

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 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, October 24, 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 October 18, 2013 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Secretary Vickie DeJong with 9 of 14 Directors present. Present: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the September 26, 2013 and October 17, 2013 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe that the minutes of the September 26, 2013 and October 18, 2013 Board of Directors meetings be approved as printed. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Bill Meyer. Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Kluthe to approve income in the amount of \$325,346.81 and expenses in the amount of \$536,971.52 as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Carlson to approve income in the amount of \$82,477.89 and expenses in the amount of \$138,232.42 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Meyer and seconded by Kluthe to approve the income in the amount of \$7,520.77 and expenses in the amount of \$6,527.85 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Zessin to approve the income in the amount of \$6,005.13 and expenses in the amount of \$8,535.00 for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. 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.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not given by Garry Anderson as he was attending the Water Policy Task Force.

A written Natural Resources Conservation Service report was submitted. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Northeast Nebraska RC&D report was given by Bob Huntley.

The Administrative Report was given by staff employees.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Danny Kluthe. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 14, 2013. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to hire JEO Consulting Group to produce specification sheets for any future construction to be submitted to HHS for approval along with the \$300.00 annual fee for three years. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Kluthe to accept Kyle Korth's users agreement for rural water service upon receipt of his \$6000.00 hookup fee with the actual construction cost billed to Korth after construction of the line is completed. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Carlson to accept the bid from Plumbing and Electric Service Inc, Hartington, not to exceed \$18,000 for the installation of the Korth line. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Kluthe to accept the Wau-Col RWS Water Main Trench Settlement Coordination proposal from JEO Consulting Group which would have a maximum cost of \$3500.00. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Carlson to approve the request from the Village of Coleridge for \$5,000 cost share for VFD; one half to be paid now with the balance paid in the next fiscal year. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Carlson to accept the Water Rate Increase requested by the Village of Coleridge (\$1.70 to \$1.95 per 1000 gallons), effective January 1, 2014. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Kluthe to accept the Water Rate Increase requested by the Village of Wausa (\$1.70 to \$1.95 per 1000 gallons), effective January 1, 2014. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Huntley to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 10, 2013. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The new Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to appoint Chuck Hamernik (City of Clarkson) to the Rural Water System Advisory Committee. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to accept the Lower Elkhorn NRD Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 1, 2013. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Director Rod Zessin. Motion was made by Zessin and seconded by Kluthe to deny Joe Hansen's request for a new variance. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Projects, Equipment and Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Zessin to approve the City of Battle Creek's request to cost share 50% of the Battle Creek Diversion Channel design, not to exceed \$95,500. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Danny Kluthe. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to accept the resignation of Elden Wesely and authorize the staff to advertise for the Subdistrict 7 director vacancy, with candidate interviews at the November board meeting and appointment at the December board meeting (unless only one candidate). Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Krueger, Loftis, Riley, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 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 October 24, 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:

Jim Cautrell, Wau-Col

Shawn Blahak, Logan East

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Greg Wees, Norfolk

Kent Franzen, Wayne

Andrew Rogers, Norfolk

Paul Spatz, Osmond