

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 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 Mark Hall on Thursday, October 28, 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 October 20, 2021.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Patty Martens with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth (present later), Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Absent: Janke .

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Schultz to excuse the absence of Kurt Janke. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Present Later No Vote: Korth. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Clausen to adopt the agenda. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Present Later No Vote: Korth. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Certification of Acres. Refer to the minutes for Certification of Acres Public Hearing.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the September 9 and September 29, 2021 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Zohner that the minutes of the September 9 and September 29, 2021 Board of Directors meetings be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Clausen to approve income in the amount of \$413,020.23 and expenses in the amount of \$336,582.27 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$91,939.80 and expenses in the amount of \$103,374.27 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$15,403.80 and expenses in the amount of \$8,956.16 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. 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 Joel Hansen. He reported that the next NARD Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Chadron, Nebraska on November 8, 2021.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not 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.

Gary Loftis reported on the Loess Hills RC&D. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was not given but a copy is attached to the official minutes.

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

A presentation was given by Connor Baldwin, LENRD Groundwater Management Area Specialist, on the District's nitrogen application rates, and cropping and yield information in the Phase 2 and 3 Management Areas.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 11, 2021. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. 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 authorize staff to proceed with Maskenthine shower house and shop concrete work, in addition to Maple Creek sidewalk work, and to accept the bid from Steffy Construction not to exceed \$17,195 total for both Recreation Area projects. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Clausen to approve the proposed Chemigation Cost Share Program Policy as presented and incorporate such Policy into the Conservation Cost Share Program. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hansen to accept the lease contract from AKRS for a JD325G Compact Trade Loader in the amount of \$5,540.37 per year for three years. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Loftis to authorize staff to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe from Norfolk GM for a total cost, after trade in, of \$24,095. Aye: Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Allemann, Korth, Noonan, Wisnieski. Absent: Janke. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 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 October 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.

Jerry Allemann, Secretary

Others Present:
Jennifer Kappel
Gerald Kratochvil