

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 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, July 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 July 13, 2020.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 11 of 15 Directors present. Present: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the June 25, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the June 25, 2020 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. 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 \$181,161.54 and expenses in the amount of \$427,226.66. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley to approve income in the amount of \$94,293.61 and expenses in the amount of \$107,467.71 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$9,759.74 and expenses in the amount of \$6,132.01 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. 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 General Manager Mike Sousek. He reported on the NARD Annual Conference in Kearney and the replacement for the NARD

office that was destroyed by arson.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was presented.

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

There were no RC&D reports due to cancelled meetings, however a written report for the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D is attached to the official minutes.

A written 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.)

The Logan East Rural Water System report was given by Roger Gustafson and RWS Manager Shawn Blahak. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Clausen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System minutes of July 13, 2020. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. Motion Carried.

The Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Schultz to authorize funding to cover any expenses of the 2020 Scrap Tire Collection, not covered by the Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive Grant. These expenses will be split 50-50 with the Papio-Missouri River NRD, not to exceed \$10,000 of Lower Elkhorn NRD Funds. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. Motion Carried.

Assistant Manager Brian Bruckner updated the directors on the status of compliance activities for the Phase 2 and 3 Area Management Area Reports, irrigation well flow meter installation requirement, and illegal water well and expansion of irrigated acres without an approved variance.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Hansen to untable the motion: to approve the amendment as presented to the Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for the operation and maintenance of the Willow Creek State Recreation Area, which would provide an annual payment to the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to fund employees of the Commission to complete tasks previously performed by employees of the district. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. Motion Carried.

Vote on the motion: to approve the amendment as presented to the Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for the operation and maintenance of the Willow Creek State Recreation Area, which would provide an annual payment to the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to fund employees of the Commission to complete tasks previously performed by employees of the district. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Kathol, Noonan, Schultz, Zimmerman. Nay: Hall, Steffen, Loftis. Absent: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 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 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