

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2019

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 Gary Loftis on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Loftis informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on October 17, 2019 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Programs Coordinator Patty Martens with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Absent: Schultz.

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

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the September 26, 2019 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Kathol *that the minutes of the September 26, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. 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 \$410,677.55 and expenses in the amount of \$399,957.16*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Abstain: McHenry. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hall *to approve income in the amount of \$80,620.70 and expenses in the amount of \$109,236.10 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley *to approve income in the amount of \$7,306.10 and expenses in the amount of \$8,947.69 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. 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 Scott McHenry.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was not given.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by 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 Brian Bruckner. (Copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Mike Sousek. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Hansen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of October 14, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

The Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole report was given by Kurt Janke. Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to set camping fees at Lower Elkhorn NRD recreation areas at \$25.00 per pad and \$10.00 per tent, effective January 1, 2020. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Noonan to instruct the staff to work with Buchanan Well Company, Inc. to conduct a pump test on the high capacity well located south of the Willow Creek Dam. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Huntley to instruct staff to develop a contract with Rutjens Construction to repair the pedestrian trail between Willow Creek State Recreation Area and the City of Pierce for \$17,675.00 and to authorize the General Manager to sign the contract. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Assistant Manager Brian Bruckner updated the board on the status of unsubmitted annual reports from the Lower Elkhorn NRD Phase 2 and 3 Management Areas. Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Zimmerman to authorize staff to issue cease and desist orders to the farm operators who were issued notices of violation, but have yet to submit their annual reports as required in the Phase 2 and 3 Groundwater Management Area. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Clausen to instruct the staff to contract with Derek Becker of Norfolk, Nebraska, for meter maintenance on mechanical meters in Pierce County (~880) and

authorize the General Manager to sign the contract. Aye: Allemann, Clausen, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Schultz. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 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 24, 2019, 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.

Matt Steffen, Secretary

Others Present: