

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2021
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, January 28, 2021 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 January 22, 2021. As per the Governor's Executive Order 20-36, 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 Programs Coordinator Patty Martens with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Absent: Steffen

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

Chairman Loftis appointed Joel Hansen as acting secretary.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the December 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the December 22, 2020 Board of Directors meetings be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$726,365.38 and expenses in the amount of \$308,081.59 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$73,564.04 and expenses in the amount of \$30,507.84 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$7,165.59 and expenses in the amount of \$4,805.05 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Present, not voting: Clausen. Absent: Steffen. 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 that the NARD Legislative Conference was held this week with delegates adopting an official NARD position on 49 bills and resolutions. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

There were no RC&D reports due to cancelled meetings. A copy of the Loess Hills RC & D Annual Report is attached to the official minutes.

There was no Bazile Groundwater Management Area report given.

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Mike Sousek. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hall to appoint Ron Dirking, Brian Hagerbaumer, and Delvin Scheer to an additional three year term on the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Present, not voting: Clausen. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hall to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of January 11, 2021. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Present, not voting: Clausen. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

A presentation on Willow Creek Lake Nutrient Management was given by Mike Sotak of Fyra Engineering.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry to authorize staff to develop WFPO planning application with FYRA Engineering, at \$0 cost, for Willow Creek Lake restoration project. Aye: Hansen, McHenry, Schultz, Loftis. Nay: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Noonan, Reikofski, Zohner. Absent: Steffen. Motion Failed.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to direct District staff to send non-compliance notification letters to well owners who have not submitted groundwater use reports (flow meter readings) for all active high-capacity wells as required by Section 11.11 of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations for the Enforcement of the Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protection Act. Aye: Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to adopt the Amended Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Recreation Area Rules and Regulations. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: Korth. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to approve Astra Model A proposal for a 3 year contract providing services for campground reservations at Maskenthine and Maple Creek Recreation Areas. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: Korth. Absent: Steffen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Clausen to approve Districts Reservation Policies as proposed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Zohner, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Steffen. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 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 January 28, 2021 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.

Joel Hansen, Acting Secretary

Others Present: