

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 7
OF
PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska, was convened in accordance with Executive Order No. 20-03 at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the Columbus Housing Authority-Community Room, 2554 40th Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska. Trustees present at the meeting were: Jerome Slusarski, Doug Brackhan, Aaron Kosch, Christopher Hutchinson and Kevin McCright. Trustees Absent: none. Other interested parties present: none.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the *Columbus Telegram* on April 13, 2023, a copy of the Proof of Publication being attached to these minutes. The availability of the Agenda was communicated in the published notice and in the Notice to the Trustees of this meeting. All of the subjects addressed at this meeting were contained in the Agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, which Agenda was kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the address listed in the meeting notice. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. A current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during the meeting in the meeting area and all in attendance at the meeting were informed of the location of such copy. At least one copy of all resolutions and other reproducible written materials, for which actions are shown in said proceedings, was made available for examination and copying by members of the public at the meeting.

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies that these minutes were written and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the date of said meeting.

Following roll call, the Chairman directed the Board's attention to Item No. 2 on the agenda, pertaining to discussion and approval of the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Kosch and seconded by Trustee Hutchinson, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska approve the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, McCright, Hutchinson and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolution was duly carried and adopted.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 3 on the agenda, pertaining to discussion and financial review of the District's accounts. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee McCright and seconded by Trustee Hutchinson, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska approve adding a cash flow statement to the financial reports.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, McCright, Hutchinson and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolution was duly carried and adopted.

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The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 4 on the agenda, pertaining to payment of outstanding bills on file and bills presented during the meeting. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Hutchinson and seconded by Trustee Slusarski, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska, that the Chairman and Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and deliver **General Fund** Warrant No. 715 dated today's date, to the following payees and in the following amounts:

- A. General Fund Warrant No. 715 in the sum of Fourteen and 10/100's Dollars (\$14.10), payable to the Columbus Telegram for payment of advertising services.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Hutchinson, McCright, and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolution was duly carried and adopted.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 5 on the agenda, pertaining to the review of existing preapproved spending accounts. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Hutchinson and seconded by Trustee Kosch, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska pre-approve payments up to Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100's Dollars (\$250.00), payable to Loup Power District for utility services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska pre-approve payments up to Five Hundred and 00/100's Dollars (\$500.00) for mowing services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska pre-approve payments up to Five Hundred and 00/100's Dollars (\$500.00) for the phone services and maintenance of the lift station.

On roll call for the foregoing resolutions, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Hutchinson, McCright, and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolutions were duly carried and adopted.

Guests Shannon Ramaekers from SA Lawncare and Rich Kush from Kush Brothers, Inc arrived at 9:00 a.m.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 10 on the agenda, pertaining to the potential solution for windmill grass and decide on a plan. An extended discussion with Shannon and Rich about the condition and causes of degradation of the turf on the levee, which allows for the invasion of

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weeds and windmill grass. The two major causes are lack of moisture and mowing the grass too often and too short which does not allow good grasses to reseed. Per Rich Kush, fescue grass grows thicker than brome and has a deeper root system. The county is switching from brome to fescue. A strong growth of fescue or brome will smother out weeds and windmill grass. Based on input from Shannon and Rich, a potential plan was developed to correct the problems as follows:

- A. Find a way to supply water to mowed areas of the levee.
- B. Mow and apply a pre-emergence to the mowed areas on west, north and east sides of the levee asap to prevent some weeds from germinating. Mowing and necessary maintenance will still occur as needed on the south levee. However, on the south levee we will wait to begin with reseeding with fescue, regular fertilization and watering until additional house construction and sand removal is complete.
- C. Plant fescue grass on the west and north areas before May 1. The east side seems to have a good growth of brome as is.
- D. Fertilize the west, north and east sides and water daily for 10 days (if no rain) to enhance germination. After germination water as needed to sustain growth.
- E. Apply additional pre-emergence and weed killer in June as the ground temperature rises to help prevent the emergence of windmill grass and kill weeds that have sprouted.
- F. No mowing by our contract mower or by residents for the entire summer on the west, north and east sides of the levee to allow for natural reseeding to occur. Mow once in the fall after all reseeding has occurred.

Action items:

Trustees Slusarski & McCright: Measure the square footage of the areas to be treated.

Trustee Kosch: Talk to Frank Vitek about possible watering equipment from the Co-op

Trustee Hutchinson: Talk to Gehring Concrete and some farmers about watering equipment

Trustee Brackhan: Talk to the city and county about water supplies and equipment. Check on drawing water from the lake by the boat ramp.

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Hutchinson and seconded by Trustee Slusarski, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska pre-approve an additional \$10,000 to the

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previous \$10,000 that was approved at the January meeting for levee improvements to include the initial mowing, pre-emergence and weed killer applications, reseeding, fertilizing and water applications.

On roll call for the foregoing resolutions, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Hutchinson, McCright, and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolutions were duly carried and adopted.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 6 on the agenda, pertaining to approval of the semi-annual payment to NDEQ on loan #C317980. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Hutchinson and seconded by Trustee McCright, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska, that the Chairman and Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and deliver **Sewer Force Main Replacement Fund** Warrant No. 68 in the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Thirty Four and 24/100's Dollars (\$24,034.24), payable to Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for payment of semi-annual interest and principal payment on loan #C317980 due June 15, 2023.

On roll call for the foregoing resolutions, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Hutchinson, McCright, and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolutions were duly carried and adopted.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 7 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the LARM contract for September renewal. After discussion the LARM documents were given to Trustee Kosch for review and recommendations at our next meeting.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 8 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the levee inspection, storm drain cleaning and exercising the sewer line shutoff valves. Trustee Slusarski and Trustee McCright were asked to review the levee maintenance manuals for inspection and documentation requirements and to perform the exercises at a convenient date.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 9 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the status of reseeding bare spots on the levee & levee repair. Reseeding on the bare spots and rodent hole repair were accomplished on March 25th. It appears that grass has germinated in some areas but not in others. Lack of rain has not helped. We may need to try again if germination fails in those areas.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 11 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing flood gate seal replacement and installation training. Trustee Brackhan contacted the company that supplies the rubber seals and was advised that the adhesive backed vertical seals for the posts and end channels need to be applied at temperatures above 50 degrees. Flood gate training and vertical seal application will be scheduled in the fall before flood season while it is still warm.

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The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 12 on the agenda, pertaining to the lift station emergency generator and bypass pump options and quotes. Quotes were reviewed for a propane powered generator and a diesel powered bypass pump. Both seemed too expensive so more research will be done.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 13 on the agenda, pertaining to the lift station pump over temp sensor cable repair. Trustee Brackhan will try to schedule a date when at least four board members and a tech from Otte Electric can be available to pull pumps and repair the cables. Tuesday or Wednesday mornings may work the best.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 14 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the latest quote to repair the spare pump and decide on whether to repair or replace. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Hutchinson and seconded by Trustee Kosch, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska approved to having the spare pump repaired.


On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Hutchinson, McCright, and Slusarski. Voting Nay thereon were the following Trustees: None. The Chairman then declared said resolution was duly carried and adopted.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 15 on the agenda, pertaining to the application for credit and rental agreement with Sunbelt Rentals. This item was tabled until the next meeting due to time restrictions.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 16 on the agenda, pertaining to adding an alternate point of contact for Nebraska 811. This item was tabled until the next meeting due to time restrictions.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 17 on the agenda, pertaining to miscellaneous comments. The board members were reminded that if they get a call from the lift station and are available to go see what the problem is they should dial 555 to acknowledge the alarm. If they are not available, they should just hang up so the system can call the next board member on the list. In either case, they should immediately call other board members to help.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion for adjournment was duly moved by Trustee Slusarski and seconded by Trustee McCright, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Aaron Kosch, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned being Clerk of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska, hereby certifies that Notice of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of said District held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the Columbus Housing Authority-Community Room, 2554 40th Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska, was given to the City Clerk of Columbus, Nebraska at least seven days prior to the date of said meeting.

The undersigned further certifies that the agenda for said meeting of the Board of Trustees of said District was prepared and available for public inspection at the address designated in the notice of meeting published in The Columbus Telegram on April 13, 2023, and that no items were added to the agenda after the commencement of the meeting; and further, that the minutes for the meeting were available for public inspection within ten (10) days of the date of said meeting and that a copy of the minutes of this meeting were sent to the City Clerk of Columbus, Nebraska within thirty days from the date of this meeting.

Dated this 4 day of May, 2023.



Aaron Kosch, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certify that they are the Chairperson and Clerk of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska, (the "District) and hereby further certify as follows:

1. Annexed to this certificate is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the District relating to a meeting of said District held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the time reflected in the meeting minutes contained in said foregoing transcript (the "Meeting"). All of the proceedings of the District and of the Board of Trustees thereof which are set out in the annexed and foregoing transcript have been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings of the District and the undersigned District Clerk has carefully compared the annexed and foregoing transcript with said journal and with the records and files of the District which are in such Clerk's official custody and said transcript is a full, true and complete copy of said journal, records and files which are set out therein.
2. Advance notice for the Meeting was given by publication as set forth in the affidavit of publication contained in the foregoing transcript and was mailed to the Clerk of the municipality or county within whose zoning jurisdiction the District is located at least seven days prior to the date of the Meeting. Advance notice for the Meeting, including notice of agenda subjects, was given to all members of the Board of Trustees. All news media requesting notification of meetings were provided with advance notice of the times and places of such meetings and the subjects to be discussed.
3. All of the subjects addressed at the Meeting were contained in the agenda for the Meeting, which agenda was kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the address listed in the meeting notice for the Meeting and a copy of which is attached to this Certificate; such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting and each agenda item was sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the Meeting.
4. A current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posed during the Meeting in the room in which such Meeting was held and all in attendance at the Meeting were informed that such copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and were informed of the location of such copy in the room in which such Meeting was being held. At least one copy of all resolutions and other reproducible written materials, for which actions are shown in said proceedings, was made available for examination and copying by members of the public at the Meeting.
5. The minutes of the Meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the Meeting or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurred earlier, at the office of the District; within thirty (30) days after the date of the Meeting, a copy of the minutes of the Meeting was sent to the Clerk of the municipality or county within whose zoning jurisdiction the District is located.
6. No litigation is now pending or threatened to restrain or enjoin the District from the issuance and delivery of any warrants or other obligations issued by the District or the levy and

collection of tax or other revenues or relating to any of the improvements for which any such warrants or other obligations were or are issued nor in any manner questioning the proceedings and authority under which any such warrants or other obligations were or are issued or affecting the validity thereof; neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the District nor the title of its present officers to their respective offices is being contested; no authority or proceedings for the issuance of any warrants or other obligations by the District have been repealed, revoked or rescinded as of the date hereof. All actions taken by the Board of Trustees referred to in said transcript were taken at a public meeting while open to the attendance of the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our official signatures this 4 day of May, 2023.

Doug Brackhan 5-5-23
Doug Brackhan, Chairman of the District

Aaron Kosch
Aaron Kosch, Clerk of the District