

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 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, July 23, 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 July 17, 2015 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 10 of 15 Directors present. Present: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the June 25, 2015 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger that the minutes of the June 25, 2015 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$301,691.93 and expenses in the amount of \$596,440.82 as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Krueger to approve income in the amount of \$84,848.42 and expenses in the amount of \$34,669.62 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Otten to approve the income in the amount of \$5,019.10 and expenses in the amount of \$4,616.97 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by 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.)

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

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 Beller to purchase a Sensus meter reading unit for the pickup at a cost of \$17,200. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Huntley to purchase a new computer system from Micro-Com for the Scada Dial system at a cost of \$3736. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 13, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Manager Ken Bloomquist. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 2, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

A request was received from the Village of Pilger to assist cost share on a drainage project within the village. Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Schultz to approve the Village of Pilger's request for 50% cost share assistance, up to \$31,380.50, for a buried pipe drainage project on village owned property, which will enable the construction of a store to replace the one lost in the tornado. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Several members of the audience spoke to the board in regard to flow meters.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Tighe to contract with LakeTech Consulting, contingent on

notification from DEQ on securing EPA 319 funds, to complete the Water Quality Management Plan for the Lower Elkhorn NRD at the cost of \$148,475. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Tighe to increase the Fiscal Year 2016 Lower Elkhorn NRD budget amount for the Conservation Cost Share program by \$100,000, to a total of \$500,000. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Korth to accept the bid from Dinkel's of Norfolk in the amount of \$61,725 to purchase a Kubota M9960 tractor with loader and Land Pride model RCF3010 rotary cutter. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to eliminate the Forestry Incentive Program for Public Facilities (privately owned) cost share program due to the low number of applications that have been received within the past two years. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Otten, Schultz. Nay: Beller, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Tighe, Kluthe. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION FAILED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to approve the amendment to the district's tile Drain Study with the USGS to perform additional precipitation, streamflow and sensitivity analysis, the district's portion of the amended study to not exceed \$15,500, and to authorize the General Manager to sign the amendment. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Tighe to approve the recommended Rules of Procedure for Groundwater Management Area Rule 8 hearings. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Budget Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schultz to advertise and present the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Long Range Plan at a Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD Board Room, 601 East Benjamin, Suite 101, Norfolk, Nebraska. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Action on the increase in Restricted Funds Authority will be considered at the August 13, 2015 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 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 23, 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.

Gary Loftis, Secretary

Others Present:

Dan Schmit, McLean

John Schmit, McLean

Rod Zohner, Battle Creek

Arlene Zohner, Battle Creek

Kimberly Neiman, Pilger

Ken Wiechman, Pilger

Walt Aschoff, Osmond

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Laurie Gubbels, Osmond

John Gubbels, Osmond

Ron Schmidt, Humphrey

Paul Hughes, Norfolk

Tyler Krueger, Pierce

Gerry Krueger, Pierce