

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015
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 Danny Kluthe on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Kluthe informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on June 18, 2015 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 11 of 15 Directors present. Present: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. Absent, Present later: Loftis, Otten.

Motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Schultz to excuse the absences of Chris Carlson, Bob Huntley and Gary Loftis. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Kluthe appointed Joel Hansen as Acting Secretary.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Shelton to adopt the agenda. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the May 28, 2015 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Shelton that the minutes of the May 28, 2015 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Dave Shelton. Motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Krueger to approve income in the amount of \$552,125.63 and expenses in the amount of \$571,493.54 as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$75,629.70 and expenses in the amount of \$39,469.89 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Beller to approve the income in the amount of \$5,075.96 and expenses in the amount of \$6,212.62 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Janke to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 auditing agreement with Dana F Cole & Company. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley, Loftis, Otten. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was not given due to the absence of Bob Huntley.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given.

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

The Loess Hills RC&D report is attached to the official minutes.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project written report was submitted by Stephanie Butler. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Administrative Report was given by the staff. General Manager Mike Sousek gave a manager's report. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. RWS Manager Shawn Blahak also gave a report. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 8, 2015. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Shelton to approve the new hookups for Donald Koehler Trust and Keohler Farms, upon receipt of the required fees. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Shelton to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 4, 2015. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Korth to approve the request of the City of Randolph to cost share 50% of a study by Olsson Associates to investigate the effectiveness of 3 - 4 flood control dams in removing Randolph from the 100 year flood plain, at a total cost of \$36,000 (\$18,000 LENRD cost). Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board held a discussion on the Battle Creek Reservoir Project. It was the consensus not to budget funds in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for a proposed dam study.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Beller to authorize the staff to contract with JEO Consulting Group to secure a grant with FEMA and to develop a drought management plan, not to exceed a total cost of \$30,000. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Krueger to authorize the Board Chairperson, General Manager and Administrative Assistant sign a resolution that adopts the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Secretary Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Beller to approve the wellness and safety budget for Fiscal Year 2016 for \$3500. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to authorize the Treasurer and General Manager to sign any necessary paperwork to create a direct deposit account and give Vickie DeJong the permissions necessary to administer the transactions. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the attached resolution bringing the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District into compliance with the NARD 414h retirement plan and the Federal Pension Protection Act of 2006. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to approve a Salary Allowance Adjustment of 3% for Fiscal Year 2016. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Schultz to approve the step and grade changes proposed by management for the Fiscal Year 2016 wages. Aye: Beller, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Carlson, Huntley. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 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 June 25, 2015 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.

Joel Hansen, Acting Secretary

Others Present:

Carlin & Judy Synovec, Pierce
Cinda Jones, Randolph
Arlene Zohner, Battle Creek
Rod Zohner, Battle Creek
Derek Zohner, Battle Creek
Terry Becker, Battle Creek
Virginia Field, Battle Creek
Kay Knapp, Battle Creek
Terry Wendt, Leigh
Gary VanMeter, Randolph
Jenny Zohner, Battle Creek
Kevin Zohner, Battle Creek
Joleen Zohner, Battle Creek
Kent Wilke, Wayne