

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 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, August 24, 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 August 19, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan Steffen, Schultz. Absent: Krueger.

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

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget was held. Notice of the budget hearing was in Norfolk Daily News on August 18, 2017, Wayne Herald on August 17, 2017, and West Point News on August 16, 2017.

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

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

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$285,719.23 and expenses in the amount of \$417,740.48 as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$97,340.14 and expenses in the amount of \$95,576.25 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Barr to approve income in the amount of \$7,663.96 and expenses in the amount of \$10,335.04 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis,

McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. 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 NARD Annual Conference to be held in Kearney in September.

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.

No Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project report was received.

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

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Rural Water System Manager Shawn Blahak and Advisory Committee Chairman Ron Dierking. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson that the Logan East Rural Water System will not allow any antennas, by any businesses or organizations other than their own, to be mounted on the Logan East Rural Water System Oakland tower. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of August 14, 2017. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Huntley to set a hearing date of Tuesday, November 21, 2017 for a public hearing for the modifications to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Plan to integrate the goals of the Drought Management Plan. Aye: Barr, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Korth, Noonan. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth As per Rule 17.6.2(a) to approve an additional two acre-inches per irrigated acre for use after September 15 on cover crops in the Wayne County and Eastern Madison County subareas. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

The Budget Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Barr to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District budget and resolution setting the total property tax request at \$4,270,002. Aye: Allemann, Barr,

Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz.
Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Loftis to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Long Range Plan as per the approved budget. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Krueger. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 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 24, 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: