

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 26, 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, June 26, 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 June 20, 2014 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 12 of 15 Directors present. Present: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. Absent, Present Later: Anderson. Directors Loftis and Shafer were excused absences.

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

Jerry Allemann, Wayne and Jon A Johnson, Lyons spoke to the board concerning their well permits. The Chairman asked the staff to respond to each of their concerns.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the May 22, 2014 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe that the minutes of the May 22, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Loftis, Shafer. 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 \$490,331.58 and expenses in the amount of \$422,207.29 as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Krueger to approve income in the amount of \$79,103.91 and expenses in the amount of \$27,868.39 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the income in the amount of \$5,649.77 and expenses in the amount of \$4,613.52 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Anderson, Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 auditing agreement with Dana F Cole and Company, not to exceed \$12,200. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent:

Anderson, Loftis, 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. He reported on the NARD board meeting and basin tour.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He reported that he was unable to stay at the Commission meeting because of commitments at home.

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

Bob Huntley gave the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report.

The Administrative Report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney. He gave a report on the tornado damage incurred when the Maskenthine maintenance area was hit on June 16.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Zessin to approve the purchase of Sensus meter reading equipment during Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016, not to exceed \$27,500. Aye: Anderson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Abstain: Carlson. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Shelton to approve the one year service agreement with Micro-Com in the amount of \$4350.00 for the telemetry equipment. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Krueger to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 9, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. 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 Shelton to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 12, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Rod Zessin. Motion was made by Zessin and seconded by Kluthe to instruct the staff to develop a recommendation to address the City of Clarkson's request to form a quantity subarea to protect the City's public water supply wells. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Zessin and seconded by Shelton to allow completion of the entire UNL Irrigation Short Course to satisfy three years of the District's quantity subarea educational requirements, and to instruct staff to determine which portions of the short course need to be completed

for one year and two years of educational credit. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Zessin and seconded by Kluthe to approve cost sharing 50% of the actual cost of repairs to conservation practices for damages caused by 2014 storms, not to exceed \$30,000. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Zessin and seconded by Shelton to modify the order approved at the May 22, 2014 Board meeting to make Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations Rule 3.14 become effective on July 15, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Projects, Equipment & Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to approve an additional payment of \$36,968.12 for the City of Norfolk's Cowboy Trail Extension (total cost share of \$86,968.12). Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to authorize the staff to contract for an update of the Maple Creek Recreation Area Emergency Action Plan, not to exceed \$2500. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to approve the staff recommendations on purchasing four pickups to replace those destroyed in tornado and hail storms. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Shelton to authorize the staff to repair or replace the 2012 Chevrolet Traverse (up to the state bid price) when it's status is known. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Danny Kluthe. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to approve the Wellness/Safety Committee budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$3500. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to approve the resolution for the designation of the William J Meyer Recreational Trail. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Abstain: Meyer. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to authorize the staff to hire up to four new employees as Certification Specialists and secure necessary office space and equipment for these new employees in order to expedite the completion of irrigated acre certification. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay:

None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 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 22, 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:

Jerry Allemann, Wayne

Chuck Hamernik, Clarkson

Ron Dierking, Scribner

Jon A Johnson, Lyons