

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2016

Lower Elkhorn NRD

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, August 25, 2016 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 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 August 20, 2016 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget was held. Notice of the budget hearing was in Norfolk Daily News on August 19, 2016, Wayne Herald on August 18, 2016, and West Point News on August 17, 2016.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer.

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

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

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

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$177,338.33 and expenses in the amount of \$605,050.42 as printed and distributed. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Otten to approve income in the amount of \$85,484.18 and expenses in the amount of \$48,997.71 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton to approve the income in the amount of \$9,940.58 and expenses in the amount of \$8,396.95 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz,

Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. 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 upcoming NARD Annual Conference in Kearney in September.

Nominated for Voting Delegate was Kurt Janke. Nominations Ceased. After ballots were counted it was announced that Director Kurt Janke was elected Voting Delegate. (Janke - 13)

Nominated for Voting Alternate was Bob Huntley. Nominations Ceased. After ballots were counted it was announced that Director Bob Huntley was elected Voting Alternate. (Huntley - 13)

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report from Garry Anderson is 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 by Brian Bruckner. A written report by Tanner Jenkins, Bazile GMA Project Coordinator 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.)

Shane Weidner, City Administrator for the City of Norfolk updated the board on the Norfolk trail system.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to accept and approve applications for \$500 flow meter incentive payments from anyone who has purchased and installed flow meters after November 24, 2015; and to obligate funds up to the \$1.5 million limit of the Water Sustainability funding. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Loftis. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to amend the district's Nutrient Management Cost Share policy, to allow the extension of enhanced program benefits to parcels of land located in the Lower Elkhorn NRD portion of Knox County and the Bazile Groundwater Management Area. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to provide the City of Norfolk with a letter of support to help with their efforts to secure a grant for trail development. The district will provide up to half of the local matching monies needed up to \$26,000, if such a grant is secured. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Janke to approve the updated changes to Bylaws; Article 1 – Paragraph 12. Aye: Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Schultz, Kluthe. Nay: Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Shelton, Tighe. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION FAILED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to approve the updated Personnel Policy – 23 – Overtime Pay. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Hansen. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton to approve Personnel Policy – 41 – Community Service Leave. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Lower Elkhorn NRD budget and resolution setting the total property tax request at \$4,390,132. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Long Range Plan as per the approved budget. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Krueger, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 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 25, 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

Others Present:
Jerry Allemann
Shane Weidner