

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 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 Mark Hall on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Hall informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on May 20, 2021.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Absent: Huntley, Loftis.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the April 22, 2021 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the April 22, 2021 Board of Directors meetings be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Noonan to approve income in the amount of \$1,395,463.22 and expenses in the amount of \$323,119.51 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Gustafson to approve income in the amount of \$82,973.58 and expenses in the amount of \$59,031.20 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$9,179.02 and expenses in the amount of \$5,191.22 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Clausen to withdraw approximately \$816,5000 from the Randolph Project Sinking Fund for payment of the City of Randolph's request in the amount of \$830,433.00. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Noonan to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 auditing agreement with Dana F. Cole & Company. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

The conservation cost share report was not given but a copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Guy Swanson, Exactrix Global Systems and James Schepers, UNL Emeritus Professor of Agronomy and Horticulture, presented information on a wide range of topics, including nitrous oxide, carbon, no till, methane and topics concerning nitrates in the water. Exactrix Global Systems has developed an implement that can dual-place anhydrous ammonia along with other agricultural fertilizers in a band beneath the soil surface.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Joel Hansen. He reported on the upcoming NARD board meeting and basin tour. Dean Edson, Executive Director of the NARD visited with the board on water quality, legislation and the census and resubdistricting.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report from Garry Anderson is attached to the official minutes.

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

RC&D reports were not given but a copy is attached to the official minutes.

A copy of Whitney Gappa's Bazile Groundwater Management Area report is attached to the official minutes.

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

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Committee report was given by Director Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Claussen to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of May 6, 2021. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by RWS Manager Shawn Blahak, Rural Water Chairman Ron Dierking and Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hansen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of May 10, 2021. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

The Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Clausen to instruct the staff to work with the City of Randolph to amend the interlocal agreement for the Middle Logan Creek Flood Control and Mitigation Project to increase the District's maximum contribution of funds by \$356,952.25, for a total of \$2,327,108.25 and to distribute the remaining balance of funds equally between Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Reikofski, Hall. Nay: Allemann, Janke, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Failed.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hansen to approve the bid from Unkel Construction to repair or replace the living room window at the Maskenthine house, not to exceed \$8,000. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

The Executive Board report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Schultz to approve the employee wellness plan for Fiscal Year 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

A letter of resignation was read from Subdistrict 3 director, Robert Huntley. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Schultz to accept with regret the resignation of Robert Huntley as Director of Subdistrict 3 and authorize the staff to advertise to fill the position. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: Huntley, Loftis. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 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 May 27, 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.

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Jerry Allemann, Secretary

Others Present:  
Tom Nathan

Ben Benton, City of Randolph