

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

10:24 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 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, November 9, 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 3, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Assistant Manager Brian Bruckner with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Absent: Gustafson, Korth.

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

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

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Huntley to approve the 2017 10/50 and Non 10/50 Scoresheets and the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District – Conditional Approval Policy (November 2017) to be used in processing variance requests for new irrigated acres in the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. (Conditional Approval Policy (November 2017) attached to official minutes.)

Discussion followed. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Allemann to amend the Conditional Approval Policy (November 2017) on the 2018 allocation of approved Standard and Expedited Variances from 9 acre inches to 12 acre inches (total). Aye: Allemann, Hall, Krueger, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: Barr, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Absent: Gustafson, Korth. Amendment Failed.

Vote on original motion: Aye: Barr, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Allemann, Hall, Krueger. Absent: Gustafson, Korth. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Barr to approve under the District's expedited variance process, to allow for consideration of transfer of irrigated acres district-wide, allow approval of variance applications of 10 acres or less if the addition of the requested acres will allow the applicant's center pivot irrigation system to finish its circle and to allow for the approval of qualified good cause variances and, to approve a total of no more than 100 new irrigated acres in the hydrologically connected area and no more than 100 irrigated acres in the non-hydrologically connected area for expedited variance applications located outside the District's quantity subareas for 2018. In addition, the Board directs the staff to allow for the approval of supplemental wells, only in situations where the certified irrigated acres have been severed from the sources of groundwater. Aye: Allemann,

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 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 9, 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:

Ron Dierking

Nick Lingenfelter, Plainview

Ron Stech, Osmond