

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 20, 2018

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 Dennis Schultz on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Schultz informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on December 14, 2018 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the November 20, 2018 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Korth *that the minutes of the November 20, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley *to approve income in the amount of \$105,803.55 and expenses in the amount of \$335,548.32 and a building loan payment for Bank First in the amount of \$108,013.14 as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Loftis *to approve income in the amount of \$70,493.32 and expenses in the amount of \$33,036.72 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen *to approve income in the amount of \$7,186.98 and expenses in the amount of \$5,199.38 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen *to accept the Fiscal Year 2018 audit as prepared by Dana F Cole and Company*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke,

Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. 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 Gary Loftis. He reported on the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference to be held in Lincoln in January. Gary Loftis will be the NARD voting delegate and Scott McHenry the voting alternate.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by General Manager Mike Sousek who informed the board the water sustainability fund grants approved.

No Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given due to the absence of Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. Her written report is attached to the official minutes.

Bob Huntley reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D and Gary Loftis reported on the Loess Hills RC&D. (Copy attached to official minutes.)

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report was given by Coordinator Phil Steinkamp. A copy of his written 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.)

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Gustafson to approve the 2019 Board of Director's meeting schedule:

January 24 (Thursday)	July 25 (Thursday)
February 28 (Thursday)	August 23 (Thursday)
March 28 (Thursday)	September 26 (Thursday)
April 25 (Thursday)	October 24 (Thursday)
May 23 (Thursday)	November 26 (Tuesday)
June 27 (Thursday)	December 19 (Thursday)

Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Huntley to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of December 10, 2018. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

The Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Gary Loftis. No motions were made.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Kathol to enter Executive Session for the protection of reputation. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Noonan, Zimmerman. Motion Carried.

Chairman Schultz stated that the board will enter into Executive Session for the protection of

reputation. Entered into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

Returned to regular session at 8:23 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 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 December 20, 2018, 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