

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 7  
OF  
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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 Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the Columbus Housing Authority-Community Room, 2554 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska. Trustees present at the meeting were: Jerome Slusarski, Doug Brackhan, Aaron Kosch, and Kevin McCright. Trustees Absent: Christopher Hutchinson and Jim Peterson, new Trustee. Other interested parties present: Reed Grandgenett, new Trustee; Jenny Reppert, Platte County Treasurer; Adam Elm and Macklin Schwartz, Accountants for Schumacher, Smejkal & Elm, P.C.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the *Columbus Telegram* on September 5, 2024, 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 offices of Schumacher, Smejkal & Elm P.C., 3403 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Nebraska.. 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. 1 on the agenda, pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed budget and adoption thereof. The Chairman declared the hearing open to the public at 8:31 a.m. Appearances for the purpose of the hearing were those persons listed as present at the beginning of these minutes. The Trustees discussed the budget as published.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 2 on the agenda. The discussion covered the topics required by LB 148. There being no further discussion pertaining to the proposed 2024-2025 budget, the budget hearing closed at 8:48 a.m. Moved by Trustee McCright and seconded by Trustee Slusarski.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 3 on the agenda, pertaining to the hearing on the property tax request of the District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year based upon the proposed budget. The Chairman declared the hearing open to the public at 8:48 a.m. Appearances for the purpose of the property tax request were those persons listed as present at the beginning of these minutes. The Trustees discussed the tax request as published.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 4 on the agenda. There being no further discussion pertaining to the 2024-2025 property tax request, the special hearing closed at 8:49 a.m. Moved by trustee Brackhan and seconded by Trustee Kosch.

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The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 5 on the agenda. The Chairman called the regular meeting of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska to order and open for public comment at 8:50 a.m.

Following roll call, the Chairman directed the Board's attention to item No. 6 on the agenda, pertaining to the discussion and election of new trustee officers for the 2024-2026. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee McCright 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 motioned for Trustee Brackhan as chairman.

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

Still pertaining to item No. 6 on the agenda, pertaining to the discussion and election of new trustee officers for the 2024-2026 term. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Brackhan 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 motioned for Trustee Grandgenett as clerk.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Slusarski, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 7 on the agenda, pertaining to discussion and approval of the April 16, 2024 meeting minutes. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Kosch 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 approve the April 16, 2024 meeting minutes.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Slusarski, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 8 on the agenda, pertaining to discussion and financial review of the District's accounts. Discussion was held regarding this item. No action was taken at this time.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 9 on the agenda, pertaining to the approval and adoption of the proposed 2024-2025 budget. After full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Slusarski and seconded by Trustee Kosch, to-wit:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 of Platte County, Nebraska approve and adopt the proposed 2024-2025 budget as presented.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Slusarski, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 10 on the agenda, pertaining to approval of the District's 2024-2025 property tax request. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee McCright and seconded by Trustee Slusarski, to wit:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of the Sanitary and Improvement District #7 in Platte County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Trustees of the Sanitary and Improvement District #7 in Platte County, Nebraska, by a majority vote, resolves that:

- a) The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$ 36,700.00
Sewer Force Main Replacement Fund	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total Tax Request	<u>\$ 86,700.00</u>

- b) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 20.85%.
- c) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.166223 per \$100 of assessed value.
- d) The Sanitary and Improvement District #7 in Platte County, Nebraska proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.128445 per \$100 of assessed value.
- e) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Sanitary and Improvement District #7 in Platte County, Nebraska increased by 5.74%.

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- f) A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Slusarski, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 11 on the agenda, pertaining to discussion and approval of an additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority. After full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Kosch 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 will approve an additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Slusarski, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 12 on the agenda, pertaining to discussion and approval of using the adopted 2024-2025 budget as the audit waiver. After full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Kosch 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 approve the use of the adopted 2024-2025 budget as the District's audit waiver.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, Slusarski, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 13 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 Slusarski 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 **General Fund** Warrant Nos. 741 dated today's date, to the following payees and in the following amounts:

- A. General Fund Warrant No. 798 in the sum of Fourteen and 10/100's Dollars (\$14.10), payable to the Columbus Telegram for payment of advertising services.

