2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

This budget is for the Period JULY 1, 2025 through JUNE 30, 2026

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on the Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

$	1,460,278.16	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
$	-	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$	1,460,278.16	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of JULY 1, 2025

Principal	$	-
Interest	$	-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	$	-

$ 3,306,571,228.00	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or Business Name during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)	**Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3)
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**			
2	Net Cash Balance	$ 531,272.26	$ 999,019.55	$ 1,176,148.30
3	Investments	$ 492,184.13	$ 88,133.16	$ 91,844.61
4	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 13,854.82	$ 15,099.44	$ 15,258.69
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**$ 1,037,311.21**	**$ 1,102,252.15**	**$ 1,283,251.60**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	$ 1,185,772.67	$ 1,258,557.67	$ 1,445,819.96
7	Federal Receipts	$ -	$ -	$ 33,000.00
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	$ 2,820.58	$ 3,276.24	$ 3,250.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid (State Statute Section 77-27,136)	$ -	$ -	
10	State Receipts: Other	$ 192,306.59	$ 179,945.59	$ 461,000.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	$ 86,073.20	$ 103,180.16	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ -	$ 3,625.82	$ -
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax	$ -	$ -	$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	$ 253,078.45	$ 258,564.09	$ 213,473.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	$ -	$ -	$ -
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**$ 2,757,362.70**	**$ 2,909,401.72**	**$ 3,439,794.56**
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**			
19	Operating Expenses	$ 1,535,376.62	$ 1,565,715.63	$ 2,588,944.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	$ -	$ -	$ 370,000.00
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	$ 47,970.50	$ 4,600.00	$ 39,800.00
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	$ 71,763.43	$ 55,834.49	$ 29,000.00
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans **(Public Airports)**			
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments **(Fire Districts)**			
25	Debt Service: Other	$ -	$ -	$ -
26	Judgments	$ -	$ -	$ -
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	$ -	$ -	$ -
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**$ 1,655,110.55**	**$ 1,626,150.12**	**$ 3,027,744.00**
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**$ 1,102,252.15**	**$ 1,283,251.60**	**$ 412,050.56**
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			16%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 1,445,819.96
County Treasurer's Commission at 1% of Line 6	$ 14,458.20
Total Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,460,278.16

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your NRD needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:		Property Tax Request
General Fund		$ 1,460,278.16
Bond Fund		$ -
_____ Fund		
_____ Fund		
_____ Fund		
_____ Fund		
Total Tax Request	**	$ 1,460,278.16

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

Cash Reserve Funds

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ -

Total Cash Reserve	$	412,050.56
Remaining Cash Reserve	$	412,050.56
Remaining Cash Reserve %		16%

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**South Platte NRD**
ADDRESS	**P.O Box 294**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Sidney NE 69162**
TELEPHONE	**308-254-2377**
WEBSITE	**www.spnrd.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Kathy Narjes		Galen Wittrock
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson		General Manager
TELEPHONE	308-874-4371		308-254-2377
EMAIL ADDRESS	rodekohr@hotmail.com		gwittrock@spnrd.org

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [x] Preparer

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements		(1)	$ 1,460,278.16
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate		(2)	$ 3,250.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments		(3)	$ -
Transfers of Surplus Fees		(4)	$ -
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.			
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From Prior Year Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	$ -	(5)	
LESS: Amount Spent During 2024-2025	$ -	(6)	
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	$ -	(7)	
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds **(Cannot be a Negative Number)**		(8)	$ -
Nameplate Capacity Tax		(8a)	$ -
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)		(9)	**$ 1,463,528.16**

Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements (Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	$ -	(10)	
LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year *(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)* Agrees to Line (7) above.	$ -	(11)	
Allowable Capital Improvements		(12)	$ -
Bonded Indebtedness		(13)	
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements		(14)	$ 690,852.00
Judgments		(15)	
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers		(16)	
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster		(17)	
Ground Water Management Activities *(Amount exceeding FY 2003-04)*		(18)	$ 772,676.16
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)		(19)	**$ 1,463,528.16**

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS **For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form)** *To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 19*	**$ -**

*Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.*

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) of last year's Lid Computation Form: 1,071,208.38 (1)

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)**: 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%**: 3.59 % (3)

2025 Growth per Assessor		2024 Valuation		Multiply times 100 To get %
179,744,040.00	/	2,952,652,929.00	=	6.09 %

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE**: 1.00 % (4)

# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase		Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting		Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body
7	/	7	=	100.00 %

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE**: % (5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5): 7.09 % (6)

