

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 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, July 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 July 19, 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, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Absent: Zimmerman.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Schultz to excuse the absence of Aaron Zimmerman. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: Hall. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the June 27, 2019 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Kathol that the minutes of the June 27, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. 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 \$153,543.80 and expenses in the amount of \$510,849.84. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$82,084.76 and expenses in the amount of \$35,135.10 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$7,831.71 and expenses in the amount of \$5,471.39 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. 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. The upcoming NARD Annual Conference will still be held in September in Kearney despite of flooding to the conference center and hotels.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not given.

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. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by RWS Manager Shawn Blahak and RWS Chairman Ron Dierking. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Clausen to approve repairs made to Logan East Rural Water System well #1 as soon as possible and begin the process of searching for a new well location. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Schultz to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 8, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. 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 Hansen to approve the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Streambank Stabilization Policy. (Copy attached to the official minutes.) Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made Janke and seconded by Huntley to accept the proposed changes to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Area Rules & Regulations, including the additional change to Section 13.2 as suggested by the letter of testimony received from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Order of Designation to enact these changes. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The board discussed scheduling of a sign-up period to receive applications for Standard Variances for new groundwater irrigated acres. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 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 July 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.

Matt Steffen, Secretary