Public Notice – Lower Platte North Natural Resources District Phase 4 Rules and Regulations to become effective December 10, 2024.

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ORDER OF DESIGNATION

The Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (District) held a Public Hearing on November 14, 2024, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-743 to consider moving Sections 31-36, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Sections 31-34, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Sections 1-26, Township 17 North, Range 2 East and Sections 1-22 and 28-30, Township 17 North, Range 3 East from Groundwater Quality Phase Three to Phase Four as outlined in the District's Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations;

Following the Public Hearing, the District adopted the Phase 4 rules on December 9, 2024, as proposed by the District's rules and regulations for the management area. Copies of the Order, Phase 4 Rules and Regulations, Phase 4 boundary map and supporting documents, are available for public inspection at the District office at 511 Commercial Park Road, Wahoo, Nebraska 68066, and on the District website at www.lpnnrd.org;

WHEREAS, the District finds it necessary to publish its Order as passed by the District during its December 9, 2024 board meeting, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-744 once each week for three consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, Phase 4 Rules and Regulations to be implemented by the District:

- 1. Rule 1 Phase Four Criteria
- 2. Rule 2 Continuation of Phase One, Two and Three Rules
- 3. Rule 3 Fertilizer Application on All Soils.
 - a. Eighty (80) pounds applied maximum before May 1.
- 4. Rule 4 Nitrogen Recommendations
 - a. Nitrogen Recommendations must not exceed District Recommendations.
- 5. Rule 5 Well Metering
 - a. All high-capacity irrigation wells are required to have a water flow meter.
- 6. Rule 6 Acre Inch Allocations
 - a. The District will collect 3 years of water use information from all of the producers within the Phase 4 area and then consider if an allocation should be implemented.
- 7. Rule 7 Staff Assistance

The effective date of the Order of Designation and the Phase 4 Rules and Regulations is December 10, 2024.

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