

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2023

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 Roger Gustafson on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Gustafson informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on July 19, 2023.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 15 of 15 Directors present. Present: Jerry Allemann, James Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Michael Fler, Mark Hall, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, Melissa Temple, Anthony Wisnieski, Rod Zohner, Roger Gustafson. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Clausen *to adopt the agenda*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the June 22, 2023 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Allemann *that the minutes of the June 22, 2023 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Anthony Wisnieski. Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Hall *to approve income in the amount of \$223,741.82 and expenses in the amount of \$472,437.67 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Loftis *to approve income in the amount of \$123,444.37 and expenses in the amount of \$81,426.98 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Loberg *to approve income in the amount of \$11,673.31 and expenses in the amount of \$7,188.36 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by Interim General Manager Brian Bruckner as Project Manager Curt Becker was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Mark Hall. Mark noted that the NRD Annual Conference will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the NARD report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not given as Garry Anderson was not in attendance.

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.

The Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D report was given by Gary Loftis. Gary spoke of the upcoming household hazardous and electronic waste collections. A copy of Loess Hills RC&D report is attached to the official minutes.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was referenced in Dropbox by Brian Bruckner as Lisa Lauver, Project Coordinator for the BGMA, was not in attendance. A report is attached to the official minutes.

The Administrative Report was given by Interim General Manager Brian Bruckner. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Wisnieski to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 17, 2023. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Allemann to accept the Wau-Col Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of July 6, 2023. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Temple to authorize the General Manager to sign the contract with Houston Engineering, not to exceed \$351,182.00, to incorporate the Battle Creek Hydraulic Analysis Alternative into the Battle Creek WFPO Plan, and to submit said plan to the NRCS for approval. Aye: Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Gustafson. Nay: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Reikofski, Zohner. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Fler to approve payment in the amount of

\$8,894.55 to Houston Engineering for professional services related to the presentation of information at the July 13, 2023 meeting of the LENRD Committee of the Whole. Aye: Burenheide, Fleer, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen. Nay: Allemann, Aschoff, Clausen, Wisnieski, Zohner. Present not voting: Temple. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Clausen to instruct staff to advertise a request for proposals for the development of a North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed Plan/ Environmental Document for the WFPO program. Aye: Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: Allemann, Aschoff. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Korth to award the Willow Creek Reservoir Outlet Channel Repair Project to Cech Excavating LLC for \$84,950.00 and to authorize the General Manager to sign a contract with Cech Excavating LLC for this project. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 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 July 27, 2023 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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Jay Reikofski, Secretary