

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2017

Lower Elkhorn NRD

601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Dennis Schultz on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Schultz informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on June 16, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 12 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Steffen, Schultz. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Absent, Present Later: McHenry.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Huntley to excuse the absence of Jill Barr and Bob Noonan. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis to adopt the agenda. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the May 25, 2017 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Janke that the minutes of the May 25, 2017 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, McHenry, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$785,802.50 and expenses in the amount of \$514,830.52 as printed and distributed, plus a payment to Pruss Excavation in the amount of \$14,594 for emergency work at Maple Creek. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Abstain: McHenry. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$72,555.19 and expenses in the amount of \$34,791.85 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$5,464.16 and expenses in the amount of \$3,685.30 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Kathol to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 auditing

agreement with Dana F Cole & Company. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. 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 Districts report was given by Kurt Janke. He reported on the upcoming events and the NARD board meeting in Norfolk and a tour of the projects of the Northeast Nebraska NRD's.

No report was given on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

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

Gary Loftis reported on the Loess Hills RC&D and Bob Huntly reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project written report was received from Tanner Jenkins, Bazile GMA Project Coordinator. (A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.)

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Mike Sousek. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by RWS Manager Shawn Blahak. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 12, 2017. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Janke to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of June 1, 2017. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Kathol to approve the addition of the McCrometer Duramag flow meter to the Lower Elkhorn NRD approved flow meter list. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Huntley to approve the request for financial assistance of \$5000 for the City of Pierce under the Lower Elkhorn NRD Public Water Supply Test Well cost-share program. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Hansen to enter into Executive Session for the personnel issues with the

General Manager in attendance. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Chairman Schultz announced that the board would enter Executive Session for personnel issues with the General Manager in attendance at 8:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Hansen *to reenter regular session.* Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Reentered regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis *to approve the Salary Allowance Adjustment of 1.43% for Fiscal Year 2018.* Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis *to approve the step and grade changes proposed by management for Fiscal Year 2018.* Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Barr, Noonan. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 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 June 22, 2017, 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.

Mark Hall, Secretary