

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020
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 23, 2020 at the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, 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 17, 2020. As per the Governor's Executive Order 20-03 the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Board of Directors meeting was held as an audio/video meeting only. A copy of the Open Meetings Act (Neb. Rev. State Statute 84-1407 through 84-1414) is posted at the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District office and a copy is available upon request.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 15 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Absent, Present Later: Zimmerman. Absent: None.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 26, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the March 26, 2020 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 Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to approve income in the amount of \$308,428.42 and expenses in the amount of \$238,876.71. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Zimmerman to approve income in the amount of \$68,085.19 and expenses in the amount of \$84,827.74 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, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$7,278.32 and expenses in the amount of \$4,771.14 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hansen to approve the payment to the City of Randolph in the amount of \$834,723.00 and withdraw funds from the Randolph Sinking Fund as needed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

A copy of the conservation cost share report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Scott McHenry. He reported that the National Envirothon to be held in July in Lincoln has now be cancelled. The NARD Board meeting and basin tour is tentatively scheduled for June.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was presented.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. (Copy attached to official minutes.)

There were no RC&D reports due to cancelled meetings.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was given by Connor Baldwin, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project Coordinator. (Copy attached to the official minutes)

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Mike Sousek. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

Charles Ikenberry of Fyra Engineering presented a proposal on possible solutions to the Willow Creek lake toxic algae problem.

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 authorize the Board Chairman and General Manager to sign a resolution that adopts the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

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

RECREATION AREA DEVELOPMENT			
Applicant	Description	Projected Cost	Funding Requested
City of Madison	Versacourt	\$43,023.00	\$21,511.50
City of Norfolk	Riverpoint Square	\$509,404.00	\$30,000.00
Norfolk Public Schools	Playground Phase II	\$52,785.00	\$25,000.00
City of Randolph	Park Area Playground	\$26,080.16	\$13,040.08
Total:		\$631,292.16	\$89,551.58

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

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to authorize the staff to proceed with the Maskenthine handicapped sidewalk projects and to accept the bid of Gates Construction LLC, not to exceed \$12,669. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Loftis. Nay: Allemann, Clausen, Korth, Zimmerman. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Zimmerman to accept the terms of the producer contract developed in accordance with the requirements set-forth in the Nebraska Environmental Trust

(NET) Grant Contract and to authorize the General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD to sign the producer contracts on behalf of the project partners. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: Korth. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Kathol to accept the terms of the Nebraska GeoCloud (NGC) Two Year agreement with the 10 member NRD's, to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the District, and to instruct staff to budget the necessary funds as indicated by the terms of the agreement. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: Korth. Not Voting: Steffen. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Hansen to accept the terms of Amendment #6 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the six (6) member NRD's that comprise the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) group, and to authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment #6 on behalf of the District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Not Voting: Steffen. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Hall to approve the Interlocal Office Lease Agreement with the University of Nebraska - Lincoln on behalf of the Nebraska Forest Service and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 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 23, 2020, 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