

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 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, April 25, 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 April 18, 2019 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, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 28, 2019 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Kathol that the minutes of the March 28, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. 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 \$297,510.47 and expenses in the amount of \$259,964.52 and to approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 to the West Point Sinking Fund, as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Clausen to approve income in the amount of \$70,752.06 and expenses in the amount of \$136,784.68 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$12,385.11 and expenses in the amount of \$5,679.63 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, 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 not given due to the absence of Scott McHenry.

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 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.) Introduced to the board was Jeremy Milander who recently began employment with UNL as a Bazile GWMA Extension Coordinator and will be housed at the NRD office.

A Lower Elkhorn NRD Pilot Scale Area Groundwater Model Presentation was led by JEO Consulting Group. (Copy of the presentation attached to the official minutes.) Lalit Jha with JEO Consulting Group opened the discussion and provided some background information and an overview of the project. Dave Hume, P.G. with WSP USA Inc. then provided an explanation of the geologic framework that was developed in support of the modeling efforts. He described the process involved with integrating geologic drill logs from existing well locations in addition to the AEM data collected by Aqua Geo Frameworks into the datasets that support the model. To discuss the outputs associated with several management scenarios, Mahesh Pun and Michael Ou with Long Spring Consulting were present to explain the impacts of a drought scenario and a hypothetical new groundwater use scenario.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to purchase a 2019 Silverado 1500 pickup from Sid Dillon Chevrolet-Blair for the price of \$39,998 for the Logan East Rural Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Clausen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 8, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Clausen to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 4, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. 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 approve \$2,083.65 for the funding of the Madison Public Schools Watershed Dynamics Program – Taylor-Union Creek Watershed Group. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz,

Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Kathol to approve the Urban Recreation Area Development and Urban Conservation Program applications:

FY 2020 Recreation Area Development			
Applicant	Description	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Lyons-Decatur	Installation of swings and tile		
Northeast School	surface	\$35,390.00	\$17,695.00
City of Wisner	Trail system	\$634,800.00	\$30,000.00
Village of Craig	Park Bathrooms	\$60,522.05	\$30,000.00
FY 2020 Urban Conservation Development			
Applicant	Description	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
City of Tilden	Stabilize bank and remove debris	\$ 49,610.00	\$24,805.00
TOTAL:		\$ 780,322.05	\$102,500.00

Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Zimmerman to direct staff to obtain an estimate for a drainage study and work with the City of Pierce in developing an interlocal agreement to provide 50% of the study cost. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Hansen to direct staff to work with the City of Battle Creek in developing a proposal for the board to consider which would include the project the City of Battle Creek would like to pursue and also update the construction cost for the four identified potential projects. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Clausen to direct staff to obtain an estimate for a drainage study and work with the City of Osmond in developing an interlocal agreement to provide 50% of the study cost. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Schultz to instruct staff to work with Dodge County and the City of Scribner on the Elkhorn River Streambank Stabilization Project northeast of Scribner and to be the lead on this project for either an EWP application with NRCS or Public Assistance application with FEMA. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: Hansen. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to accept the bid from Green Line Equipment for a John Deere 72 inch flex mower deck in the amount of \$5,900. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 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 25, 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.

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Matt Steffen, Secretary