

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2014

Lifelong Learning Center

601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Joel Hansen on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Hansen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on October 17, 2014 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 12 of 14 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Shafer. Absent, Present Later: Loftis. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to excuse the absence of Marion Shafer. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED. Chairman Hansen announced that Director Ken Peitzmeier passed away on October 12, 2014.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Shelton to adopt the agenda. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley that the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Board of Directors meetings be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Chris Carlson. Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Shelton to approve income in the amount of \$413,616.65 and expenses in the amount of \$460,086.59 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Tighe to approve income in the amount of \$70,849.24 and expenses in the amount of \$129,227.70 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Abstain: Loftis. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Kluthe to approve the income in the amount of \$3,887.19 and expenses in the amount of \$3,656.17 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney.

No Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He reported on the latest Commission meeting.

A Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Don Preston. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

Bob Huntley gave the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report and Gary Loftis gave the Loess Hills RC&D report.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project report was given by Brian Bruckner with a written report by Stephanie Butler included in the packets.

The Administrative Report was given by the staff.

Dave Rus, USGS, updated the directors on the status of the Willow Creek Lake algae study. A final report will be available at a later date.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Zessin to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 13, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kluthe to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 9, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis to approve the staff recommendation and authorize staff to contract with XRI to perform the proposed helicopter hydrogeologic survey flights, not to exceed \$29,400. Motion died for the lack of a second. (It was noted that XRI had already left the area and was unable to do the flights.)

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Shelton to cost share terraces by the cubic yard at 75% of the actual cost up to 75% of the average cost (80% of basin cubic yard cost), up to the limit of 3.5 cy per linear foot of terrace. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Tighe, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Shafer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 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 October 23, 2014 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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Dennis Schultz, Secretary

Others Present:

Dave Rus, USGS

Ron Vahle, Pilger

Don Preston, Wayne

Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove

Ken Franzen, Wayne

Cory Beller, Norfolk

Greg Wees, Norfolk

Mike Plucke, Olsson Associates

Ronald Dierking, Scribner