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6): 75,948.67 (7)

Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7): 1,147,157.05 (8)

Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule: - (9)

Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9): 1,147,157.05 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted

Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4	$ -

Levy Limit Form

Natural Resources Districts

SOUTH PLATTE NRD

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Request		$ 1,460,278.16 (1)
Less Personal and Real Property Tax Request for:		
Judgments (not paid by liability insurance coverage)	( ) (A)	
Preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to **July 1, 1998**	( ) (B)	
Bonded Indebtedness	( ) (C)	
Ground Water Management Activities (Exceeding FY 2003-2004)	($ -) (D)	
	($ -) (E)	
Interstate Compact (LB 701)	( ) (F)	
Total Exclusions		($ -) (2)
Personal and Real Property Tax Request subject to Levy Limit		$ 1,460,278.16 (3)
Valuation (Per the County Assessor)		$ 3,306,571,228.00 (4)
Calculated Levy for Levy Limit Compliance [Line (3) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.044163 (5)
Calculated Ground Water Management Activities Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 1 Cent)* [Line (D) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.000000 (6)
		0.000000 (7)
Calculated LB 701 Interstate Compact Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 10 Cents)* [Line (F) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.000000 (8)
Total Calculated Levy for Limit Compliance [Line (5) **Plus** Line (6) **Plus** Line (7) **Plus** Line (8)]		0.044163 (9)

Note : **Levy Limit established by State Statute Section 77-3442:**
Natural Resources District (NRD) - 4.5 Cents
PLUS Ground Water Management Activities as allowed by State Statute Section 2-3225. Ground Water Management Activities shall not exceed 1 Cent.
PLUS Interstate Compact as allowed by LB 701, shall not exceed 10 Cents.

Attach supporting documentation if a vote was held to exceed the levy limit.

South Platte Natural Resources District
FY 2025-2026 Budget

Certification of Taxable Value and Value Attributable to Growth

Cheyenne County

Deuel County

Kimball County

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

*{format for all political subdivisions **other than** (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties. (c) cities. (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}*

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th. of each year}

RECEIVED
AUG 15 2025
South Platte NRD

TO: GALEN WITTROCK
PO BOX 294
SIDNEY, NE 69162-0294

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CHEYENNE

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
NRD	N.R.D.	21,368,171	1,634,526,530

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings. (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property. (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision. (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I **JORDAN HAJEK**, **CHEYENNE** County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Jordan B. Hajek, Assessor
(signature of county assessor)

8/13/25
(date)

COUNTY ASSESSOR OFFICIAL SEAL SIDNEY, NE CHEYENNE COUNTY

CC: County Clerk, **CHEYENNE** County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county._____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only	128,899,509 Pers Prior	1,400,195,758 Real Prior
	134,190,142 Pers Value	1,500,336,388 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

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TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

RECEIVED

AUG 18 2025

South Platte NRD

TO: SOUTH PLATTE NRD
ATTN: DON DAVIS
551 PARKLAND DR
SIDNEY, NE 69162

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: DEUEL

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
SOUTH PLATTE NRD	N.R.D.	3,314,751	514,030,309

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I MICHELE BARTLETT, DEUEL County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Michele Bartlett
(signature of county assessor)

8-14-25
(date)

COUNTY ASSESSOR Seal DEUEL COUNTY, NE

CC: County Clerk, DEUEL County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

41,113,455 Pers Prior
38,535,984 Pers Value

443,666,387 Real Prior
475,494,325 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

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TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
C/O GALEN WITTROCK
TO: PO BOX 294
SIDNEY, NE 69162

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: KIMBALL

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
S.P.N.R.D	N.R.D.	155,061,118	1,158,014,389

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I **SHERRY WINSTROM**, **KIMBALL** County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Sherry Winstrom
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY ASSESSOR ORGANIZED 1880 SEAL KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA

8-15-2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, **KIMBALL** County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, **CHEYENNE** County

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Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

141,063,407 Pers Prior
254,963,560 Pers Value
797,714,413 Real Prior
903,050,829 Real Value

South Platte Natural Resources District
FY 2025-2026 Budget

Minutes, September 9, 2025

Action to Approve FY 2026 Budget Page 4

Action to Approve the Resolution
For Setting the Final Tax Request Page 4

Board Members Present: 6
Board Members Absent: 1
Board Members Voting Aye: 100%

Kimball Cheyenne Deuel

South Platte Natural Resources District

551 Parkland Drive, PO Box 294 Sidney, Nebraska 69162
(308) 254-2377 FAX (308) 254-2783 www.spnrd.org

September 23, 2025

Deann Haeffner
Assistant Deputy Auditor
P O Box 98917
Lincoln NE 68509-8917

RE: Annual Budget for the South Platte Natural Resources District
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Dear Deann:

Enclosed is the District's adopted budget for the above referenced fiscal year pursuant to State Statute 13-506.

