

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

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, 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 Tuesday, December 21, 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 December 13, 2021.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 12 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the November 23, 2021 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Zohner that the minutes of the November 23, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Chairman Hall appointed Scott McHenry as Acting Treasurer.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Scott McHenry. Motion was made by McHenry and seconded by Gustafson to approve income in the amount of \$163,877.10 and expenses in the amount of \$258,371.74 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by McHenry and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$81,811.71 and expenses in the amount of \$79,007.52 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by McHenry and seconded by Gustafson to approve income in the amount of \$6,457.22 and expenses in the amount of \$5,419.26 for the Wau-Col Regional Water

System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by McHenry and seconded by Loftis to recommend to the board to authorize the staff and treasurer to invest funds as they become available for future Flood Mitigation Projects. Aye: Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Allemann, Clausen. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. 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.

There was nothing to report from the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts.

There was nothing to report from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

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

RC&D Reports were not given due to no meetings being held.

Whitney Gappa reported on the Bazile Groundwater Management Area. A 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.

Lower Platte River Basin Coalition Plan Overview and Second Increment Calculation Report – John Engel, PE, HDR Inc – John Engel, with HDR Inc., provided a report regarding the Lower Platte River Basin Management Plan and calculation of the second five-year increment. Engel first provided some historical background information about the early stages of the Coalition’s formation, along with a summary of the processes and events leading up to the current date; which included the need to evaluate all available datasets to generate an estimate on the amount of available new depletions for the Lower Platte Basin. Estimated available new depletions were provided for the basin and each sub-basin which will be considered by the Coalition Board at their next meeting in early 2022.

Motion was made by McHenry and seconded by Clausen to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Loftis to authorize, as recommended by the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, that the LENRD accept the refinancing of bonds in the amount of \$3,645,000 at a projected average interest rate of 1.169 % and a fee of 1.75%, along with a projected savings of \$271,305, as presented by DA Davidson. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Loftis to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of December 13, 2021. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Allemann to accept the Wau-Col Rural Water System Advisory Committee Minutes of December 2, 2021. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. 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 Loftis to accept the bid from Cech Excavation to place riprap along the west shoreline at Maple Creek Recreation Area in the amount of \$9,663.75. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to instruct staff to prepare bidding documents for the Willow Creek Streambank Stabilization Project downstream of Willow Creek SRA as designed by NRCS engineers and begin advertising for bids. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to instruct staff to begin negotiations with Gary and Kathryn Krueger on a purchase agreement for the purchase of property where the Willow Creek Streambank Stabilization Project will occur. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to set the 2022 allocation amounts for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Quantity Management Subareas at: 18 acre-inches per irrigated acre for gravity/flood irrigation systems, 13 acre-inches per irrigated acre for subsurface drip irrigation systems, and 14 acre-inches per irrigated acre for all other irrigation systems in the Eastern Madison County Quantity Subarea; and 17 acre-inches per irrigated acre for gravity/flood irrigation systems, 12 acre-inches per irrigated acre for subsurface drip irrigation systems, and 13 acre-inches per irrigated acre for all other irrigation systems in the Wayne County Quantity Subarea. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Zohner to approve the LENRD Subdistrict Boundaries proposal as recommended by District Staff. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Janke, Korth. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 December 21, 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:
Gary Krueger