

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 19, 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, December 19, 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 December 12, 2019 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Supervisor Vickie DeJong with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Absent: Clausen.

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

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Janke *that the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved*. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Dave Kathol. Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hall *to approve income in the amount of \$119,581.95 and expenses in the amount of \$302,936.81*. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Huntley *to approve income in the amount of \$76,012.13 and expenses in the amount of \$43,853.90 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed*. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Kathol and seconded by Hansen *to approve income in the amount of \$6,407.46 and expenses in the amount of \$6,682.34 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System*. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

A copy of the conservation cost share report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Scott McHenry. The upcoming NARD Legislative Conference will be held on January 28 and 29 in Lincoln.

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

that the Water Sustainability Grant for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Groundwater Model was approved. Also approved was the request from the City of West Point for the levee improvements.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was not given.

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 Connor Baldwin, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project Coordinator. (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.)

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Janke to approve the 2020 meeting schedule:

January 23 (Thursday)	July 23 (Thursday)
February (Thursday)	August 27 (Thursday)
March 26 (Thursday)	September 24 (Thursday)
April 23 (Thursday)	October 22 (Thursday)
May 28 (Thursday)	November 24 (Tuesday)
June 25 (Thursday)	December 22 (Tuesday)

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

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Roger Gustafson. Motion was made by Gustafson and seconded by McHenry to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of December 9, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Joel Hansen. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Schultz to reappoint Jennifer Backus (McLean), Ken Bloomquist (Wausa), and Harold Reynolds (At-Large) to the Wau-Col RWS Advisory Committee. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by McHenry to accept the Villages of Coleridge and Wausa water rate increases from \$2.35 to \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons for the Wau-Col RWS. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Kathol to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of December 5, 2019. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. 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 approve \$1,756.10 for the funding of the Norfolk Public Schools Watershed Dynamics Program. Aye: Allemann,

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

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Schultz to accept the bid of Cech Excavating to place rip rap along the shoreline at Maple Creek Recreation Area in the amount of \$18,593.75. Aye: Allemann, Gustafson, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Zimmerman to approve the 2019 Crop Damage Agreement on the Norman and Agnes Herian – Willow Creek Project easement and approve payment in the amount of \$18,262.81. Aye: Allemann, Hall, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Kathol, Korth, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz, Steffen, Zimmerman, Loftis. Nay: Gustafson. Absent: Clausen. Motion Carried.

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

Chairman Loftis stated that the board will enter into Executive Session for the protection of reputation. Entered into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

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

Returned to regular session at 9:10 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 19, 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