

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 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, September 24, 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 September 19, 2015 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Absent: Janke.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the August and September Board of Directors meetings were next on the agenda. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger that the minutes of the August 27, 2015 and September 10, 2015 Board of Directors meetings, September 3, 2015 Rule 8 Public Hearing and September 3, 2015 Certification of Acres Hearing be approved as printed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. 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 \$889,037.40 and expenses in the amount of \$300,199.61 as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$73,956.21 and expenses in the amount of \$36,110.87 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve the income in the amount of \$3,088.19 and expenses in the amount of \$4,012.30 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. 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.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report but it was noted that the Commission will also be meeting in Kearney on September 29.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Cory Schmidt. (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 and Advisory Committee Chairman Ron Dierking also gave reports. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to approve a Logan East Rural Water System 5% rate increase on all meters and gallonage, effective on the January 2016 billing. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 14, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Krueger to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 3, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to approve the contract with Phoenix Webgroup titled "District Data Management Application" dated September 9, 2015, in the amount of \$68,500. This contract will compliment the work previously completed in the endeavor of combining all district data into a centralized data management system. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to instruct the staff to schedule a special board meeting and hold a public hearing to receive testimony concerning proposed amendments to the District's Groundwater Management Plan on October 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk, Nebraska; and to approve the proposed schedule for approval of the plan and scheduling of actions, including a public hearing on November 12, 2015 to consider amendments to the

District's Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Janke. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 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 September 24, 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:

Jerry Allemann, Wayne

Ron Dierking, Scribner

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Susan Risinger, Norfolk

Mike Buhler, Norfolk