Also enclosed please find the following:

a) Certification of Valuations
b) Minutes approving the Budget and the Resolution for setting the Final Tax Request
c) Proofs/Affidavits of Publication
d) Minutes approving increase of an addition one percent on the Unused Restricted Funds Authority

If you have any questions, please call Galen Wittrock at the telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Donald Davis, Administrative Manager
Enclosures

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

South Platte Natural Resources District
FY 2025-2026 Budget

2025-2026 State of Nebraska Natural Resources District Budget Form

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the South Platte Natural Resources District, 551 Parkland Dr., Sidney, NE at 5:30 p.m. The public notices were published in the area newspapers. The agenda was compiled, and each member of the Board of Directors and other interested and affected persons were notified of the meeting date within the deadline.

Board Members Present
Kathy Narjes, Chair
Jim Johnson, Secretary
Chris Meyer, Vice-Chair
Tim Maas
Larry Rutt
Kerry Feguson

Board Members Absent
David Kucera

Others Present
Kristin Dickinson - NRCS Sidney
Paul Safford - Source Water Protection Specialist
LaDene Rutt

NRD Staff Present
Galen Wittrock, General Manager
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Conservationist
Ryan Reisdorff, Assistant Manager
Tyler Sanders, Water Resources Coordinator
Donald Davis, Administrative Manager
Yolanda Hruska, I&E Coordinator
Travis Glanz, Water Resources Specialist

Information Material
The following information was provided electronically prior to the meeting or provided during the meeting:

1. Tentative Agenda - Board of Directors meeting, September 9, 2025
2. August 12, 2025, Minutes of the South Platte NRD (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
3. August 2025 Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
4. Davis Staff Report dated September 9, 2025
5. Kaiser Staff Report dated September 9, 2025
6. Keller Staff Report dated September 2, 2025
7. Reisdorff Staff Report dated September 2, 2025
8. Hruska Staff Report dated August 29, 2025
9. Glanz Staff Report dated September 2, 2025
10. USDA Conservation Update dated August 2025
11. Houston Engineering, Inc. Project Construction Report for ORRA Stilling Basin Project for Week Ending September 6, 2025
12. 2025 South Platte NRD Cost-Share Inspection Program Report
13. CMC Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2026
14. Combined SPNRD/ORRA Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2026
15. Resolution for Setting the Final Property Tax Request for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget
16. Sanders Memo "Trailer Prices" dated August 25, 2025
17. North Platte Telegraph Article "Where Did Our Water Go?" dated September 4, 2025
18. North Platte Telegraph Article "Drip By Sip By Gulp…" dated September 6, 2025
19. South Platte NRD Telephone List dated August 28, 2025

20. Wittrock Support Letter "Sandhills Interactive Natural Resources Educational Complex" dated August 29, 2025
21. USDA NRCS Letter regarding the South Platte Natural Resources District Local Work Group dated August 27, 2025
22. Per Diem Worksheet

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1. Call to Order
Chair Narjes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. noting that Kucera was absent and excused.

A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
Chair Narjes stated that this meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the act is posted in the meeting room.

B. Legal Notices
Chair Narjes acknowledged that the notice of this meeting was published in the area newspapers and the Affidavits/Proofs of Publication are included with these minutes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Narjes led those in attendance in the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Minutes
A. *Minutes of the August 12, 2025 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
With no corrections or additions, moved by Meyer, second by Johnson to approve the August 12, 2025, minutes as distributed. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

4. *Treasurer's Report for August 2025 and Accounts Payable
Wittrock reviewed the account balances listed on the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Account Description	August 1, 2025	August 31, 2025
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	$232,552.48	$194,053.04
SPNRD Building/Property	$ 94,813.55	$ 94,865.89
SPNRD Vehicle/Equipment	$ 83,772.02	$ 83,818.26
SPNRD ORRA Infrastructure	$310,969.08	$311,140.75
Machinery and Equipment	$ 13,202.94	$ 13,210.23
Computer/Server	$ 25,530.19	$ 25,544.28
FA/OA Project	$242,911.78	$243,045.88
Citizens' Monitoring PWCB	$ 64,398.33	$ 57,594.02
Citizens' Monitoring CD FirsTier	$ 92,858.08	$ 93,205.88
SPRCC NPAIT Account	$ 53,112.87	$ 53,304.33

Wittrock reviewed various items listed in the accounts payable. He encouraged the board members to come to the SPNRD office at any time to review the receipts and/or disbursements or ask any questions. The total amount of accounts payable is $61,551.39. After discussion, Maas moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the accounts payable in the amount of $61,551.39. A second was made by Rutt and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Maas, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

5. Public Questions, Comments and Concerns
None

6. Director and Staff Reports
Kaiser, Davis, Keller, Reisdorff, Glanz, and Hruska all submitted written reports. Wittrock stated he attended the General Managers' meeting last week and he will follow up with committees on items he wants to cover.

7. Agency Reports
A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
1. NRCS Report
Dickinson stated they received CRP Grassland pre-approval notices with 51 approved out of the Kimball office and 13 out of the Sidney office. The staff are working on the plans so they can get them back to FSA. Safford introduced himself again and spoke on some of the items he is currently working on including nutrient management plans and the field trial with Sentinel in the District.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
1. NARD Report
Wittrock stated that there will be more to report on at the October meeting following the Annual Conference.

2. NARD Annual Conference, September 29-30, 2025, Kearney, NE
a. *Discussion on Proposed Resolution(s)
Wittrock stated that the board gave authority to the delegates to vote as they see best for the District. So far, no resolutions have been brought forward.

C. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDWEE)
1. NDWEE Report
No report.

8. Oliver Reservoir Stilling Basin Repair Project Update
Wittrock reviewed the weekly report and pictures provided by Houston Engineering who are overseeing the project at Oliver Reservoir. Paul Reed Construction is doing the work. The project began on September 2 and is expected to be completed by early October. He then described some of the work that is completed and is being done and what the next steps will be.

9. 2025 District Cost-Share Programs Inspection Report
Kaiser reviewed the 2025 District Cost-Share Programs Inspection Report stating that every 4 years there are random inspections of 5 percent of any programs that have been cost shared through NSWCP. All the projects that were inspected this year still look good with no issues. Kaiser did add that NDWEE inspected the dam at Oliver Reservoir in June and there was one badger hole that was missed and has since been taken care of and some yucca plants in the emergency spillway. Discussion followed.

10. SPNRD FY 2026 Budgets

a. *Final Approval of FY 2026 CMC Budget

Wittrock reviewed the CMC budget pointing out that there were no changes from the August Board Meeting. Maas moved to approve the CMC Budget for FY 2026 in the amount of $190,805. The budget was approved by the Citizens' Monitoring Committee (CMC) at its August 5, 2025 meeting. A second was made by Johnson. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

b. *Final Approval of FY 2026 SPNRD Budget

Wittrock reviewed the fiscal year 2026 District budget. Maas moved to approve the South Platte Natural Resources District budget for FY 2026 in the amount of $3,027,744 with a property tax request in the amount of $1,460,278.16 with property tax request of $.044163 per $100 valuation. Second by Ferguson. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Meyer
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

c. *Action on Resolution for Setting the Final Tax Request for FY 2026

Maas moved to approve the resolution for setting the final tax request for FY 2026 in the amount of $1,460,278.16, and that will cause its tax rate to be $.044163 per $100 of assessed value. Second by Rutt. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken. A copy of the signed resolution is attached with these minutes.

Aye: Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

11. *Discussion and action for post budget approval in purchasing computer server

Wittrock reviewed the quote from Dell for purchasing a new server. The server runs out of warranty at the end of September and there is the need to get a new server ordered soon. It was initially thought the server would cost up to $18,000 but the quote came in at almost $12,000. Ferguson moved that considering the computer server is a unique item for continuality with the District computing equipment, to authorize staff to proceed with the post fiscal year 2026 budget purchase of a new computer server at a cost of $11,942.47. A second was made by Rutt and with no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Maas, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

12. *Discussion and action for post budget approval in purchasing a utility trailer

Sanders reviewed the options for purchasing a utility trailer for taking care of Goldeneye and Goldenrod recreation areas and with a side gate, it will be easier to load and unload all the necessary equipment for lawn mowing and spraying at one time instead of two trips. Discussion followed. Following discussion Feguson moved to approve the bid from Masek Power Sports for a new Karvan

Utility Trailer in the amount of $3,799. A second was made by Maas and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas
Nay:
Absent: Kucera
Motion carried.

