

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 22, 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 Tuesday, November 22, 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 November 16, 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 Wisneiski to adopt the agenda. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the October 27, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the October 27, 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. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Anthony Wisnieski. Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$269,147.71 and expenses in the amount of \$542,976.31 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Abstain: McHenry. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$87,856.24 and expenses in the amount of \$62,480.55 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 carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$6,754.03 and expenses in the amount of \$4,696.05 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 carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Clausen to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit as prepared by Dana F Cole & Company. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None. 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. The 2023 NRD Legislative Conference will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was referenced in Dropbox by General Manager Mike Sousek as Lisa Lauver was not in attendance. A copy of the 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 Gustafson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of November 14, 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Loftis to accept the Wau-Col Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of November 3, 2022. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Zohner and seconded by Wisnieski to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None. 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 approve nine Community Forestry Program applications and two Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities applications for a total LENRD cost of \$33,045.74 as presented. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Community Forestry Incentive – Fiscal Year 2024			
Applicant	Description	Projected Cost	Funding Requested
Logan View Public Schools	Logan View Arbor Restoration	\$6,200.00	\$4,650.00
City of Clarkson	Trees for '23	\$3,324.92	\$1,600.00
Village of Uehling	Community Forestry Incentive Program - Replace damaged trees and Ash trees	\$5,500.00	\$4,125.00
Northeast Community College	Northeast Community College Urban Farm Orchard	\$6,498.00	\$4,873.50
Village of Emerson	Rose Hill Cemetery	\$7,900.00	\$2,000.00
City of Norfolk	EAB Anticipation and Preparation (Skyview)	\$6,665.00	\$4,998.75
City of West Point	West Point 2023 Tree Planting	\$3,701.50	\$2,776.13
Village of Wausa	Softball/Park Shade Project	\$8,000.00	\$3,200.00
Village of Pilger	Pilger Tree Recovery	\$1,590.00	\$1,192.50
Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities – Fiscal Year 2024			
EVMP Committee	Emerson Veterans Memorial Project	\$11,060.00	\$2,500.00
Rich Charipar Memorial Golf Course	Re-Tree '23	\$2,259.73	\$1,129.86
	TOTAL:	\$62,699.15	\$33,045.74

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by McHenry *to authorize staff to proceed with Maple Creek Recreation Area Campground Lighting Project work, and to accept the bid from JP Electric, not to exceed \$4,860.00.* Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hansen *to set the 2023 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.*

Discussion followed.

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

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Zohner to accept the bid from Courtesy Ford for the purchase of a 2023 F-150 Supercab 4x4 in the amount of \$42,385, not including trade in. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Korth. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 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 November 22, 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.

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Jerry Allemann, Secretary

Others Present:  
Keith Dittrich