

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2016
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, April 28, 2016 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 April 22, 2016 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

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

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 22, 2016 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Huntley that the minutes of the March 28, 2016 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$269,149.48 and expenses in the amount of \$729,135.31 as printed and distributed. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Krueger to approve income in the amount of \$77,996.06 and expenses in the amount of \$126,243.57 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Schultz to approve the income in the amount of \$4,247.17 and expenses in the amount of \$4,079.38 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Kurt Janke. He reported on the next NARD meeting in June will be held in York in conjunction with the Basin Tour.

There was no report from Garry Anderson for the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Dennis Smith. (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 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 and Logan East RWS Manager Shawn Blahak. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Schultz to accept the Logan East Rural Water System minutes of April 22, 2016. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. 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 accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System minutes of April 8, 2016. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. City of Norfolk City Administrator Shane Weidner presented information on an Elkhorn River stabilization project that will protect critical infrastructure important for northeast Nebraska.

Members of the public addressed the board on the potential reservoir evaluation that the district completed.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to schedule a public hearing for May 26, 2016 to receive public input on the proposed amendments to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Erosion and Sediment Program Rules and Regulations. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schulz and seconded by Hansen to approve Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District participation in Pheasants Forever Corners for Wildlife program in the Lower Elkhorn NRD portion of Burt County at a cost of \$125 per acre and not to exceed \$2500 annually. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schulz and seconded by Hansen to approve the Urban Recreation Area

Development and Urban Conservation Program applications as recommended by staff:

FY 2017 Urban Conservation Assistance			
City of Laurel	Logan Creek Bank Stabilization to Protect Roadway	\$467,589.00	\$25,000.00
	Total:		\$25,000.00
FY 2017 Recreation Area Development			
City of Hooper	Picnic Shelter	\$ 2,341.60	\$ 1,170.80
City of Oakland	Park Restrooms/Picnic Shelter	\$100,000.00	\$30,000.00
Village of Uehling	Replacing Trees in City Park	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,300.00
Randolph Public Schools	Retaining wall & Playground Equipment	\$ 55,355.00	\$27,677.00
City of Wisner	Wisner Care Center Outdoor Activity Center (Gazebo)	\$ 19,516.00	\$ 9,785.00
Leigh Community Schools	Pre Kindergarten Playground	\$ 20,000.00	\$10,000.00
Village of Concord	Playground Equipment in village park	\$ 18,986.00	\$ 9,496.00
	Total:		\$ 90,428.80

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

Motion was made by Schulz and seconded by Huntley to authorize the staff, under the Lower Elkhorn NRD Purchasing Policy, to construct one concrete handicap assessable camper pad with sidewalks and one concrete pad for general use at Maskenthine Recreation Area, at a total cost of approximately \$15,000. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: Korth, Krueger. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to authorize the staff, under the Lower Elkhorn NRD Purchasing Policy, to install one CXT restroom and crushed rock trail overlay at Willow Creek State Recreation Area as a cooperative project with Game & Parks Commission, approximate total cost of the projects, \$50,000. Aye: Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, Otten, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Winkelbauer, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Carlson. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 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 April 28, 2016 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