

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 24, 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, July 24, 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 July 18, 2014 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. Directors Krueger and Shafer were excused absences.

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

Jerry Allemann, Wayne spoke to the board concerning his well permits. The Chairman asked the staff to respond to his concerns.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the June 26, 2014 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe that the minutes of the June 26, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$106,625.37 and expenses in the amount of \$492,804.96 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$82,328.98 and expenses in the amount of \$31,325.41 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the income in the amount of \$5,952.84 and expenses in the amount of \$5,387.69 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, 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 had nothing to report at this time.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He submitted a written report on the last Commission meeting.

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

Bob Huntley gave the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report and Gary Loftis gave the Loess Hills RC&D report.

A written report was received on the Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project from Stephanie Butler.

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Stan Staab. NRD Forester Pam Bergstrom reported on the past tree planting season. Water Resources Manager Rick Wozniak showed a PBS story on the aerial mapping of the Clarkson area.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Anderson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 14, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, 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 Peitzmeier to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 10, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Huntley to discontinue cost sharing Brush Management as a practice or part of a Planned Grazing System Practice with NRD or state funds (NSWCP). Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Hansen. Nay: Anderson, Loftis, Tighe, Zessin. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Budget Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to advertise and present the proposed Fiscal year 2015 Budget and Long Range Plan at a Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD Board Room, 601 East Benjamin, Suite 101, Norfolk Nebraska. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Anderson to approve an additional 1% increase in Restricted Funds Authority for Fiscal Year 2015. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Danny Kluthe. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Schultz to approve the proposed job description for the Certification Specialist. (Copy attached to official minutes.) 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 8:43 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 24, 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:

Rod Zohner, Battle Creek

Ardene Zohner, Battle Creek

Jerry Allemann, Wayne