

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

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2013
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 Chairman Joel Hansen on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Hansen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on March 20, 2013 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted by the entrance door.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Secretary Vickie DeJong with 15 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin Hansen. Absent: None.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the February 28, 2013 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe that the minutes of the February 28, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Wesely to approve income in the amount of \$175,262.96 and expenses in the amount of \$246,905.79 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$73,880.06 and expenses in the amount of \$34,697.92 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Kluthe to approve the income in the amount of \$16,580.84 and expenses in the amount of \$3,075.81 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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 on the last NARD meeting and the Washington DC contact trip.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He reported no meeting had been held during the past month.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. She 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 Loess Hills RC&D report was given by Elden Wesely and Bob Huntley reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Administrative Report was given by staff employees.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Elden Wesely. Motion was made by Wesely and seconded by Loftis to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of March 11, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Huntley to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of March 14, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The new Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to set a questionnaire survey fee of \$100 for the first 30 days of signups (May 10, 2013), after that date the survey fee will increase. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to accept the new Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of March 5, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Projects, Equipment & Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Shafer to authorize the staff to work with Nickel Engineering and well drillers to bring a proposal to the board for necessary work on pressure relief wells at Willow Creek Dam. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the Lower Platte Basin water management Plan Coalition and first year funding in the amount of \$20,000. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Anderson to approve 50% cost share on \$1300 (\$650) of Joe Horstman's well repair for the Domestic Well Assistance. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen.

Nay: Shafer. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Kluthe to eliminate the \$500 installation payment for leased soil moisture technology equipment for the pilot program, but continue cost sharing the purchase of soil moisture technology. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Wesley to enter into an agreement with the US Geological Survey to assist the District with groundwater level data collection in Wayne County for a sum not to exceed \$15,000, and reallocate the budget to fund this effort. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to adopt the 2012 Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) practice docket for the Conservation Cost Share Program in 2013, with the exception of seven agroforestry practices in the NSWCP docket. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Hansen to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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 March 26, 2013 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, Secretary

Others Present:

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Brian Johnson, Wausa

Craig Marsh, Crofton

Greg Wees, Norfolk

Dick Mozer, Norfolk

Maynard Mozer, Norfolk