

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 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, December 29, 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 December 24, 2022.

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

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the November 22, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Clausen that the minutes of the November 22, 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Anthony Wisnieski. Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Clausen to approve income in the amount of \$205,460.89 and expenses in the amount of \$380,447.46 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$78,183.48 and expenses in the amount of \$55,159.28 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Schultz to approve income in the amount of \$6,876.23 and expenses in the amount of \$7,822.62 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. 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 referenced in Dropbox as District Conservationist Robin Sutherland was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

There was nothing to report from the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area was referenced in Dropbox as Lisa Lauver was not in attendance. A report is attached to the official minutes.

The Administrative Report was referenced by Assistant General Manager Brian Bruckner. 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 December 12, 2022*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. 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 untable the November motion - 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*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Vote on untabled motion *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*. Aye: Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to authorize the one time exemption to the District's Conservation Cost-share Program for the renovation of the Scribner Air Base East Dam which allows the landowner to receive more than \$20,000 in a fiscal year, to not require the applicant to request EQIP funds first and to approve this application for 75% cost-share, while utilizing Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program Funds. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz, Steffen, Hall. Nay: Clausen, Reikofski, Wisnieski, Zohner. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to authorize the General Manager to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Papio Missouri NRD and the Lower Platte South NRD, for the purpose of installing 3 cameras on the Elkhorn / Platte River in conjunction with USGS. See attached interlocal agreement. Aye: Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Schultz. Nay: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Wisnieski to authorize General Manager to sign one year contract with Pheasants Forever for the Pathway for Wildlife Grasslands, to establish wildlife habitat at Maskenthine Recreation Area. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to modify the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Approved Flow Meter List to only include the McCrometer Propellor Flow Meters (All Models).

Discussion followed.

Moved to amend by Loftis and seconded by Korth. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Amendment carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Korth to amend original motion; to modify the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Approved Flow Meter List to only include the McCrometer Flow Meters (all models) "and to allow for exceptions using the flow meter variance process". Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Reikofski, Schultz, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Hall. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Janke, Noonan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 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 29, 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:
Brian Bowers