13. Correspondence

Wittrock encouraged the Directors to review information provided in the board meeting packet including a letter regarding the Local Workgroup and a letter of support for the Sandhills Interactive Natural Resources Educational Complex. The board had already authorized a letter of support to be sent, and Wittrock completed the letter. The contact list has been updated and is included in the correspondence. There are also two articles from the North Platte Telegraph regarding the Perkins County Canal.

14. Upcoming Dates

October 14, 2025, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
October 13, 2025, Columbus Day, Offices Closed
November 11, 2025, SPNRD Veterans Day, Offices Closed
November 27 - 28, 2025, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed
December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve Holiday, Offices Closed
December 25, 2025, Christmas Holiday, Offices Closed
January 1, 2026, New Year's Day Holiday, Offices Closed
January 7, 2026, 90 - Day Legislative Session Begins
January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Offices Closed
January 25 - 28, 2026, NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln

15. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Donald D. Davis, Recording Secretary

* Denotes Action Item

South Platte Natural Resources District
FY 2025-2026 Budget

Resolution for Setting the Final Property Tax

Request for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Attachment to Minutes of September 9, 2025

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South Platte Natural Resources District

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RESOLUTION FOR SETTING THE FINAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of the South Platte Natural Resources District passes by a majority vote a resolution 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the South Platte Natural Resources District, resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at $1,460,278.16.

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by +11.99%.

3. 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 $0.041928 per $100 of assessed value.

4. The South Platte Natural Resources District proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.044163 per $100 of assessed value. The proposed tax rate of 0.044163 per $100 of assessed value is 6% lower than the previous year's tax rate of $0.046954 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the South Platte Natural Resources District will increase last year's budget by 14.62%.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks of Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball Counties prior to October 15, 2025.

Kathy Narjes

Kathy Narjes, SPNRD Chairperson

Attested to by the undersigned Notary Public on this 9th day of September 2025:

Donald Davis

Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
DONALD DAVIS
My Comm. Exp. March 22, 2029

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

South Platte Natural Resources District
FY 2025-2026 Budget

Minutes, August 12, 2025

Action on Unused Restricted Funds Authority, Increase an Additional One Percent Page 6

Board Members Present: 7
Board Members Absent: 0
Board Members Voting Aye: 100%

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the South Platte Natural Resources District, 551 Parkland Drive Sidney, NE at 5:00 p.m. The public notices were published in the area newspapers. The agenda was compiled, and each member of the Board of Directors and other interested and affected persons were notified of the meeting date within the deadline.

Board Members Present
Kathy Narjes, Chair
Jim Johnson, Secretary
Chris Meyer, Vice Chair
Tim Maas
David Kucera
Kerry Ferguson
Larry Rutt

Board Members Absent
None

Others Present
Emily Bashtovoi
Kristin Dickinson, NRCS
Kerry Ferguson

NRD Staff Present
Galen Wittrock, General Manager
Travis Glanz, Water Resources Specialist
Ryan Reisdorff, Assistant Manager
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Conservationist
Yolanda Hruska, I & E Coordinator
Tyler Sanders, Water Resources Coordinator

Information Material
The following information was provided electronically prior to or during the meeting:
1. Tentative Agenda - Board of Directors Meeting, August 12, 2025
2. July 8, 2025, Minutes of the South Platte NRD (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
3. July 8, 2025, Minutes of the South Platte NRD (SPNRD) Projects and Programs Committee Meeting
4. July 2025, Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
5. August 12, 2025, Staff Report: Kaiser
6. August 12, 2025, Staff Report: Davis
7. July 31, 2025, Staff Report: Keller
8. August 8, 2025, Staff Report: Reisdorff
9. July 31, 2025, Staff Report: Hruska
10. August 6, 2025, Staff Report: Glanz
11. August 12, 2025, Staff Report: Sanders
12. BWJ Law Group Letter "Nebraska vs. Colorado, No. 161 Orig.; Litigation Hold on All Documents and Data" dated August 1, 2025
13. NARD Annual Conference Tentative Schedule September 29-30
14. Upper Platte Annual Basin-Wide Meeting – 2024 Robust Review Summary dated August 7, 2025
15. Upper Platte Annual Basin-Wide Meeting Request for Revisions to the Second Increment Upper Platte Basin-Wide Plan
16. SPNRD Steps to Fill Vacant Director Position Worksheet dated July 8, 2025
17. SPNRD Resolution to Board of Directors Re: Bill Halligan
18. Application for filling vacant Subdistrict #1 Director Position for Kerry Ferguson
19. SPNRD Candidate for Subdistrict #1 Interview Questions
20. SPNRD Resolution to Appoint Kerry Ferguson to Subdistrict #1

