

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

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 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 Tuesday, November 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 November 16, 2015 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 15 of 15 Directors present. Present: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Absent: None.

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

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to remove from the table the motion: to approve the proposed amendments to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Plan. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Vote on the motion: to approve the proposed amendments to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Plan. Aye: Carlson, Huntley, Hansen, Loftis, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Beller, Gustafson, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Otten, Winkelbauer. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the October 22, 2015 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton that the minutes of the October 22, 2015 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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 \$98,950.94 and expenses in the amount of \$477,048.92 as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$87,110.67 and expenses in the amount of \$33,290.13 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Krueger to approve the income in the amount of

\$6,738.64 and expenses in the amount of \$4,911.82 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Otten to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 audit as prepared by Dana F Cole & Company. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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 the next NARD meeting will be held in November.

A written report was submitted by Garry Anderson for the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting in September. (A copy of the report 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.)

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 report was given. (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. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to accept the Logan East Rural Water System minutes of November 9, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Schultz to accept the wholesale water rate increase requested by the Village of Coleridge from \$1.90 to \$2.00 per 1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2016. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Huntley to accept the wholesale water rate increase requested by the Village of Wausa from \$1.90 to \$2.00 per 1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2016. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Schultz to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of November 5, 2015. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hansen to approve the Petersen Ag Systems, Inc. Irrigation and Water training for 2 hours of educational credits towards the 2015 Quantity Subarea educational requirements. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Krueger to approve the Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities and Community Forestry grant applications, for a total Lower Elkhorn NRD cost of \$39,114.38.

Community Forestry Incentive FY 2017

Applicant	Description	Total Project	Funding Approved
Village of Pilger	Replace Trees	\$4,950.00	\$3,712.50
Village of Hadar	Tree Project	\$2,958.32	\$2,218.74
City of Madison	Historic Barnes Park Arboretum	\$3,965.00	\$2,974.00
Village of Meadow Grove	Village Park	\$1,223.68	\$917.76
City of Norfolk	Norfolk Community Forest	\$7,037.00	\$5,000.00
City of Pender	State Tree Revitalization	\$5,325.00	\$3,993.75
City of Wakefield	1st Street Project	\$5,800.00	\$4,350.00
	New Windbreak & Tree Replacement	\$6,535.00	\$4,901.25
West Point Public Schools		\$6,660.00	\$4,995.00
Osmond Community Schools	Improvement of Shelter Belt	\$4,068.90	\$3,051.38
City of Scribner	Cemetery Association Planting		
		\$48,522.90	\$36,114.38
Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities			
Concord Cemetery Association	Concord Cemetery	\$7,676.00	\$2,500.00
Pierce Community Golf Course	Repopulating Golf Course Trees	\$2,172.60	\$500.00
		\$9,848.60	\$3,000.00

Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to approve the staff recommendations for Conservation Cost Share and Lands for Conservation programs and authorize \$500,000 signup for 2016 construction season. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to approve the Interlocal Agreement with NARD for purchasing tree seedlings for resale in the Conservation Tree Program and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Secretary Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Schultz to approve the first addendum to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District General Manager Employment Agreement and have the chairperson sign said agreement. Aye: Beller, Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 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 November 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.

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Gary Loftis, Secretary