

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 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, August 28, 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 August 23, 2014 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Shafer. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Peitzmeier to excuse the absence of Marion Shafer. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget was held. Notice of the budget hearing was in Norfolk Daily News on August 21, 2014, Wayne Herald on August 28, 2014, and West Point News on August 20, 2014.

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

Gene Ruzicka, North Bend spoke to the board concerning additional irrigated acres.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the July 24, 2014, August 14, 2014 and August 21, 2014 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Kluthe that the minutes of the July 24, 2014, August 14, 2014 and August 21, 2014 Board of Directors meetings be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: 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 \$661,068.92 and expenses in the amount of \$603,872.18 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$88,360.35 and expenses in the amount of \$56,289.90 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Krueger, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the income in the amount of \$5,633.88 and expenses in the amount of \$11,329.66 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed

and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: 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 upcoming NARD Annual Conference to be held in Kearney in September.

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

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.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project was given by Stephanie Butler.

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Stan Staab. General Manager Staab announced that he will be retiring on January 8, 2015.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Kluthe to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of August 11, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: 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 August 14, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Krueger, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to raise the acreage limit per contract in the Cover Crop Program from 40 acres to 80 acres, with a maximum annual signup of \$50,000. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Krueger, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to approve the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Disaster Declaration for the Maskenthine Recreation Area. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Krueger, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to approve the following educational events for two hours of educational credit in the Quantity Subareas: the district sponsored Irrigation Management Workshop, UNL's Soybean Days and UNL's Crop Protection Clinic. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Krueger, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: Shelton. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Ad Hoc Building Committee report was given by Committee Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Kluthe to approve the contract documents A101-2007 and A201-2007 with Crafts, Inc. to construct a pre-engineered metal building for the Maskenthine Recreation Area maintenance building with office and tree cooler. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Krueger, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Budget Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District budget and resolution setting the total property tax request at \$3,922,481.00. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Anderson to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Long Range Plan as per the approved budget. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Schultz to accept the resignation of General Manager Stan Staab with regret. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Shelton to authorize the Executive Board to begin a search to fill the General Manager position. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 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 August 28, 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 Dierking, Scribner

Don Frank, Stanton

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Greg Wees, Norfolk

Gene Ruzicka, North Bend