

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2017

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 Dennis Schultz on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Schultz informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on May 19, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 12 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Absent, Present Later: Korth.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Loftis to excuse the absence of Bob Noonan and Matt Steffen. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by McHenry to adopt the agenda. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the April 27, 2017 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Barr that the minutes of the April 27, 2017 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Krueger to approve income in the amount of \$1,151,771.14 and expenses in the amount of \$462,078.26 as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$78,685.42 and expenses in the amount of \$34,663.123 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$4,784.83 and expenses in the amount of \$6,245.83 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by Project Manager Curt Becker. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Kurt Janke. He reported on the upcoming events and legislation. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.) Dave Kathol gave a presentation on the Nebraska Envirothon held at Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area near Gering that he and his wife volunteered at.

No report was given on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

Gary Loftis reported on the Loess Hills RC&D and Bob Huntly reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project written report was received from Tanner Jenkins, Bazile GMA Project Coordinator. (A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.)

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Mike Sousek. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Kathol to approve \$2,077.20 for the funding of the Madison Public Schools Watershed Dynamics Program – Taylor-Union Creek Watershed Group. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Hansen to accept the terms of Amendment #5 to the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) Interlocal Agreement and authorize the General Manager to sign the Amendment on behalf of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by McHenry to provide Lower Elkhorn NRD cost share assistance of up to \$500 per flow meter for public water supply, commercial, industrial, livestock and any series of wells that are equipped to pump greater than 50 gallons per minute and to require that well owners submit their request for cost share assistance on district approved application forms no later than June 30, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Barr to decline the Winside Public Schools Urban Conservation Assistance Program application, which was delayed from the March 23, 2017 Board of Director's meeting and to consider the project as a special project if sufficient engineering and analysis is performed to evaluate the project effectiveness and impact on downstream flows. Discussion followed with representatives of the Winside Public Schools.

Moved to amend the motion by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to request a letter of approval by the Village of Winside, copies of easements, an updated estimate from the original contractor and a second estimate. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Amendment Carried.

Vote on amended motion: to decline the Winside Public Schools Urban Conservation Assistance Program application, which was delayed from the March 23, 2017 Board of Director's meeting and to consider the project as a special project if a letter of approval by the Village of Winside, copies of easements, an updated estimate from the original contractor and a second estimate is provided. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Amended Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by McHenry to assist the Wau-Col Regional Water System with the payment of the USDA loan, approximately \$51,000, and set a reimbursement schedule for the Regional Water System to pay the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Steffen. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 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 May 25, 2017, 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.

Mark Hall, Secretary

Others Present:
Todd Gruenke
Connie Marotz