

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2022

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 Acting Chairman Roger Gustafson on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Acting Chairman Gustafson informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on January 20, 2022.

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

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Wisnieski to approve income in the amount of \$829,617.96 and expenses in the amount of \$361,451.37 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$85,846.25 and expenses in the amount of \$38,917.05 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Wisnieski to approve income in the amount of \$6,296.33 and expenses in the amount of \$6,530.55 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion

Carried.

The conservation cost share report was referenced in Dropbox by General Manager Mike Sousek as Projects Manager Curt Becker was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Joel Hansen, a NARD Delegate, reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts 2022 Legislative Conference held January 24 – 26th. Delegates reviewed and acted to take a position on legislation impacting natural resources.

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

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was referenced in Dropbox by General Manager Mike Sousek as Robin Sutherland was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Gary Loftis reported on the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D. Loftis reported that a grant has been approved by the NDEE to hold (3) Household Hazardous Waste Collections in the RC&D area in 2022.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was referenced in Dropbox by General Manager Mike Sousek as Whitney Gappa was not in attendance. 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.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Clausen to reappoint Bev Lydick and Gary Kruger to an additional three year term on the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Schultz to appoint Dwight Dam to a three year term on the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Zohner to retain current Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee officers Ron Dierking – Chairman, Larry Wulf – Vice Chairman, and Laurie Schold – Secretary, for 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to approve the \$18,745 bid by Cardis Fence & Iron Company of Sioux City for security fencing at well site #1, under the condition that it is a 9 gauge material and has a 2 year warranty. Aye: Allemann, Clausen,

Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Schultz to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee Minutes of January 10, 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Hall. No vote: Korth. Motion Carried.

The Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Roger Gustafson.

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

According to the By-Laws, any officer is limited to one term of two years but is immediately eligible for a different office; however, a Director is eligible for the same office after a two-year absence from that office. The only current officer that has now served a term of two years is Treasurer Dennis Schultz. Voting was held by ballot. Ballots will be held in the headquarters office for 30 days for public review.

Nominated for Treasurer were Anthony Wisnieski and Scott McHenry. After ballots were counted, it was discovered that a vote was given to a Director that was not nominated. A second round of voting was needed.

After ballots were gathered and counted a second time, it was announced that Director Anthony Wisnieski was elected Treasurer for 2022-2023. (Wisnieski – 8, McHenry – 6)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 27, 2022 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:
John Dittrich