

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

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 21, 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 Vice-Chairman Mike Krueger on Tuesday, November 21, 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 November 15, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen. Absent: Kathol, Schultz.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the October 26, 2017 and November 9, 2017 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by McHenry that the minutes of the October 26, 2017 and November 9, 2017 Board of Directors meetings be approved. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. 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 \$86,119.86 and expenses in the amount of \$271,932.84. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$73,627.73 and expenses in the amount of \$34,010.00 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$2,497.87 and expenses in the amount of \$5,050.28 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. 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 that Dave Kathol had attended the last NARD board meeting in Beatrice and the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference in Lincoln.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland District Conservationist. (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 report was given by Coordinator Phil Steinkamp. (A copy of his 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 Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Huntley to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of November 13, 2017. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Present, Not Voting: Barr. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Loftis to approve an increase to the water rates by 8% as of January 2018 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Present, Not Voting: Barr. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of November 2, 2017. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Present, Not Voting: Barr. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Secretary Mark Hall. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hansen to accept the terms of the Lower Platte River Basin Coalition Interlocal Agreement and to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hansen to authorize the staff to schedule and advertise for a public hearing on December 21, 2017, to receive public input on proposed amendments to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District – Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations of the Enforcement of the Groundwater Management and Protection Act – Transfer of Acres. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Hansen to approve Community Forestry Incentive

and Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities applications, for a total Lower Elkhorn NRD cost of \$34,130.32, as follows:

COMMUNITY FORESTRY INCENTIVE FY 2019			
Applicant	Description	Total Project Costs	Funding Requested
City of Norfolk	Embrace Park Tree Addition, Skyview Arboretum		
	Tree Replacement and 13th Street Replacement	\$5,887.50	\$4,415.00
Norfolk Public Schools	Trees for Alternative Education Building	\$548.00	\$411.00
City of Osmond	City of Osmond Cemetery Project	\$5,560.75	\$3,070.19
City of Pender	Pender Street Tree Revitalization Initiative - Phase 5	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00
Village of Pilger	2014 Storm Tree Replacement	\$5,515.00	\$4,136.25
SID #1	SID #1 Park Improvement	\$4,200.00	\$3,150.00
Village of Uehling	Tree Replacement for City of Uehling	\$5,670.00	\$4,252.50
City of Wakefield	Plant 2018	\$8,799.88	\$5,000.00
Village of Winside	Winside Park	\$5,920.00	\$3,640.00
	TOTAL:	\$47,101.13	\$31,824.94
FORESTRY INCENTIVE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES			
Elkhorn Valley Golf Club	Tree Replacement	\$198.13	\$99.07
Wayne Country Club	Retree the Club	\$4,412.61	\$2,206.31
	TOTAL:	\$4,610.74	\$2,305.38

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

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Barr *to authorize the current fiscal year budget for conservation cost share and Lands for Conservation to continue to June 30, 2018. Authorize a Lands for Conservation signup to begin January 1, 2018 and authorize cost share on practices contained on the attached summary.* (Summary of the cost share and Lands for Conservation programs attached to the official minutes.) Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

The Ad Hoc Building Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry *to enter into Executive Session for the protection of public interest due to strategy planning.* Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Krueger. Nay: None. Absent: Kathol, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chairman Krueger stated that the Board would move into Executive Session for the protection of public interest due to strategy planning and that the General Manager, Assistant Manager and Administrative Supervisor be asked to stay.

Moved into Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

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

Reentered regular session at 9:01 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 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 21, 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