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- B. General Fund Warrant No. 799 in the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred eight and 75/100's Dollars (\$2,208.75), payable to Walker Foundation for payment of repairing cracked corners of flood wall.
- C. General Fund Warrant No. 800 in the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and 00/100's Dollars (\$1,616.00), payable to Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple Bartell & Henderson for legal services.
- D. General Fund Warrant No. 801 in the sum of Sixteen and 00/100's Dollars (\$16.00), payable to Platte County Register of Deeds for filing Statement Pursuant.

On roll call for the foregoing resolution, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Slusarski, Kosch, McCright, and Grandgenett. 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. 14 on the agenda, pertaining to the changes to the Frontier bill. Conversion to Spectrum would have required installing a new cable line from the utility box located between lots 21 & 22, boring under the street, installing a box on the levee, and boring another line to the lift station control box. Alternatively, we were able to negotiate a new rate from Frontier which dropped the monthly bill about \$30. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Brackhan 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 continue to keep Frontier as the telephone supplier for the lift station.

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

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 15 on the agenda, pertaining to the review of existing preapproved spending accounts. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Kosch 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 pre-approve payments up to Five Hundred and 00/100's Dollars (\$500.00), 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 the phone services and maintenance of the lift station.

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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 Two Thousand and 00/100's Dollars (\$2,000.00) 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 Four Thousand and 00/100's Dollars (\$4,000.00) for snow removal 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 Four Thousand and 00/100's Dollars (\$4,000.00) for CPA services.

The pre-approved accounts for the new alarm horn and storm drain repair were closed.

On roll call for the foregoing resolutions, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, McCright, Grandgenett, 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. 16 on the agenda, pertaining to the approval of Johnson Trucking for snow removal. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Slusarski 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 Johnson Trucking for snow removal.

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

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 17 on the agenda, pertaining to the discussion and approval of the NDEQ December payment. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee McCright 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 **Sewer Force Main Replacement Fund** Warrant No. 71 in the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 60/100's Dollars (\$23,760.60), payable to Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for payment of semi-annual interest and principal payment on loan #C317980 due December 15, 2024.

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

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The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 18 on the agenda, pertaining to the reviewing the LARM insurance to update to add lift station fence to the contract as approved in the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. After a full discussion, the following resolution was moved by Trustee Kosch 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 approved of the renewal and adding the lift station fence to the contract.

On roll call for the foregoing resolutions, the following Trustees voted Aye: Brackhan, Kosch, McCright, Grandgenett, 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. 19 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the project to repair the flood wall at the lake entrance. The project is completed.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 20 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the levee inspection, storm drain cleaning and exercising the sewer line shut off valves. Kevin and Jerry need to set dates for the inspections.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to item No. 21 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the project to resurface the top of the southeast section of the levee where excess sand has blown in. This will be discussed further next year.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to item No. 22 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the project to repair the storm drain in Eagle Lane. The project is completed.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to item No. 23 on the agenda, pertaining to reviewing the project to install silt fences on open lots. Fences were installed on open lots.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to item No. 24 on the agenda, pertaining to discussing the need for mowing, reseeding, fertilizing and street sweeping, approved previously. Kevin will try to find resources and advice for mowing, spraying and reseeding the levee.

The Chairman then directed the Board's attention to Item No. 25 on the agenda, pertaining to miscellaneous comments.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion for adjournment was duly moved by Trustee Kosch and seconded by Trustee Brackhan, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

  
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Reed Grandgenett, Clerk

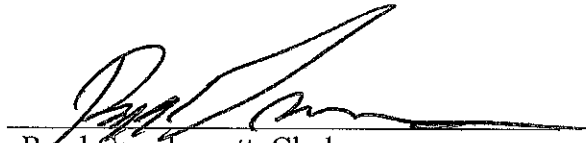


CERTIFICATE

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 Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the Columbus Housing Authority-Community Room, 2554 40<sup>th</sup> 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 September 5, 2024, 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 7 day of October, 2024.

  
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Reed Grandgenett, 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:

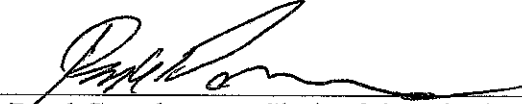
1. Annexed to this certificate is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the District relating to a meeting of said District held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the time reflected in the meeting minutes contained in said foregoing transcript (the "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 7 day of October, 2024.



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Doug Brackhan, Chairman of the District



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Reed Grandgenett, Clerk of the District