

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 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 Acting Chairman Gary Loftis on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Acting Chairman Loftis informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on August 21, 2015 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget was held. Notice of the budget hearing was in Norfolk Daily News on August 20, 2015, Wayne Herald on August 20, 2015, and West Point News on August 19, 2015.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 9 of 15 Directors present. Present: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, Shelton, Tighe. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe.

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

Acting Chairman Loftis appointed Dave Shelton as Acting Secretary.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the July 23, 2015 and August 13, 2015 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Huntley that the minutes of the July 23, 2015 and August 13, 2015 Board of Directors meetings be approved as printed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. 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 \$130,056.72 and expenses in the amount of \$395,854.86 as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$81,040.19 and expenses in the amount of \$47,228.66 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the income in the amount of \$20,224.66 and expenses in the amount of \$7,466.66 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. 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. He reported on the upcoming NARD Annual Conference to be held on September 28-29 in Kearney. A Voting Delegate and Alternate were needed for the conference.

Nominated for Voting Delegate was Bob Huntley. Nominations Ceased. After ballots were counted it was announced that Director Bob Huntley was elected Voting Delegate. (Huntley - 9)

Nominated for Voting Alternate was Dave Shelton. Nominations Ceased. After ballots were counted it was announced that Director Dave Shelton was elected Voting Alternate. (Shelton – 9)

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was received from Garry Anderson. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

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 Tighe and seconded by Krueger to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of August 10, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Beller to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of August 6, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Director Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Beller to ratify the policy – continue to accept and approve applications for 50% cost share on flowmeters that will be installed by August 31, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Janke to offer \$250 per flowmeter incentive

payment to producers who apply for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funding prior to the October 16, 2015 cutoff date, and are approved for funding. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Janke, Krueger, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: Huntley, Shelton. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton to offer no flow meter cost share after October 16, 2015. Aye: Huntley, Shelton. Nay: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Janke, Krueger, Tighe, Loftis. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION FAILED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Carlson to offer a \$500 per flowmeter incentive payment to producers who apply for EQIP prior to the calendar year 2015 cutoff date, but are denied funding. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Janke, Krueger, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: Huntley, Shelton. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Krueger to approve the "2015 Soybean Management Field Days" for 2 hours of educational credit toward the 2015 Quantity Subarea educational requirements. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Krueger to approve the attached Lower Elkhorn NRD iPad policy which covers the use of iPads for paperless meetings, director ownership, replacement and other general practices associated with the iPad. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. 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 2016 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District budget and resolution setting the total property tax request at \$4,224,679.00. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Janke to approve the Fiscal year 2016 Long Range Plan as per the approved budget. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Shelton, Tighe, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth, Otten, Schultz, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 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 27, 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.

Dave Shelton, Acting Secretary

Others Present:
Jerry Allemann, Wayne
Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Susan Risinger, Norfolk
Erin Bell, Norfolk
Waylon Petsche, Norfolk