

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 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, March 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 March 22, 2019 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Absent: Hansen, Korth.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Janke that the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley to approve income in the amount of \$546,517.48 and expenses in the amount of \$216,937.87 and to approve the transfer of \$300,000.00 to the Randolph Sinking Fund, as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hall to approve income in the amount of \$71,004.52 and expenses in the amount of \$32,058.24 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$5,962.50 and expenses in the amount of \$3,872.53 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley to approve the changes to the Financial Operating Policy, including the Acceptance of Credit Card Payments (copy attached to the official

minutes). Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. 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 Board meeting held in Lincoln and the upcoming NARD Washington DC contact trip.

No report was given on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

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 Phil Steinkamp, Bazile Coordinator. 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.)

Dan and John Schmit and their agronomist Craig Marsh with Complete Agronomy, reported on the Pierce County Pilot Research Project to examine and monitor the environmental impacts and agronomic outcomes of the use of the Exactrix© TAPPS system for the application of crop nutrients. The Schmit brothers reported on their activities to date, and were able to utilize the concept on a limited basis during the Fall of 2018. Soil sampling for baseline monitoring has also been conducted, and will be part of the long-term monitoring protocol to evaluate the project.

Mike Murphy, General Manager of the Middle Niobrara NRD at Valentine, updated the board on their projects and the recent flooding events.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by McHenry to begin a rotation of replacing meters in the Logan East RWS and begin by purchasing 20 Sensis I-pearl meters at an approximate cost of \$150 each. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by McHenry to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of March 11, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

The Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Kurt Janke. Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Schultz to accept the terms and scope of services itemized in Amendment No. 1 for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Pilot-scale Groundwater Model No. #171553.00 with JEO Consulting Group Inc. with the cost of the District not to exceed \$47,000 (50% or \$23,500 to be reimbursed by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources).

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

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Hall to authorize staff to prepare a letter of support for the City of Plainview's Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Source Water Protection proposal and to budget for and allocate up to \$3,500 in district funds to be used in support of the project. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Zimmerman to authorize staff to prepare a letter of support for the Village of Dodge's Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Source Water Protection proposal and to budget for and allocate up to \$4,500 in district funds to be used in support of the project. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Steffen to instruct the staff to include CSP as an NRCS program that the District will supplement in the District's conservation cost-share program and that the District will only supplement CSP to get the total cost share between CSP and the District up to a rate of 55% of average costs. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

A status report regarding the compliance notifications for irrigation well flow meter installation and the annual groundwater withdrawal reporting requirements was given.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Kurt Janke. Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Schultz to approve Personnel Policies: Employee Dress/District Provided Apparel, Expenses, Hazardous Weather, Pay Period and Safety and Wellness. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Korth. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 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 March 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