

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

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 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 Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 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 November 18, 2024 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 14 of 15 Directors present. Members present were Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Mike Fler, Mark Hall, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, Anthony Wisnieski, Rod Zohner, and Roger Gustafson. Melissa Temple was not in attendance.

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

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

At this time, Chairman Gustafson opened the floor to public comment. Layne Roth addressed the Board.

Motion was made by Zohner and seconded by Wisnieski to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Mark Hall. Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Aschoff to approve income in the amount of \$350,583.03 and expenses in the amount of \$319,529.30 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Abstain: Hall. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$90,897.54 and expenses in the amount of \$48,734.09 for the Logan East Rural Water System. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Wisnieski to approve income in the amount of \$7,912.25 and expenses in the amount of \$4,903.10 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. 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 – Hall mentioned staff were preparing for the NRD insurance coverage change to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

There was nothing to report for The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission as Garry Anderson was not in attendance.

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. Mark Hall noted that Northeast Nebraska RC&D household hazardous waste collection event was successful. There was nothing to report for the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D.

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.

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 - Logan East Rural Water System Manager Shawn Blahak was not in attendance. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to approve the recommendation by the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee to accept the bid from Rutjens Construction of Tilden, NE at a cost of \$105,295.00, plus tax. The bid is for the replacement of an 8 inch water line. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024 Logan East RWS Advisory Meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Clausen to approve the appointment of Jeremy Bruning to the Wau-Col RWS Advisory Committee. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Zohner to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024 Wau-Col RWS Advisory Meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. 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 Loftis to approve the Maple Creek Watershed Agreement for the Maple Creek Watershed Plan as presented and authorize the Board Chairman to sign said agreement. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Wisnieski to approve the recommended changes to the LENRD Employee Handbook. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: None. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Fler to approve the calendar year 2025 meeting schedule. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hall, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Wisnieski, Zohner, Gustafson. Nay: Korth. Absent: Temple. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Others present: Tom Holoubek, Jarett Doernemann

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 26, 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.

Jay Reikofski, Secretary