

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2014

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, February 27, 2014 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 February 21, 2014 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Secretary Vickie DeJong with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: None. Absent, Present Later: Krueger.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the January 23, 2014 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton that the minutes of the January 23, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Kluthe to approve income in the amount of \$237,066.53 and expenses in the amount of \$448,267.76 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$74,799.28 and expenses in the amount of \$30,528.45 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Anderson to approve the income in the amount of \$3,466.11 and expenses in the amount of \$4,917.78 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report was given by General Manager Stan Staab.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Ken Peitzmeier. He reported on the NARD Legislative Conference held on January 27-29 in Lincoln.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He reported

on the last meeting held January 29 in Lincoln.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Loess Hills Nebraska RC&D report was given by Gary Loftis, Bob Huntley gave the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report and Chris Carlson gave the PrairieLand RC&D report.

The Administrative Report was given by staff employees.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by RWS Chairman Ron Dierking and Manager Shawn Blahak. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Anderson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of February 10, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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 Krueger to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of February 13, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, 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 Kluthe to approve Olsson Associates to prepare the Lower Elkhorn NRD's Voluntary Integrated Management Plan, not to exceed \$188,050 (including the Water Balance Study. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Resources Manager Rick Wozniak reviewed the staff's report to investigate and develop five groundwater management conservation issues: supplemental wells, district-wide flow meters, irrigated acre transfers, development of new irrigated acres to allow existing pivots to complete a circle, and allowing expedited variances in subareas.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Kluthe to require that only flow meters that have been approved by the District and are on its Approved Flow Meter List will be allowed in any subarea where the District requires an allocation. (This will also apply to subareas that are given an allocation after their formation.) Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 February 27, 2014 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:

Ron Schmidt, Humphrey

Robert Murphy, Norfolk

Ron Dierking, Scribner

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Aaron Zimmerman, Pierce