

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 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, May 23, 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 May 17, 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, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Absent: Krueger Zessin.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the April 25, 2013 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Anderson that the minutes of the April 25, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Vice-Chairman Bill Meyer. Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Shafer to approve income in the amount of \$1,049,396.31 and expenses in the amount of \$190,945.30 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$80,783.37 and expenses in the amount of \$39,351.43 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Anderson to approve the income in the amount of \$4,739.13 and expenses in the amount of \$4,796.74 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Huntley to approve the income in the amount of \$22,100.00 and no expenses for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, 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 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 in a written report. (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 Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Wesely to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of May 13, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kluthe to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of May 9, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

The new Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Tighe to extend the Rural Water System questionnaire survey deadline date to Monday, June 3, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Wesley that the survey Rural Water System questionnaire fee would increase from \$100.00 to \$250.00 after June 3, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Tighe to accept the new Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of May 7, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

A Heliborne Geophysics Study presentation was made by James Cannia and Jared Abraham, XRI Geophysics.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Anderson to fund the Heliborne Geophysical Study near Clarkson for \$200,000. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Zessin.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shafer to approve only the applications for flow meter cost share in the required subareas that were received by May 16th. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shafer, Wesely. Nay: Kluthe, Peitzmeier, Riley, Tighe, Hansen. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Kluthe to make Non-Highly Erodible land (NHEL) eligible for the Cover Crop Program, limit the signup to \$25,000 annually and allow applications to be for one (1) to three (3) years. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: Shafer. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Anderson to contribute \$3550 and to cooperate with USGS to continue operation of the stream gage on the Elkhorn River near Pilger. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Hansen. Nay: Carlson. Absent: Krueger, Zessin. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Wesely to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 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 May 23, 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:

James Cannia, XRI Geophysics

Jared Abraham, XRI Geophysics