

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018
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, April 26, 2018 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 April 21, 2018 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

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

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

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

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Certification of Acres. Refer to the minutes for Certification of Acres Public Hearing.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Loftis that the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$466,257.75 and expenses in the amount of \$371,940.32. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Barr to approve income in the amount of \$86,025.31 and expenses in the amount of \$96,779.09 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Janke to approve income in the amount of \$4,966.41 and expenses in the amount of \$4,334.87 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, 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 Gary Loftis.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson.

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 Dave Kathol reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was given by Bazile Groundwater Project Coordinator Phil Steinkamp and 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 Gustafson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 9, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Barr to appoint Jennifer Backhaus of McLean as the advisory committee representative for the Village of McLean. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 5, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Korth to approve \$2,356.83 for the funding of the Madison Public Schools Watershed Dynamics Program – Taylor-Union Creek Watershed Group. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Janke to approve the Urban Recreation Area Development applications for Fiscal Year 2019:

FY 2019 Recreation Area Development			
Applicant	Description	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Village of Beemer	Splash Pad	\$ 213,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Village of Concord	Pavilion/Shelter House	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 3,625.00
Village of Howells	Upgrade Playground	\$ 45,700.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Equipment in City Park		

City of Norfolk	Embrace Park Restroom	\$	125,000.00	\$	30,000.00
City of Plainview	Chilvers Park & Band Shell Park Renovations	\$	172,468.12	\$	21,534.38
City of Stanton	Playground Surfacing	\$	20,000.00	\$	10,000.00
Village of Wausa	Bathhouse and Aquatic Center	\$	230,000.00	\$	30,000.00
City of Wayne	Versacourt Play Area	\$	65,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Wayne County Ag Society	Camp Site	\$	5,339.64	\$	2,669.82
City of Wisner	Parks Improvement Project	\$	440,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Total:		\$	1,323,757.76	\$	177,829.20

Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz. Nay: Hall, Steffen. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Korth *to direct staff to develop the necessary changes to the Lower Elkhorn Rules and Regulations for the Management of Groundwater, to integrate the proposed modifications to the controls for a Phase 2 and Phase 3 Area within the Lower Elkhorn NRD and to delineate suggested modifications to portions of the existing Phase 2 Area to create a Phase 3 Area and to delineate some suggested boundaries for a proposed Phase 2 Area in portions of northern Madison County. Also to direct staff to schedule and advertise for a Public Hearing to inform the public and to receive public comments on these proposed changes to be held at a later date.* Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis *to remove from the table the motion: to approve the JEO Consulting Group Inc. Phase 1 – Pilot Scale Model of the Lower Elkhorn NRD Regional Groundwater Model, not to exceed \$84,000.* Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley. Motion Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 April 26, 2018, 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:
Doug Hall, Neligh
Doug Nelson, Wayne