21. Citizens' Monitoring Committee Member List dated February 27, 2025
22. Cooperative Agreement Between the South Platte Natural Resources District and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.
23. State of Nebraska Department of Water Energy and Environment "Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award Agreement for Application No. 10106"
24. FY 2026 Preliminary SPNRD and ORRA Budget Worksheets
25. FY 2026 Preliminary SPNRD/CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee Budget Worksheet
26. FY 2026 Budgeting Process and Comparisons Flow Chart Graph
27. Correspondence
    - News Article "Nebraska is Fighting for the Water We Were Promised – And We Stand With That Fight"
28. Per Diem Worksheet

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1. Call to Order
   Chair Narjes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

   A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
   Chair Narjes stated that this meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy is posted in the meeting room.

   B. Legal Notices
   Chair Narjes acknowledged that the notice of this meeting was published in the District's newspapers and the Affidavits/Proofs of Publication are included with these minutes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
   Chair Narjes led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States.

3. Minutes
   A. *Minutes of the July 8, 2025 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
   Chair Narjes requested if there were any corrections or additions to the July 8, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Motion by Meyer, second by Johnson to approve the July 8, 2025 minutes as presented. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Johnson
Nay:
Motion carried.

4. *Treasurer's Report for July 2025 and Accounts Payable
   Wittrock reviewed the account balances listed on the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Account Description	July 1, 2025	July 31, 2025
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	$ 345,934.99	$ 232,552.48
SPNRD Building/Property	$ 94,761.23	$ 94,813.55
SPNRD Auto/Trucks	$ 83,725.79	$ 83,772.02
SPNRD ORRA Infrastructure	$ 310,797.50	$ 310,969.08
Machinery & Equipment	$ 13,195.66	$ 13,202.94
Computer/Server	$ 25,516.10	$ 25,530.19
FA/OA Project	$ 242,777.75	$ 242,911.78
Citizens' Monitoring PWCB	$ 64,360.07	$ 64,398.33

Citizens' Monitoring CD FirsTier	$ 91,844.61	$ 92,858.08
SPRCC NPAIT Account	$ 52,922.57	$ 53,112.87

Wittrock reviewed various items listed in the accounts payable. The total amount of accounts payable is $40,904.33. Discussion followed. After discussion, Rutt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the accounts payable in the amount of $40,904.33. A second was made by Maas and with no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Johnson, Maas
Nay:
Motion carried.

5. Public Questions, Comments and Concerns
None

6. Board Vacancy – Subdistrict #1
A. Review Application(s)
Wittrock reviewed the timeline and process for filling the vacancy for Subdistrict #1. He pointed out to the board that the one application received was provided in the board packet. The applicant was verified as living in Subdistrict #1 and is a registered voter.

B. Interview Applicant(s)
Kerry Ferguson was the one application received. He submitted his application on August 6, 2025. Ferguson gave some of his background which includes working at the Kimball Hospital Foundation, a farmer and irrigator in Subdistrict #1, and a former employee for the South Platte Natural Resources District. The directors interviewed Ferguson.

C. *Appoint New Director
1. Oath of Office
Rutt moved that, following an interview process, the Board of Directors of the South Platte Natural Resources District does hereby appoint Kerry Ferguson to serve as the new Board member of Sub-District #1 to fill the vacancy that existed in that Sub-District until January 8, 2027. A second was made by Maas and with no discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Maas, Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt
Nay:
Motion carried.

Davis administered the Oath of Office to Kerry Ferguson.

D. Committee Appointment
Ferguson was appointed to the District Operations committee, filling the open position.

7. Director and Staff Reports
Kaiser, Davis, Keller, Reisdorff, Glanz, Sanders, and Hruska all submitted written reports. Wittrock reviewed a letter received from BWJ Law Group regarding Nebraska vs. Colorado litigation to hold all documents and data regarding items in relationship to the South Platte River Compact. Wittrock also reviewed the Nitrogen In-Time Demonstration Plot Tour at the Meyer farm stating that around 25 people attended and there will be another meeting in the fall with results from the growing season.

