

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

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 25, 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 Tuesday, November 25, 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 November 17, 2014 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 12 of 13 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: Tighe. Motion was made by Zessin and seconded by Shelton to excuse the absence of Tim Tighe. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED. Chairman Hansen announced that Director Marion Shafer passed away on October 26, 2014.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the October 23, 2014 and October 28, 2014 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Krueger that the minutes of the October 23, 2014 and October 28, 2014 Board of Directors meetings be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. 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 \$98,444.67 and expenses in the amount of \$587,548.07 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$81,644.45 and expenses in the amount of \$34,566.18 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Krueger to approve the income in the amount of \$5,379.37 and expenses in the amount of \$3,721.51 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Dr. Michael Chips, Northeast Community College, made a presentation to the board on the future

direction of agriculture on campus. Dr. Chipps presented “A Memorandum of Understanding” outlines future items of cooperation between the Lower Elkhorn NRD and NECC and includes the intent of the Lower Elkhorn NRD to construct and own a new facility on land secured from NECC. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to authorize the completion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northeast Community College for consideration at the Lower Elkhorn NRD December board meeting. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Bob Huntley. He reported on the latest NARD board meeting.

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 Robin Sutherland. (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.

Due to the death of Marion Shafer, a vacancy will exist for a director in Subdistrict 3. The board advertised for candidates to fill the vacancy. One candidate was present and interviewed, Jarvis Otten. The appointment will be made at the December 18, 2013 board of directors meeting.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis.

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 November 13, 2014. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Shelton to schedule Public hearings for the Certification of Irrigated Acres on February 5, May 28, September 3 and November 24, 2015. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Zessin to keep the 2015 allocation limits equal to the 2014 limits, which are: 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: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger,

Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to require two hours of education programs for 2015 for people in the Quantity Subareas. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Meyer to hold a public hearing during the December Board meeting to receive comments about the proposed Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Chemigation Rule and its proposed fee schedule. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Meyer, Zessin. Nay: Gustafson, Krueger, Schultz, Shelton, Hansen. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Projects, Equipment & Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Vice-Chairman Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Shelton to accept the Planning & Report Grant for the new Rural Water System, authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with DEQ and authorize JEO Consulting Group to proceed with the engineering study. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Huntley to approve the Community Forestry Program applications as per the staff recommendations:

Applicant	Description	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Village of Dodge	North Park Windbreak	5,000.00	3,750.00
Village of Hadar	Hadar Tree Project	4,240.97	3,180.73
Madison Public Schools	Athletic Complex Tree Restoration Project	8,595.00	5,000.00
Veterans Home	Heroes Park	5,000.00	3,750.00
City of Osmond	Fruit Orchard	1,572.70	1,179.53
Osmond Community Schools	Athletic Complex Tree Project	6,450.00	4,837.50
City of Pender	Street Tree Revitalization Initiative	5,000.00	3,750.00
City of Scribner	Cemetery Association Planting	2,575.00	1,931.25
Wayne State College	10th Street Project	1,948.25	1,461.19
West Point Public Schools	Windbreak & Replacement	7,240.30	5,000.00
City of Wisner	Forestry Project	5,215.00	3,911.25

Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Ad-Hoc Building Committee report was given by Committee Vice-Chairman Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to authorize the staff to negotiate the purchase of the Northeast Community College house to be installed at Maskenthine Lake in spring 2015. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin. Nay: Huntley, Hansen. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Kluthe to accept the bid of GCX LLC (\$2400) to perform demolition of the former Maskenthine residence basement, maintenance building stem walls and dirt work to landscape the site. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Danny Kluthe. Motion was made by Kluthe and seconded by Zessin to offer an employment agreement to Michael Sousek as the new General Manager. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Schultz, Shelton, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Abstain: Anderson. Absent: Tighe. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 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 November 25, 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:

Chad Korth, Meadow Grove  
Tom Nathan, Meadow Grove  
Kurt Janke, Wayne  
Greg Wees, Norfolk  
Ron Dierking, Scribner  
Mike Chipps, Norfolk  
John Blaylock, Norfolk  
Carrie Sousek, Wahoo  
Jarvis Otte, Norfolk  
Dean Erickson, Norfolk