

**MINUTES OF
LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2012
Lifelong Learning Center
601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Vice-Chairman Joel Hansen on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Vice-Chairman Hansen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on April 20, 2012 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted by the entrance door.

Roll call was taken by Programs Secretary Linda Unkel with 11 of 15 Directors present. Present: Baier, Carlson, Hansen, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin.

Director Dennis Schultz was appointed as Acting Secretary.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Meyer to adopt the agenda. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 22, 2012 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe that the minutes of the March 22, 2012 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Vice-Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Shafer to approve income in the amount of \$447,850.65 and expenses in the amount of \$276,927.06 as printed and distributed. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Wesely to approve income in the amount of \$76,050.13 and expenses in the amount of \$98,781.33 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Baier to approve the income in the amount of \$95,241.21 and expenses in the amount of \$93,368.68 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Ken Peitzmeier. He reported that the next meeting and basin tour will be held in Omaha in June.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not given due to the absence of Garry Anderson.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Cory Schmidt. He reported on personnel, activities, land treatment, programs and upcoming events. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The PrairieLand RC&D report was given by Chris Carlson, the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report was given by Stan Baier and the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D report was given by Elden Wesely.

The Administrative Report was given by staff employees. New employee hires were announced; Josh Schnitzler as Field Technician and Shawn Blahak as Logan East RWS Manager.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Elden Wesely. Motion was made by Wesely and seconded by Kluthe to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 9, 2012. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Stan Baier. Motion was made by Baier and seconded by Wesely to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 12, 2012. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Danny Kluthe. No action was taken.

The Projects, Equipment & Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shafer to approve the requested assistance to the Wayne State Foundation in the amount of \$5000 to assist with the renovation of the Willow Bowl on the Wayne State College Campus. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Wesely to approve the following Recreation Area Development Program projects:

Cuming County	Bancroft-Logan Creek Canoe Launch Site	\$4,113.50
Leigh Community Schools	Elementary Playground	\$10,000.00
Village of Leigh	Leigh Trail Bridge	\$21,500.00
Logan View Schools	Elementary Playground Equipment	\$10,000.00
SID#1	Woodland Park Public Park Improvement	\$11,879.69
City of Wakefield	Picnic Shelter Improvements	\$2,000.00

Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to purchase a concrete vault restroom and lighting for the area, not to exceed \$18,000. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis,

Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe to accept the bid from MotoPlex for a Polaris 550 EPS ATV in the amount of \$7,700.00. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shafer to accept the bid from MotoPlex for a Triton trailer (for the ATV) in the amount of \$3,200.00. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The Ad-Hoc Variance Committee report was given by Director Danny Kluthe. Motion was made by Klute and seconded by Tighe that the committee has found that the Variance applications set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto have lapsed through the landowner's failure to sign and return the Variances or complete the Notice of Encumbrance forms within the thirty (30) day time frame set forth in 13.12.2 or 15.12.2 of the District's Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations. However, the Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District reinstate said Variances for good cause having been shown. Aye: Baier, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Huntley to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on April 26, 2012 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, the minutes of the Chairman and the Board were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Dennis Schultz, Acting Secretary