8. Agency Reports

A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Dickinson stated that the Women in Ag conference was held at the Elks Club on August 1st. It was well attended with 61 participants. Some of the staff attended the Nitrogen In-Time Demonstration Plot Tour and appreciated being able to attend and participate. They have been working on CRP plans for the past few weeks. CRP Grasslands signup ended last Friday, and they should hear any approvals in the next month. There is a lot of competition for those acres and Dickinson is hopeful that some of the signups will be granted. Prep work has begun on the Nebraska Grazing Coalitions grazing school. Jim Gerrish, who is a leader in presenting grazing management schools, will be giving his last grazing school in Sidney September 16-18, 2025. EQIP and CSP application deadline for fiscal year contracts will be November 21, 2025.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

No report.

2. NARD Annual Conference, September 29 – 30, 2025

a. *Action on Voting Delegate and Alternate

Wittrock reviewed the tentative agenda for the Annual Conference. He encouraged any directors who wish to attend to let Davis or himself know. Kucera moved for Johnson to be the voting delegate and Rutt to be the alternate for the Annual NARD Conference held in Kearney, Nebraska on September 29-30, 2025. A second was made by Meyer and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Kucera, Meyer
Nay:
Motion carried.

b. *Discussion and Action as Desired on Proposed Resolution(s)

Wittrock stated that there have not been any resolutions proposed so far for the Annual Conference though there could be proposed resolutions brought forth before the conference. Kucera moved to authorize the SPNRD NARD delegates during the 2025 Annual Conference to act upon the proposed resolutions as deemed appropriate for the SPNRD. A second was made by Maas and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Kucera, Meyer, Narjes
Nay:
Motion carried.

C. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDWEE)

1. NDWEE Natural Resources Commission Report

No report.

2. Upper Platte Annual Basin Meeting Report

Reisdorff stated that the meeting is held before NDWEE and covers all the water related activities regarding quantity for calendar year 2024. The information has already been seen by the directors including all the certified acres, transfers that were completed, well construction permits, variance requests, industrial and municipal accounting and irrigation pumping and includes the Districtwide Water Use Report. It also includes the municipal conservation plans from all the cities and towns in the District. Reading the report is known to be a real snoozer. The report ties back to LB962 and the declaration of fully and over appropriated basins in the system. This meeting is the

opportunity for other entities in the state that have any issue with items in the basin wide plan or IMP to ask for revisions to those plans. A revision was requested to the Basin-Wide Plan and the North Platte NRDs IMP because they raised the allocation in the Pumpkin Creek subarea. The letter regarding this request is included in the board packet. Discussion followed.

9. 2025 Youth Range Camp Participant Report

Hruska introduced the 2025 ACE Camp Participant, Emily Bashtovoi to present on her experience at the 2025 Youth Range Camp held at Chadron State College. Bashtovoi gave a slide presentation pointing out various items that she enjoyed including the ecological sites and a ranch tour. She stated her grandfather was in the first youth range camp sixty years prior and she was happy to be in the sixty first camp. Bashtovoi received several awards including top crew award and top scoring newcomer. Bashtovoi thanked the board and District for the scholarship to attend Range Youth Camp.

10. *Special Recognition for Bill Halligan

Wittrock read a resolution recognizing Bill Halligans years of service to the District and the Natural Resources Commission. After reading it, Meyer moved to approve the SPNRD Board Resolution recognizing Bill Halligan for his years of service to the District and the Natural Resources Commission. A second was made by Rutt and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt
Nay:
Motion carried.

11. SPNRD/CHESI

A. Citizens' Monitoring Committee

1. *Ratification of Reappointed Members to the Committee

Wittrock reviewed the reappointment of members to the Citizens' Monitoring Committee. Dennis Armstrong, Peggy Sanders and Steve Diemoz all agreed to renew their four-year terms and the committee voted to recommend the board approve the reappointments. Johnson moved to ratify the CMC's recommendation to reappoint Dennis Armstrong, Steve Diemoz and Peggy Sanders to the Citizens' Monitoring Committee of Clean Harbors for a term to expire June 30, 2029, or until their successor is appointed. A second was made by Kucera and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson,
Nay:
Motion carried.

2. *Discussion and action regarding Citizens' Monitoring Committee Certificate of Deposit

Wittrock stated that the Citizens' Monitoring Committee voted to recommend to the board to renew their Certificate of Deposit at 4.52% for 7 months. Johnson moved to ratify the CMC's recommendation to renew the CMC's Certificate of Deposit held at FirsTier Bank in Kimball with the terms 7 months at 4.52%. A second was made by Maas and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas
Nay:
Motion carried.

B. *Discussion and action as desired regarding the Cooperative Agreement between South Platte Natural Resources District and Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc.

