

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 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, March 23, 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 March 17, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

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

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

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

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Certification of Acres. Refer to the minutes for Certification of Acres Public Hearing.

Also scheduled was a hearing on the Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations. However, due to an error in printing the notice in the newspaper the hearing was postponed. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to reschedule the Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations Public Hearing to Thursday, April 13, 2017 pending proper newspaper notification. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Steffen that the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Vice-Chairman Kurt Janke. Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Barr to approve income in the amount of \$253,093.78 and expenses in the amount of \$335,336.73 as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$70,356.20 and expenses in the amount of \$29,514.38 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed

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

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Hansen *to approve income in the amount of \$4,427.72 and expenses in the amount of \$3,415.86 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney. 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 meetings and the NARD budget.

No Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given due to the absence of Garry Anderson.

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 a written report was available for 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 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 Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Barr *to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee Minutes of March 13, 2017*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Roger Gustafson. Water Resources Manager Brian Bruckner gave an informal presentation of the variance scoring process.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Barr *to forego participation and budgeting of funds for the Conjunctive Management Analysis Tool project*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by Loftis *to approve the Urban Recreation Area Development and Urban Conservation Program applications as recommended by staff*.

Motion to amend was made by Hansen and seconded by Barr *to delay the decision on the Winside Public Schools Urban Conservation application and assist Winside to explore other options*. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Amendment Carried.

Vote on amended motion: to approve Urban Recreation Area Development Applications and delay the decision on the Winside Public Schools Urban Conservation application in order to assist Winside to explore other options. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Korth, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Amended Motion Carried.

Applicant	Description	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Battle Creek Public School	Playground Update	\$ 29,835.00	\$ 14,917.50
Burt Co Fair Foundation	Kids Zone Addition	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 8,600.00
Village of Concord	Gazebo	\$ 5,341.67	\$ 2,670.84
Village of Pender	City Park - Toddler Playground	\$ 40,125.00	\$ 10,000.00
Village of Winside	Playground Equipment-Garden Path	\$ 52,795.30	\$ 26,397.65
Woodland Park PTO	Playground Updates	\$ 46,518.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL:		\$ 191,814.97	\$ 72,585.99

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Loftis to accept the bid from Courtesy Ford, Norfolk for a 2017 F-350 Crew Cab in the amount of \$15,697 with trade-in of the 2015 F-250 Crew Cab. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hansen, Janke, Kathol, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Hall, Korth. Absent: Huntley, Krueger. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 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 March 23, 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

Others Present:
 Nick Lingenfelter, Plainview
 Lyle Lingenfelter, Plainview
 Dan Schmit, Osmond