

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2018
Lower Elkhorn NRD
1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gary Loftis on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Vice-Chairman Loftis informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on June 22, 2018 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 11 of 14 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Subdistrict 1 has a vacancy.

Vice-Chairman Loftis appointed Director Hansen as acting secretary.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Kathol *that the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Janke *to approve income in the amount of \$605,926.64 and expenses in the amount of \$546,122.61 as printed and distributed and approve the transfer of \$400,000.00 to the Randolph Sinking Fund*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Allemann *to approve income in the amount of \$74,602.65 and expenses in the amount of \$30,095.41 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen *to approve income in the amount of \$6,359.11 and expenses in the amount of \$4,120.27 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 auditing

agreement with Dana F. Cole & Company. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, 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 Gary Loftis. He also gave a report on the Groundwater Management District Association meeting.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not 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 Huntley reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was given by Assistant Manager Brian Bruckner 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 Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 11, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, 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 Barr to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 7, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Water Resources Technician Dallas Dorey gave the Spring 2018 static water level measurements report. Copy of the report attached to the official minutes.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Director Joel Hansen. Discussion was held on the request from the City of Norfolk to partner in the Johnson Park River Rehabilitation Project.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Barr to approve the language contained in the Final Draft version of the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan and to direct staff to coordinate with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to schedule and advertise for a Public Information Meeting to be held on August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and to schedule and advertise for a Joint LENRD/NDNR Public Hearing to be held on August 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to receive public testimony on the plan. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Barr to instruct the General Manager to issue cease and desist orders to any landowner that is found by district staff to be irrigating without a flow meter and authorize the General Manager to sign such orders. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen,

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

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Janke to authorize the Treasurer and General Manager to establish an interest bearing checking account at Bank First, Norfolk. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

The Executive Board report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Barr to approve the Salary Allowance Adjustment of 1.842% and to approve the step and grade changes proposed by management for Fiscal Year 2019. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Kathol to authorize the staff to advertise the Subdistrict I Board of Director's position. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Hall, McHenry, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 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 June 28, 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.

Joel Hansen, Acting Secretary

Others Present:
Doug Hall, Neligh
Josh Moenning, Norfolk