook from Mueller Robak LLC gave a report to the Board on the upcoming Legislative session and Interim Studies being heard by the Legislature.

ITEM 13. PERMIT AND PROGRAM APPROVALS

A report of permit and program approvals was distributed.

ITEM 14. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A schedule of upcoming events and activities was mailed out.



ITEM 15. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Various memos were mailed out.

Chair Andersen thanked Director Hawkins for his service to the District and wished him luck in his future endeavors

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 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 September 17, 2025 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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Christine Lamberty, Secretary