Wittrock reviewed the agreement between the District and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. stating that the amount of funding from Clean Harbors will rise from $30,800 to $34,000 annually. Legal counsel has reviewed the agreement. Johnson moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement between South Platte Natural Resources District and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. and have the SPNRD Chair sign the agreement. A second was made by Kucera and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Kucera
Nay:
Motion carried.

12. *Action regarding the "WWUMM Water Quality Modeling Integration & Modeling Update" Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award Agreement

Wittrock stated that the Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award "WWUMM Water Quality Modeling Integration & Modeling Update" was approved. He reviewed what was included in the application, including more water quality aspects regarding nitrates and the financing of the grant. Meyer moved to approve the "WWUMM Water Quality Modeling Integration & Modeling Update" Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award Agreement. A second was made by Rutt and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson, Johnson, Maas, Kucera, Meyer
Nay:
Motion carried.

13. Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets

A. Preliminary SPNRD, ORRA and CMC Budgets Review

Wittrock reviewed the SPNRD, ORRA and CMC budgets pointing out changes from last month's meeting on each of the budgets including possible expenditures for grants which are offset by revenues as a passthrough. He then discussed the anticipated property tax increase and what the tax levy may end up at. Discussion followed.

B. *Action on unused Funds Authority

1. Increase an Additional One Percent

Maas moved on behalf of the committee to approve to increase the Unrestricted Funds Authority by an additional one percent. A second was made by Meyer and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Maas, Kucera, Meyer, Narjes, Rutt, Ferguson
Nay:
Motion carried.

10. Correspondence

Wittrock encouraged the board members to read the article included in correspondence regarding the Perkins County Canal Compact.

11. Upcoming Dates

August 22 - September 1, 2025, Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
September 1, 2025, SPNRD Offices Closed, Labor Day
September 9, 2025, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
September 9 - 11, 2025, Husker Harvest Days
September 29 - 30, 2025, NARD Annual Conference, Kearney
October 13, 2025, Columbus Day, Offices Closed
November 11, 2025, Veteran's Day, Offices Closed
November 27 - 28, 2025, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed

12. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Donald Davis, Recording Secretary

* Denotes Action Item

South Platte Natural Resources District
FY 2025-2026 Budget

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Jennifer A. Velasco
NOTARY PUBLIC

JENNIFER A VELASCO
General Notary - State of Nebraska
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SOUTH PLATTE NRD

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2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 1,655,110.55
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 1,626,150.12
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 3,027,744.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 412,050.56
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$ 3,439,794.56
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Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

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	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	2,641,579.83	3,027,744.00	15%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,386,394.76	$ 1,460,278.16	5%
Valuation	2,952,652,929	3,306,571,228	12%
Tax Rate	0.046954	0.044163	-6%
Tax Rate If Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.041928		

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[Published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, September 4, 2025]

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a Principal Clerk of the SIDNEY SUN-TELEGRAPH, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Cheyenne County, State of Nebraska, and that a notice entitled:

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

a true copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, was published in said newspaper 1 consecutive week(s) the first publication having been made the

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that said newspaper has been published weekly in the English language at the City of Sidney, within said county and state for fifty-two consecutive weeks, immediately prior to the first date of publication above, and once every week successively since that day, and during all said times has had and now has a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies weekly and during all said time has been and now is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained by the Publishers at the said place of publication.

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4 day of SEPTEMBER 2025

Notary Public

My commission expires 10-13-2025

(SEAL)

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
STACEY L HANLEY
My Comm. Exp. October 13, 2025

5.AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION **WESTERN NEBRASKA OBSERVER** **LEGAL # 105** 659

State of Nebraska,

County of Kimball, **Tara Heidemann**, being duly sworn, deposes and says he/she is Principal Clerk of Western Nebraska Observer, a weekly legal newspaper having a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies published in Kimball, Nebraska; and said newspaper has been published for at least 52 consecutive weeks prior to publication of attached notice, that said publication is of general circulation, and that attached notice titled: Budget Hearing,

was published in the regular edition of said newspaper, 1 time(s)

on September 4, 2025

The affiant is not a party to or in any way interested in the above-titled matter.

Signature Tara Heidemann

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Subscribed to in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, 2025

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
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My Comm. Exp. Jan. 24, 2027

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 9th day of September 2025, at 5:15 o'clock P.M., at South Platte NRD 551 Parkland Drive Sidney NE 69162 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	2,641,679.83	3,027,744.00	15%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,386,394.76	$ 1,460,278.16	5%
Valuation	2,952,652,929	3,306,571,228	12%
Tax Rate	0.046954	0.044163	-6%
Tax Rate If Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.041928		

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