

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 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 Thursday, April 25, 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 April 18, 2013 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted by the entrance door.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Secretary Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Loftis, Riley.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 26, 2013 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley that the minutes of the March 26, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Zessin to approve income in the amount of \$218,438.15 and expenses in the amount of \$431,961.94 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Zessin to approve income in the amount of \$77,047.30 and expenses in the amount of \$130,366.92 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Kluthe to approve the income in the amount of \$5,477.33 and expenses in the amount of \$5,441.44 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. 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 will be held in June.

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 Anderson to accept the bid of \$2000.00 from Liquid Engineering for robotic inspections of all three water tanks. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Wesely and seconded by Zessin to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 8, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Zessin to approve the yearly service agreement for the Sensus Software in the amount of \$2,165.63. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Wesely to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 8, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

The new Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to appoint the following as representatives to the Advisory Committee: David Kathol, Dana Podliska, Tom Mischke, Jerry Lewis, Paul Medelman, Karen Mackel, Douglas Sunderman, Timothy Miller, Bonnie Smith, Paul Eisenmenger, Lonnie Wiedner. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to accept the new Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 2, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. 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 approve 50% cost share, not to exceed \$556,708.50, on the construction and accreditation of the Hooper Levee. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Zessin to deny the transfer request of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 3 East, Cedar County from the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District to the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to approve the Urban Recreation Development application from the City of Wakefield in the amount of \$4036. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Gary Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kluthe to approve \$1500 for the funding of the Madison Public Schools Watershed Dynamics Program – Taylor-Union Watershed Group. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Zessin to authorize the staff to administer the Environmental Trust Grant and study: “A new approach to detailed, integrated water budgets in east-central Nebraska drainage basins” and to sign the agreements with the appropriate agencies to conduct the study (\$3000 per year for three years LENRD cost). Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kluthe to approve new Wildlife Habitat Practices with Pheasant Forever [Mid Contract Management Upgrading Habitat (vegetation) on CRP Year 2013 and new CRP Seedings Fall 2013/Spring 2014], fund up to a limit of \$25,000. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin. Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Riley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Krueger to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 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 25, 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
Greg Wees, Norfolk