

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 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, July 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 July 22, 2013 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted by the entrance door.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Secretary Vickie DeJong with 11 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the June 27, 2013 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Zessin that the minutes of the June 25, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Bill Meyer. Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Riley to approve income in the amount of \$94,289.54 and expenses in the amount of \$521,813.26 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$81,938.56 and expenses in the amount of \$28,699.29 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Kluthe to approve the income in the amount of \$6,167.03 and expenses in the amount of \$2,124.58 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Riley to approve the income in the amount of \$23.96 and expenses in the amount of \$8,250.00 for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. 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 upcoming Annual Conference to be held in September in Kearney.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He reported on Water Policy Task Force.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Scott Bohaty, Resource Conservationist. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Loess Hills RC&D report was given by Gary Loftis 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 Anderson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 8, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The new Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to include the City of Clarkson in the feasibility study, request \$5000 from the City plus any additional contract costs over the \$5000 and amend the JEO Consulting Group contract to have a December 1 completion date for the feasibility study. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to accept the new Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 23, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

The Projects Equipment & Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Anderson to approve the City of Wayne's request to support a reconnaissance study of the Dog Creek Watershed by Kirkham & Michael, not to exceed \$15,000. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. Abstain: Hansen. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Peitzmeier to submit a resolution to the NARD Annual Conference "Promoting Legislation Encouraging the Use of Renewable Energy Sources". Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Hansen. Nay: Tighe, Zessin. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kluthe to find that Jerry and Lynne Allemann showed good cause in attempting to complete the conditions of Variance Number 11-140 by consulting with staff during the unusual series of difficulties that prevented the irrigation system from being put to use by September 15 of last year, and pursuant to District Groundwater Management Rule 15.12.5, allow the Allemann's until June 10, 2014 to complete the construction of a replacement well and until July 1, 2014 to have the well and irrigation system operational and put to use. Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely.

The Budget Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to advertise and present the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Long Range Plan at a Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD Board Room, 601 East Benjamin, Suite 101, Norfolk Nebraska, Aye: Anderson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Krueger, Shafer, Wesely.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 July 22, 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

Jim Cautrell, Magnet

Shawn Blahak, Oakland

Scott Bohaty, Norfolk