

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 27, 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 Chairman Dennis Schultz on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Schultz informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on September 20, 2018 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

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

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the August 23, 2018 and September 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Barr that the minutes of the August 23, 2018 and September 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by McHenry to approve income in the amount of \$1,182,321.13 and expenses in the amount of \$331,323.80 as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hall to approve income in the amount of \$80,492.45 and expenses in the amount of \$90,198.81 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: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$8,704.98 and expenses in the amount of \$4,655.70 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. 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 Scott McHenry. He reported on the NARD Fall Conference that was held in Kearney on September 25 and 26.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was received.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

Bob Huntley reported on the upcoming Northeast Nebraska RC&D 25th anniversary and Gary Loftis reported on the Loess Hills RC&D. (Copy attached to official minutes.)

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 Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 10, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 6, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Kathol to authorize the General Manager to sign the contract with JEQ Consulting Group, Inc. to update the District's Hazard Mitigation Plan, as attached, for a total of \$200,000. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Gustafson, Korth. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by McHenry to authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Obtaining Seedling Trees and Shrubs with the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, as attached. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to instruct the staff to solicit bids for meter maintenance on mechanical meters in Madison and Antelope Counties (~776 meters) and authorize the General Manager to sign a contract with the lowest responsible bidder. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Noonan to adopt the Lower Elkhorn NRD Voluntary Integrated Management Plan, issue an order designating the groundwater management area subject to the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan, and to direct staff to implement the controls and

incentive programs contained within the plan. Aye: Barr, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Korth. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to approve the contract with Phoenix Web Group to complete the Management Area Online Reporting application for \$22,500 and authorize the General Manager to sign said contract. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by McHenry to instruct the staff to purchase and install a new Lower Elkhorn NRD logo sign for the front of the new office building as per the specs of the attached quote. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by McHenry to table the motion. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Loftis. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Gary Loftis.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Barr to enter Executive Session for the protection of reputation. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Chairman Schultz stated that the board will enter into Executive Session for the protection of reputation. Entered into Executive Session at 9:02 p.m.

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

Returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to approve the employment contract for General Manager Sousek. Aye: Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz. Nay: Allemann, Hall, Korth, Steffen. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 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 September 27, 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:
Cindy Osborn, Meadow Grove