

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

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2024

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 25, 2024, at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Roger Gustafson informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on July 17, 2024 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 13 of 15 Directors present. Members present were Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Michael Fler, Mark Hall, Chad Korth, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, Melissa Temple, Rod Zohner, and Roger Gustafson. Kris Loberg and Anthony Wisnieski were absent from the meeting.

Motion was made by Aschoff and seconded by Zohner to excuse the absences of Kris Loberg and Anthony Wisnieski. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

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

At this time, Chairman Gustafson opened the floor to public comment. There was no comment from the public.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Allemann that the minutes of the June 27, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Mark Hall. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$116,446.72 and expenses in the amount of \$575,485.84 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Abstain: Allemann, Clausen, Reikofski. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$97,124.34 and expenses in the amount of \$44,883.13 for the Logan East Rural Water System. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Reikofski to approve income in the amount of \$7,297.05 and expenses in the amount of \$5,616.41 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System.

Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. 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 District report was given by Mark Hall. Hall noted he and General Manager Brian Bruckner will be attending an upcoming meeting with Governor Pillen. In addition, Mark noted the upcoming NRD annual conference to be held this September in Kearney, Nebraska.

Garry Anderson, Elkhorn River Basin Area elected member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission was not present. Brian Bruckner presented information on the commission including members and the yearly meeting schedule.

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

The Nebraska Loess Hills and Northeast Nebraska RC&D reports were next on the agenda. The Loess Hills RC&D will hold an electronic waste collection in Beemer, Nebraska on September 14, 2024. Mark Hall did not attend the Northeast Nebraska RC&D meeting.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was referenced in Dropbox by General Manager Brian Bruckner as Lisa Lauver was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Individuals Amy Timmerman, Extension Educator based out of Holt county and Maddy Melcher who is interning with the Bazile Groundwater Management Area, presented to the Board various activities and information they've compiled while working with the Bazile Groundwater Management Area and University of Nebraska Lincoln.

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

The Logan East Rural Water System report was given by the Logan East Manager Shawn Blahak. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024 Logan East RWS Advisory Meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Burenheide to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Maskenthine Lake – Mountain Bike Trail Project Resolution. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple,

Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Clausen to approve updates to the average cost dockets for the Agroforestry, Cover Crop and Conservation Cost Share Programs as recommended by the staff. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Loftis to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a contract with Unanimous to develop a new website as recommended by staff. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple, Zohner and Gustafson. Nay: Korth. Absent: Loberg, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 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 25, 2024 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