

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 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 Chairman Mark Hall on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Mark Hall informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on August 19, 2022.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 15 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Absent: None.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the July 28, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Zohner *that the minutes of the July 28, 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Anthony Wisnieski. Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Schultz *to approve income in the amount of \$77,528.93 and expenses in the amount of \$395,573.55 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Loftis *to approve income in the amount of \$103,368.34 and expenses in the amount of \$43,628.81 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Hansen *to approve income in the amount of \$8,411.70 and expenses in the amount of \$6,138.47 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Lower Elkhorn NRD and Madison County for the Battle Creek Hydraulic Alternatives Analysis Project. Cost of the project shall not exceed \$79,436 and payment will be split equally (50/50) between both parties of the interlocal agreement. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to approve the contract with FYRA Engineering for the Battle Creek Hydraulic Alternatives Analysis Project, which shall not exceed \$79,436, and authorize the General Manager to sign said contract. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of August 8, 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry to accept the Wau-Col Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of August 4, 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

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 meeting will be at the September NRD conference in Kearney.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was submitted by Gary Anderson and is attached to the official minutes.

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 there will be (3) household hazardous collections in Jackson, Lyons, and Wisner, Nebraska in early October. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Lisa Lauver 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.

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 approve changes to the Conservation Cost-share docket as well as Cover Crop Program incentive payments and the Agroforestry Cost-Share Rates as presented. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Allemann to approve an additional 2 acres inches of groundwater, only for irrigation wells subject to an annual groundwater allocation in the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Quantity Management Subarea, to be utilized for beneficial purposes after September 15, 2022.

Moved to amend by Loftis and seconded by Noonan to replace the words “beneficial purposes” with the words “cover crops”. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Reikofski. Absent: None.

Vote on amended motion: to approve an additional 2 acres inches of groundwater, only for irrigation wells subject to an annual groundwater allocation in the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Quantity Management Subarea, to be utilized for cover crops after September 15, 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hansen to purchase a JD325g Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$56,900 from AKRS Equipment Solutions Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Schultz to approve an additional 1% in Restricted Funds Authority for Fiscal Year 2023. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Schultz to advertise and present the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Long Range Plan at a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Elkhorn NRD Board Room, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 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 August 25, 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:
Jim Kaufman
Kathy Kaufman
Keith Dittrich
John Dittrich
Gerald Kratochvil