

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2019
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 Gary Loftis on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Loftis informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on February 22, 2019 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, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Absent: Noonan,

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Janke *that the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Schultz *to approve income in the amount of \$363,147.91 and expenses in the amount of \$450,911.26 and a final building loan payment for Bank First in the amount of approximately \$93,800.00 as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley *to approve income in the amount of \$72,715.55 and expenses in the amount of \$34,761.56 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Zimmerman *to approve income in the amount of \$6,559.67 and expenses in the amount of \$4,215.46 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. 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 Legislative Conference held in Lincoln in January.

A written report from Garry Anderson on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission is attached to the official minutes.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. Her written report is attached to the official minutes.

Bob Huntley reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D 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. A copy of a written 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 Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Kurt Janke. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Zimmerman to direct District staff to authorize District legal counsel to send non-compliance notification letters containing a May 1, 2019 deadline, to irrigation well owners who have not submitted end-of-season flow meter readings for the 2018 pumping season for active irrigation wells as required by Section 11.2.12 of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations for the Enforcement of the Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protection Act. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by McHenry to accept the bid from Norfolk Chevrolet Buick GMC for a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup in the amount of \$27,990. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Hansen to appoint the Past Chairman Dennis Schultz to sign checks during the absence of Treasurer David Kathol. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 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 February 28, 2019, 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.

Matt Steffen, Secretary