

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 22, 2016

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 Danny Kluthe on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Kluthe informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on September 16, 2016 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 12 of 14 Directors present. Present: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. (Subdistrict 4 vacant, due to the resignation of Tim Tighe.)

Chairman Kluthe appointed Dennis Schultz to be acting secretary.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Krueger *to adopt the agenda*. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the August 25, 2016 and September 8, 2016 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Shelton *that the minutes of the August 25, 2016 and September 8, 2016 Board of Directors meetings and Certification of Acres Hearing be approved as printed*. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton *to approve income in the amount of \$947,814.81 and expenses in the amount of \$351,193.97 as printed and distributed*. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: Korth. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton *to approve income in the amount of \$81,263.28 and expenses in the amount of \$31,084.53 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Shelton *to approve the income in the amount of \$3,116.00 and expenses in the amount of \$4,298.14 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Kurt Janke. He reported on the upcoming NARD Annual Conference in Kearney in September.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson.

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

Bob Huntley gave the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report and a written report was received from the Loess Hills RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project report was given by Brian Bruckner. A written report by Tanner Jenkins, Bazile GMA Project Coordinator attached to the official minutes.

The Administrative Report was given by the staff. General Manager Mike Sousek gave a manager's report. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Roger Gustafson and RWS Manager Shawn Blahak. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Schultz to approve signing contracts with Maquire Iron for the Logan East Rural Water System Oakland tower repair and painting: Option C – not to exceed \$218,370 (exterior - \$131,960, repairs - \$18,840, interior - \$67,000); with the option to delete interior painting of \$67,500 if not needed upon inspection at the time of exterior work. (Payment terms: 50% upon completion in spring 2017; 25% September 2017; 25% September 2018.) Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Krueger to accept the Logan East Rural Water System minutes of September 12, 2016. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Krueger to reimburse Mick Hochstein a total of \$2,750.00 (12 hours at \$225 per hour; plus \$50 late fee) for trench settlement repair, upon signing a release agreement for no further claims. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Huntley to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 1, 2016. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Dennis Schultz. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Korth to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Village of Howells (Pokorny Dam modification); and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Hansen to accept the resignation of Tim Tighe, Subdistrict 4, with regret. Aye: Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Otten, Schultz, Shelton, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 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 September 22, 2016 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.

Dennis Schultz, Acting Secretary